



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BENSLEM TWP

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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY AND JUNE 2024

WELCOME TO SPRING...WE HOPE! Keep your fingers crossed that we have better weather for our events in 2024 than we had in 2023.....

MARCH

Our March meeting speaker was Cordelia Biddle telling us about the Biddle-Jackson controversy back in the 1830's and their disagreement About the Bank of AMERICA.

The 2nd Bank struggled during its early years but built a solid reputation by the end of 1820 under Nicholas Biddle. Unfortunately, President Andrew Jackson and Nicholas were at odds as to how the bank was to be run. This political struggle over the fate of the bank during this time was called "The Bank War". In 1832 President Jackson vetoed a bill to recharter the Bank and began a campaign that would eventually lead to the bank's destruction. For decades afterward, the US Treasury system would go thru several changes until in 1914 the Federal Reserve was created.

Google "Bank War" to read the complete story of this part of our history. Thanks to Cordelia Biddle for sharing her knowledge with us.

APRIL

Our April speaker, Jim Bongiovanni, is a man who really loves his job or hobby. Jim and 2 friends make up the Pennsylvania Recovery Service who love (uncovering the history beneath our feet). They use metal detectors,

document whatever they find and give it back to the landowner. They do take pictures of items to show but do not keep an item. Thanks Jim, for sharing your enthusiasm for history and old items.

NEW MEMBERS

Scott Bennett

Drexel R. Harris

ADDITIONS

Scott Bennett donated a commemorative plate from Pennsbury Pottery dated 1953

Unknown person donated a Bensalem Tricentennial Calendar 1692-1992

Robert Homolka donated a copy of "Biddle, Jackson and A Nation in Turmoil" about the Bank War by Cordellia Biddle.

Kathleen Coombs DiBlassio donated a booklet "Jean-Baptiste Rousseau 1763-1839"

Dianna Yurko donated a commemorate Plate from Bensalem Presbyterian Church 1705-2005

IN MEMORY OF

On Feb. 15, 2024 our membership lost a wonderful friend and worker with the death of Hank Arment. Hank and his family had been members since 2002 and he was always ready to help at the office or at any event we planned. He was our 50/50 person, director of traffic at Flea Markets and willing to do whatever was needed.

Our deepest sympathy to all the family with the death of his wife Jennie a few months ago and now Hank. He will be greatly missed and always remembered.

Early in the formation of the Society we had Ed and Dee Bader as members. They worked on many projects and usually attended the meetings. Ed died back in 2018 and Dee moved to New Jersey. We received notice that Dee died on Feb. 22, 2024 and was buried in Resurrection Cemetery. Our deepest sympathy to the Bader family.

DUES ARE DUE

If your dues were not paid by the end of March we will understand that you are no longer interested in staying as a member. If you are not sure if you have paid, please call the office 215-639-6575 or Sally 215-946-1744

Single Membership \$15.00 Family (same house) \$20.00 Business \$75.00

LOCAL EVENTS

Time to sign up again for all the Wednesday Night concerts at the Amphitheater. If you are willing to help at these events, contact Sally to sign up. We need 6 people each night as it is very busy beginning at 5:30 pm. Call 215-946-1744 or sign up at a meeting. This is our time to earn money for the Society and to help our Township with this program.

JUNE PICNIC

Our picnic will be held at the pavilion in back of the building. Please bring a lawn chair with you as there are only a few seats there. We will supply the party tray and drinks, but desserts and side dishes are very welcome.... Please sign up at a meeting, send an email to the office or call so we know how many to prepare for. REMEMBER THE TIME CHANGE TO 6:00PM Call the office 215-639-6575 or email bensalemhistorical@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Historical Society Flea MarketMay 11th raindate May 18th
Volunteers needed...contact Kathy Leighton 215-639-6575
Cost for a space is \$20 or bring items in for the Society to sell. No clothing will be sold by the Society. Many books and records available in the building for sale.**

CALENDAR

May 2nd	"Sights Along the Delaware" Kathy Leighton	7:00 pm
May 11 th	Flea Market Rain date 5/18 th	8-1 am
May 25 th	Board	11:00am
June 6 th	Picnic At the Pavilion	6:00 pm
June 15 th	Board	11:00 am

A WISDOM OF TRUTH.....Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20-30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic, and you turn around to go get it !!!!!!! Laugh at yourself!!!!

The Board



2024 Relay For Life of Bensalem

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Themes Thru The Years

1999-2023



June 1, 2024

Penn Community Bank Amphitheater
2400 Byberry Road, Bensalem, PA
www.RelayForLife.org/PABensalem

