



## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BENSALEM TWP.**

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### **NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER**

**Our first bus tour on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> was a success with all seats filled and a waiting list. The tour stops were informative and the luncheon was delicious. Thanks to the Bucks County Conference and Visitors Center for the grant. Our profit will be about \$2300. Thanks to everyone involved in this project.**

**The King Library Fund Raiser was held on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. A wonderful meal was served and many beautiful baskets were chanced off to help raise funds. Good luck to the King Library Committee in their efforts to preserve this historic building.**

**The Ancestry Fair which was held at the Visitors Center was a chance to meet people from other historical societies and those interested in genealogy. Several lectures were given. Thanks to the following people who helped that day- Vicki MacDougall, Rob Homolka, Kathy Leighton. John Dignam, John McKeough, Gloria Guy, Phyllis & Frank Reighter and Sally Sondesky.**

**Our table at the Fall Festival had a lot of visitors looking at the old steam washing machine. We made \$439 from the sale of books and other items. Thanks to Kathy Leighton, Josie Stewart, Heather Ashby, Peggy Thullen Dave and Kathy Oettinger and Clara Anderson for staying at the table. Working in the office were Carol McCloskey, Rob Homolka, John Dignam and Sally Sondesky.**

**Our building work force is comprised of Bob Johnson, John Dignam, Rob Homolka, and Charles Satterfield. New vents have been installed under the building to help with the heating problem.**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Maureen M. McCrimmon  
Kristofer M. Beadenkopf  
Steve Lawrence and family**

### **ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY**

**Rob Homolka donated the book "Katie- The Young Life of Mother Katherine Drexel"**

**Mary Ashton Trappe donated pictures of the Vandegrifts, Hansells, Ashtons and a picture from a Bensalem Football game**

**Nancy Vogin and Bruce Forstater donated items from the Red Lion Inn.**

**The Stauring family donated various Bensalem High School items and a special item for our War display.**

**We received a 1981 Bensalem High School yearbook**

**Stephanie Keefe donated a spoon dated Bristol 1720-1920**

**In the past few months members of the Society have made presentations at the Rotary Club Meeting, and the Newportville Historical Society meeting.**

**We received a check in the amount of \$359.40 from Friendly's for our Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> event. Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the food and ice cream.**

**Thanks to Claire Labenz (a former president) who has been working on the Logan family history. She sent most of her work to us so we can publish a booklet on this Bensalem family.**

**Continue to save Shoprite and Redner receipts. The only Shoprite receipts that we can use are from the store at Bristol**

**Road and the one in Fairless Hills. Both are owned by the Brown family.**

### **WANTED**

**We are still searching for pictures of Kate's Bar in Eddington and any old pictures of places, events, or people to add to our collection. Bring them in on a Saturday (10 to 12) and they will be copied and given back. Help us add to Bensalem's history.**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Historical Society of Bensalem. Please read this carefully and express your feelings before or at the Nov. 4, 2010 meeting. The By-Laws Committee recommends this increase due to the expenses of maintaining our facility. Discussion and voting will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **CALENDAR FOR NOV. & DEC.**

<b>NOV. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>" Bristol Bath Springs" By Clarence King</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>NOV. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>DEC. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>"Abigail Adams" Portrayed by Kim Hanley</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>DEC. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00</b>

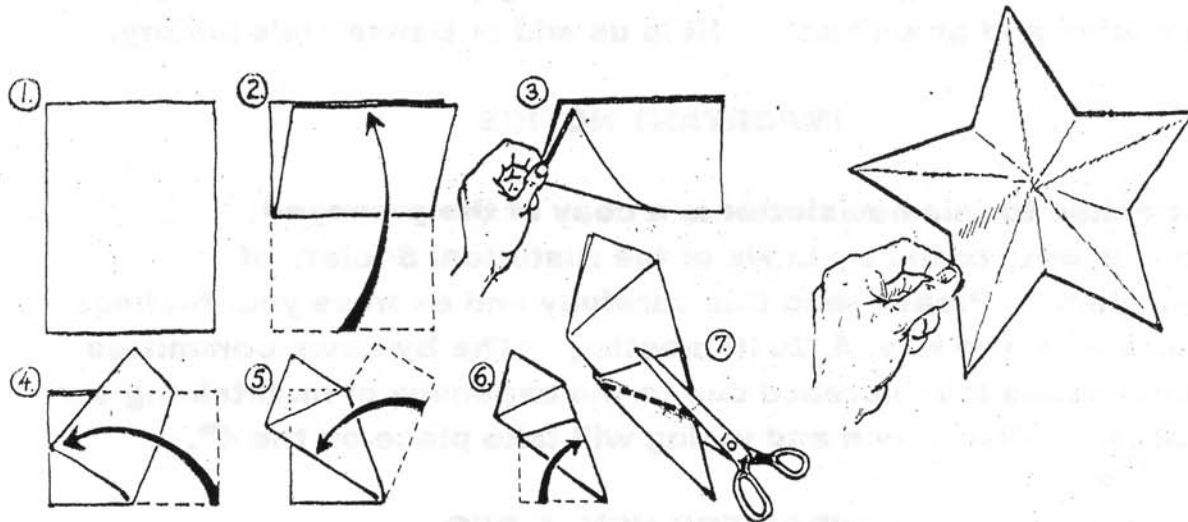
**MEMO - As we come to the end of another year , remember this quote:**

**You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present  
by worrying over the future.**

*The Board*

We learned the history of our flag from Michael Axelrod at the October meeting and all the different stars and stripes used over the years.

In case you would like to make a five pointed star similar to the ones on the American Flag, here are the directions. Try it, it does work



## The Show-Off

# Betsy Ross's Star Trick

By TOM FERRELL  
and LEE EISENBERG

AS WE ENTER the Bicentennial, show-offs rejoice to remember that the United States is the greatest show-off country on earth. The legend of showing off in America records this topping stunt by Betsy Ross, maker of our first flag: when George Washington went to call on Betsy Ross to ask her to make a flag, he presented her with a sketch of what he had in mind.

"All the stars have six points," said Betsy.

"So what?" said George.

"Five points is prettier," she replied.

"Yes," said George, "but six points is easier to make."

"Not for me!" cried Betsy, and waved off then and there by snatch-

ing a piece of white cloth, folding it a couple times, and snipping once with her scissors to produce a perfect five-pointed star. And that's why we have the flag we have today, instead of one less pretty. Now here's how Betsy did it. Get a piece of paper (or cloth) and a pair of scissors and be like her.

Take a piece of paper —  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 typing paper is fine — and hold it vertically as in figure 1. Fold once in half (figure 2). Now, take what you have after performing figure 2, and make a mark at the midpoint of the left-hand side (the easiest way to do this is by folding in half once more, as in figure 3, and creasing lightly just at the left edge, then flatten it out again back to the configuration of figure 2).

Fold the lower right-hand corner to the midpoint of the left edge (figure 4) and crease. Now, see figure 5;

take the right-hand edge of what you made in figure 4 and fold it down and to the left until it too crosses the midpoint on the left along the new edge created in figure 4. Crease.

Now, fold the left bottom corner upwards and crease as in figure 6.

With the scissors, cut along the imaginary dotted line shown in figure 7. Unfold the paper and there you have it. Do it 50 times and you have Alaska and Hawaii to boot.

FOR the show-off, or anyone with a desire for glory, comes "Sneaky Feats: The Art of Showing Off and 53 Ways to Do It." Tom Ferrell and Lee Eisenberg present the best of their eye-catching, attention-grabbing stunts. A good time — but not success — is guaranteed for all who try these feats of derring-do. Only \$2.75. Send to: SNEAKY FEATS, The Philadelphia Bulletin P.O. Box 2218, Mission, Kansas 66201.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF BENSLEM TOWNSHIP  
October 2010

ARTICLE IV DUES

AS STATED IN CURRENT BY LAWS:

Annual dues shall be paid by the first regular meeting in January of each year. All dues shall be paid to the Treasurer in the following amounts:

- a. Annual dues for individual members shall be \$10.00
- b. Annual dues for a family membership shall be \$15.00
- c. Annual dues for an organization shall be \$25.00
- d. Annual dues for a small business shall be \$50.00
- e. Individual lifetime membership for age 50 and over shall be \$100.00. Individual lifetime membership for under age 50 shall be \$200
- f. Annual dues for a corporation shall be \$100.00

Paragraph #3

The Treasurer shall send written notice of the annual dues to the membership prior to January first of each year.

Paragraph #4

Annual membership dues not paid on or before the regular meeting of March will be considered delinquent and will require the Treasurer to send written notice to the delinquent member informing him/her that if payment is not received their membership will be terminated in 30 days.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO BY LAWS:**

**Annual dues shall be paid by the first regular meeting in January of each year. All dues shall be paid to the Treasurer in the following amounts:**

- a. Annual dues for individual members shall be \$15.00**
- b. Annual dues for a family membership shall be \$20.00**
- c. Annual dues for an organization shall be \$30.00**
- d. Annual dues for a small business shall be \$75.00**
- e. Annual dues for a corporation shall be \$75.00**

**Paragraphs 3 and 4 will remain the same**

**Any future changes in the above annual dues amount shall be determined by the Executive Board and approved by the membership at the November meeting.**

**BY LAWS COMMITTEE: EDWARD BADER, JOHN MCKEOUGH, ROBERT SCHEER, SALLY SONDESKY, CAROL MCCLOSKEY**