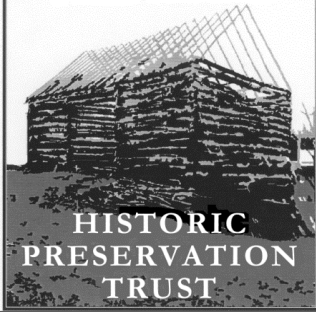


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Letter from the President ...

History Matters. For most people, history starts with simply learning about their family or their community. History comes alive when someone is able to not only read about the past, but is also able to visit the places, examine the artifacts, appreciate the images, and study the actual words. History and preserving our past is not something obscure or unimportant. Historic preservation provides a link to the roots of the community and its people.

The Trust recently launched their official Phase II Capital Campaign, a concerted effort to complete the final construction phase of the Jones Log Barn as the 'Living History Center at Duportail'. The Living History Center will honor the heritage and preserve history for our children and grandchildren. (Read the details of these efforts on page 3).

We are fortunate to live in an area where people value their local history. Look no further than the annual Historic House Tour on Saturday, September 28 and the willingness of homeowners to share their historic homes or to the Fall and Spring Lecture Series for evidence of the community's support.

Whether with a Capital Campaign pledge, a sponsorship of the annual house tour,

attendance at a Trust event or volunteering of your time and energies, history does matter and your support ... *invaluable!*

In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "*The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.*" The dream of the Trust Board of Directors is the completion of the *Living History Center at Duportail* – and with your help, it will be a reality!

Patty Benson

President

Tel: 610.644.6759



General 'Mad' Anthony Wayne as portrayed by Charles Fifer greeted guests at the Trust's Capital Campaign event in August.

*A special thank you to **John Greene**, owner of **Keystone Digital Press in Paoli**, for providing excellent service to the Trust at a reasonable cost. We look forward to continuing our relationship for future Trust printing needs.*

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST TRUST BOARD MEMBERS

BONNIE HAUGHEY has had a long-time interest in history. She is a member of the T/E Historical Society where she has served as co-editor of their Quarterly magazine for the past seven years. Over the years, Bonnie has attended many Trust Lectures, helped with ticket distribution on House Tour day, and volunteered for the Trust's fundraising events. Bonnie is a principal at McQuiston Insurance Agency in Paoli and is active in the Paoli Business & Professional Association. She lives in Chester Springs.

DAVID MACKEY responded to our most recent newsletter and volunteered to help the Trust. He grew up in Tredyffrin and graduated from Conestoga High School. After living in Florida, he returned to Tredyffrin 18 years ago. He is an avid collector of antique maps, and at one time had his own shop in Malvern.

Dave participated in the Trust's Capital Campaign survey last year and expressed an interest in helping make the building of the Jones Log Barn a reality. He now serves on the Capital Campaign committee charged with fundraising to reconstruct the barn as the Living History Center at Duportail.

Dave's profession is in commercial real estate marketing and development. He is currently employed with Jackson Cross and lives in Chesterbrook.

LORETTA MCELROY is passionate about architecture and holds degrees in architectural technology and construction management. During her studies, she interned at the Library of Congress, researching printer's marks on the ceiling of the Jefferson Building. She also interned with local architect Peter Batchelor; architectural historian George Thomas; and, with Seth Hinshaw at Wise Preservation Planning.

Loretta grew up in Valley Forge, the daughter of a builder and an interior designer. She works as a private duty nurse and lives in Berwyn.

DAN BENIKER is our newest Board member, joining the Trust Board in August 2013. He is a recent transplant from Houston, TX with a background in medical research and intellectual property law. He currently works as Research Director for a local life sciences company.

His interests include aviation, old houses, portrait and landscape photography, stained glass and glass blowing. He has settled into the carriage house at Greenwood Farm (circa 1750) in Wayne.

The Trust recognizes the following individuals and businesses for their generous support of the 8th Annual Historic House Tour, held on September 22, 2012 — the most successful House Tour to date, raising over \$20K! We're hoping to surpass that fundraising effort for 2013!

Sponsorship opportunities remain for the 2013 Historic House Tour, please contact Pattye Benson, Trust President and House Tour Chair for details, 610.644.6759.

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9th Annual Historic House Tour Saturday, September 28, 2013

Travel back in time ... old houses tell wonderful stories, and the houses of our community have many tales to tell. On Saturday, September 28, 12 PM – 5 PM, the Trust's 9th Annual Historic House Tour will open the doors to seven private historic homes, a restored 'party' barn and historic First Church of Christ Scientist in Berwyn. Organist James Sullivan, retired West Chester University music professor, will perform a special concert on the church's pipe organ, from 2-3 PM as a special treat for tour visitors.

Every year a new selection of amazing historic properties surprise and delight even the most devoted tour goers! While the homes selected each year change, the Trust's annual

tour offers visitors an opportunity to experience the extraordinary historical and architectural heritage of the community. This is a wonderful chance for historic neighborhoods to highlight their diverse architectural heritage and for homeowners to show visitors how their historic homes blend with modern lives.

The House Tour has become one of the Trust's most anticipated annual events and we are grateful to our generous homeowners who open the doors to their extraordinary homes.

If you love history and architecture, you will not want to miss the 9th Annual Historic House Tour. Tickets (\$35) are now available online at:

www.tredyffrinhistory.org

Trust Fall Lecture Series

Reservations or questions: Polly Hagan, 610.647.1051

Further Information: www.tredyffrinhistory.org

*"Pennsylvania Keystone Markers ...
Symbols of our Past and Bright Future"*

Nathaniel Guest ♦ **Greg Prichard**

Historic Preservationists

Wednesday, October 16

Historic Duportail House

297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087

Time: Refreshments 7 PM; Lecture 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$15

"Pickett's Charge: The Untold Story"

Bruce Edward Mowday

Award-Winning Journalist & Author

Wednesday, November 13

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297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087

Time: Refreshments 7 PM; Lecture 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$15

We wish to thank the Duportail House Board of Directors for their generosity in hosting the Fall and Spring Lecture Series and helping to fulfill the Trust's mission to educate the public about the preservation and protection of historic and cultural settings.

The Living History Center at Duportail — Phase II Campaign Committee Led by Local High School Grads

With all of the data collected from the interviews conducted last year, the Trust asked former School Board member, Kevin Mahoney, and founder and owner of Nudy's Café, Ray Nudy, to co-chair the Phase II Capital Campaign. Both said, "Yes!"

It turns out that Kevin and Ray were classmates at Conestoga High School during the mid-1970's and even played football together. David Mackey, a new member on the Trust's Board of Directors, also joined the Campaign Committee. He graduated in 1976 with Ray Nudy. Mahoney graduated a year later. They all recall the celebration of our Nation's bicentennial – the caravan of Conestoga wagons riding along Lancaster Avenue in Paoli and the transfer of Valley Forge from a State Park to a National Historical Park on July 4, 1976.

Three individuals who grew up here have come together to lead Phase II of the Capital Campaign. Their core committee includes Judy DiFilippo, Trust member and former Township Supervisor; John Sacharok, former Trust member and owner of West Chester's Golden Valley Farms Coffee Roasters; and, Bob Wise, owner of Wise Preservation Planning and founding President of the Trust.

On August 15, 2013, invited guests and friends gathered at Duportail House to learn about the *Living History Center at Duportail*. They represented past supporters, House Tour homeowners, area corporations, small local businesses, and community leaders. General Anthony Wayne, portrayed by Charles Fifer, greeted guests as they arrived.

Attendees gathered on the lawn after enjoying some conversation

and the light fare donated by Campaign co-Chair Ray Nudy. Co-Chair, Kevin Mahoney welcomed everyone and spoke about the importance of the project. He said it was our opportunity to create a place where our children and grandchildren could come to learn about the *history* that surrounds this community and to hear about the stories of the people who made it happen.

To support Kevin's message, Valley Forge National Historical Park Superintendent Kate Hammond spoke about the importance of preserving these local resources. She pointed-out it was General Louis Duportail who convinced Washington to establish the encampment at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-1778. She mentioned the importance of those who came from foreign countries with skills that aided our cause. Duportail was an engineer, trained in the strategies of war.

Adding to the story of Duportail was Curtis A. Heckleman, a member of the US Army Corps of Engineers. He confirmed Duportail is credited as being a founder of the Corps of Engineers. Duportail's motto for the Corps was *Essayons*, ("*Let Us Try*"). *Essayons* remains the Corps' creed today.

General Wayne led everyone to the site of the Jones Log Barn foundation where Bob Wise spoke about what needs to be done to complete the project – bringing the logs back together to complete the structure. Upon completion, The *Living History Center at Duportail* will become a central gathering place for local history.

Mr. Mahoney announced the Campaign had already raised more than \$100,000 of its \$300,000 goal and asked the community to help in not only

reaching the Campaign's goal, but exceeding it! Nudy's Café will be donating a portion of its sales sometime this Fall, dates to be announced. Please call Judy DiFilippo at 610-688-7723 or contact any of the other Campaign Committee members if you want to become a part of this effort. As Duportail said, "*Essayons*." As Mr. Heckelman said, "Let us try!"

With much appreciation ...

Our deepest gratitude to long-serving Board members Bob Wise, John Sacharok, Glenna Keene and Gretchen Kiernan for their years of service. Trust bylaws require Board members to rotate off the Board for at least a year after serving several terms, however, members may continue to serve on committees.

Founding Trust Board member and former President, Bob Wise continues to support the Trust as a member of the Capital Campaign. Joining Bob on the Capital Campaign fundraising effort is John Sacharok, who chaired the Building Committee and recently served as Vice President of the Board. Glenna Keene and Gretchen Kiernan continue to serve on the Fall & Spring Lecture and House Tour Committees and Glenna will graciously again host the 2013 annual cocktail party for house tour participants, sponsors and volunteers at her beautiful historic Strafford home.

With much appreciation, we thank Glenna, Gretchen, Bob and John for their service and continued support of historic preservation.

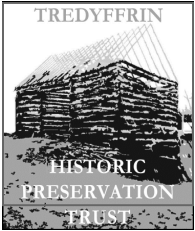
A NEW LOOK FOR THE TRUST WEBSITE

The Trust is excited about the new updated look of our website ...
www.tredyffrinhistory.org

The new website design consolidates content from the old site, with simpler navigation, a fresh appearance and colors, with additional features such as a news blog.

Greg Prichard, who designed the new website, is a graphic designer and historian based in Wayne. His interest in Main Line history led to his receiving an MA in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University in 2011. Since then he has focused on using modern design and technology to advocate for preservation and historical understanding on the local level. His work involves designing, researching, and producing interpretive signage for historic sites. His signs can be found on the Radnor Trail, Cynwyd Heritage Trail in Lower Merion, and along the Industrial Heritage Parkway in Delaware County. Examples of Greg's work can be seen on his website at: www.gregprichard.com

Greg is lecturing twice this Fall in the Tredyffrin and Easttown communities. As part of the Trust's Fall Lecture Series, Greg will speak, along with preservationist Nathaniel Guest, on October 16 about a statewide project to document and preserve PA's historic Keystone Markers. On November 17, he will speak to the TE Historical Society about his longtime research of the train stations of the Main Line from Overbrook to Paoli .



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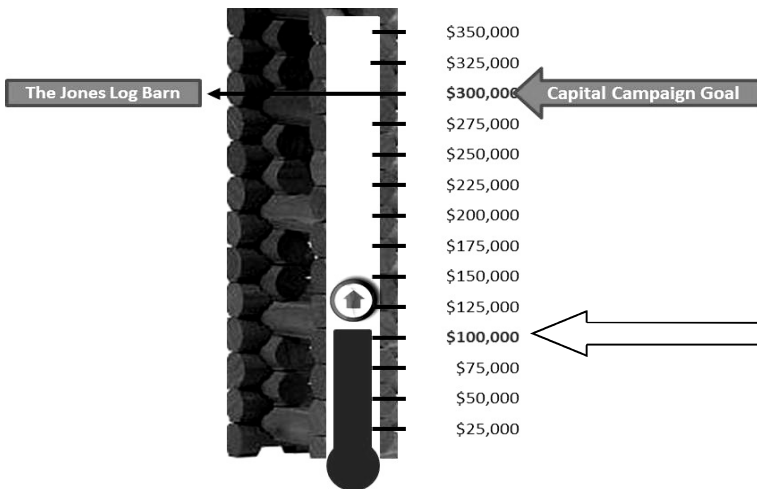
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Phase II Capital Campaign – Building a Legacy

The Trust has raised over \$100K towards the Phase II Capital Campaign goal of \$300K. Help us raise the remaining funds to rebuild the Jones Log Barn as the *'Living History Center at Duportail'*!



9TH ANNUAL HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

Saturday, September 28
12 Noon - 5:00 PM

Ticket information: 610.644.6759
Purchase Tickets Online:
www.tredyffrinhistory.org
Tour Tickets: \$35