



COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

March 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

Hope everyone survived our old-fashioned winter. Remember the meteorological spring started March 1st even if the astronomical spring will not be here until March 20th at 6:45 PM EDT.

Think Spring!

The Association did enjoy some of the cold weather on January 31st when we joined the Leonard Family and other community folks in cutting ice on Mill Pond #1. The hardy souls among us cut ice that measured 14 ½” inches thick and was an awesome 21st anniversary of the first ice harvesting re-creation. The rest of us showed visitors around our beautiful museum. This also was an opportunity for us to show off our Ice Harvesting DVD.

2014 ended for the association with our Holiday Party on December 6th. We were very lucky to have the choral ensemble from Pocono Mountain East High School to provide entertainment. The students were delightful and all our guests enjoyed the music and our holiday refreshments. The Pocono Mountain Public Library also celebrated the holiday season the same day and we were able to encourage our guests to enjoy both venues.

Our regular monthly meetings will resume in March. This year we are going to hold these events at the convenience and suggestion of each presenter. Accordingly please keep track of the days and times indicated in our newsletters and postcards.

Again this summer we will be open on Saturday afternoons. We can always use extra help, to show guests around the mansion and to keep us company.

Hope to see you soon.

Thank you for your continued support,

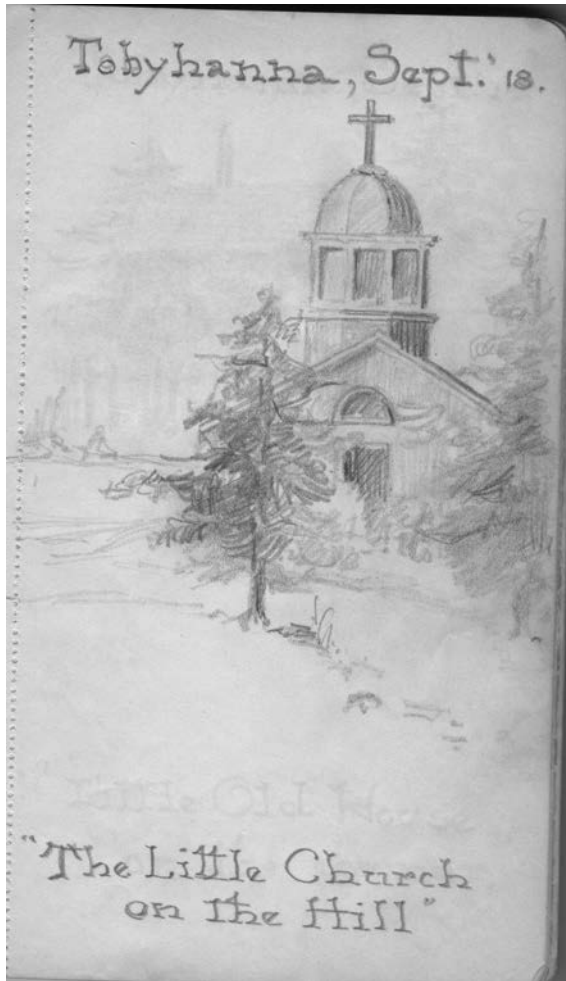
Mary Barlieb

Coolbaugh Township Historical Association President

What's new at Coolbaugh Township Historical Association?!

New acquisitions

The Historical Association was pleased to receive a gift of a sketch book which came to us from Sandy Lane in Mesa, AZ. She bought the sketch book at an estate sale and searched us out to see that we got this piece of history. The artist of the book is unknown.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association is looking for volunteers to host visitors during the extended summer hours on Saturday afternoons. Please contact the museum if you are interested in helping one day or many.

Your 2015 dues are now due. Please fill out the enclosed membership form and return with your payment. Thank you for your continued support. If you have already paid your dues, thank you!

Due to rising costs the Coolbaugh Township Historical Assoc. has decided that the newsletter will only be sent to **active members**. Please remember to pay your dues so you continue to receive your newsletter.

**Regular hours for Coolbaugh Township Historical Association
and the Wills Mansion and Bicentennial Museum:**

Mondays: 10 a.m. to noon.

Tours by appointment.

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Christmas Celebration 2014



Photos courtesy of W. T. Grumbine

The following window candles were lit or ornaments were hung on a special "family" tree at the Wills Mansion during the Holiday season. The money from these memorials helps to purchase holiday decorations and to defray the cost of the Holiday party. Thank you to all who participated.

Candle lit in:

Memory of **Fran Regan** by Phil and Kathy
Memory of **Ellen Regan** by Phil and Kathy
Memory of **John Regan** by Phil and Kathy
Memory of **Ann Regan** by Phil and Kathy
Memory of **William Weber, Sr.** by Mary Weber
Memory of **Norman Wiley** by Mary Weber
Memory of **Viola Fretz** by Suzie Fretz McCool
Memory of **John P. Fretz** by Suzie Fretz McCool
Memory of **Audrey Grabowsky** by Suzie Fretz McCool
Memory of **James Woolbert, Sr.** by Irma Woolbert
Memory of **James Woolbert, Jr.** by Irma Woolbert
Memory of **Norma Albers** by Irma Woolbert
Memory of **Judith A. Keiper** by David Keiper
Memory of **David Scott Keiper** by David Keiper
Memory of **Will Barlieb** by John & Mary Barlieb
Honor of the **Women of the U.S. Army** by John & Mary Barlieb
Memory of **Mark W. Hay & Beverly H. Hay** by the Rarick Family
Memory of **Kasey** by Phyllis Williams
Memory of **Suzanne Pope** by Phyllis Williams
Memory of **Karen Pope** by Phyllis Williams
Memory of **Gladys Merwin** by Mary & Bill Grumbine
Memory of **Lilli M. Simms** by Mary & Bill Grumbine
Memory of **Arthur W. & Ruth W. Grumbine** by Mary & Bill Grumbine
Memory of **Cecil H. & F. Louise Allman** by Mary & Bill Grumbine
Memory of **Loved Ones** by Mr. and Mrs. James Kinsley
Memory of **Annie Wills** by the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association
Memory of **Beverly Hay** by the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association
Memory of **Nelson Saxe** by the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association
Memory of **Jean Cramer** by the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association
Memory of **Alvin Kirkwood** by the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association

Ornament in:

Memory of **Fran Regan** from Phil and Kathy
Memory of **Ann Regan** from Phil and Kathy
Memory of **Ellen Regan** from Phil and Kathy
Memory of **John Regan** from Phil and Kathy
Memory of **Great Grammy Hay** from Jessica and Lucas
Memory of **Edgar H. Fritz** from Neil Fritz
Memory of **Margaret F. (Cramer) Fritz** from Neil Fritz
Memory of **Jacob M. Cramer** from Neil Fritz
Memory of **Emily Sara (Pope) Cramer** from Neil Fritz
Memory of **Suzanne Pope** from Marshall & Tracey Pope
Memory of **Emily Pope** from Marshall & Tracey Pope
Memory of **Karen Pope** from Marshall & Tracey Pope
Memory of **Beatrice Mervine** from Marshall & Tracey Pope
Memory of **Suzanne Pope** from Mary Weber
Memory of **Betty Knecht** from Mary Weber
Memory of **Will Barlieb** from Anne Barlieb
Memory of **Sister Thomas Aquinas** from Anne Barlieb
Memory of **Mr. Ed McCarthy** from Anne Barlieb
Memory of **Judith A. Keiper** from David Keiper
Memory of **David Scott Keiper** from David Keiper
Honor of **the Women of the U.S. Army** from John & Mary Barlieb
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Memory of **Suzanne Pope** from Phyllis Williams
Memory of **Al & Pauline Bynum** from Phyllis Williams
Memory of **Emily & Robert Pope** from Phyllis Williams
Memory of **Loved Ones** from Jim and Kay Kinsley
Memory of **Bill Leonard, Sr.** from Marilou, Bill, and Joe
Memory of **Thelma Leonard** from Marilou, Bill, and Joe



Mark your calendars!

Regular monthly meetings will be held at the convenience of the speaker at the Wills Mansion/Museum.

Please watch for your postcards for times and dates or check our website at cooltownhistorical.org

March 16, 2015– 7 p.m. MONDAY evening

Guest Speaker: Genevieve Battisto Topic: “Growing up in Mount Pocono

April : to be announced

May 9th – SATURDAY – 1 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Tammy Shane

June 14th – SUNDAY – 2 p.m.

Guest Speaker: John Able Topic: John Summerfield Staples

Special Events:

Saturday, July 18th – Annual Luncheon

Saturday, August 8th – Summer Fest with Pocono Mountain Public Library – 11a.m. to 4p.m.

Sunday, August 9th – Annual Board of Directors meeting – 2p.m.

Art Show Exhibition in the Museum

Sunday, September 13th – Drop off of works for Art Show

September 18th - Artist Reception

September 19th, 20th, 26th – Museum open for Art show - Noon to 4p.m.

September 21st, 23rd - Museum open for Art show – 10a.m. – noon

September 27th – Museum open for Art show - noon to 2p.m. Pick up of works – 2 – 4p.m.

The **Steamtown National Historic Site** in downtown Scranton has announced several entrance fee-free days. The railroad museum will waive its daily entrance fees on the following days in 2015:

- April 18-19 (opening weekend of National Park Week)
- August 25 (National Park Service's 99th Birthday)
- September 26 (National Public Lands Day)

Some Facts about Tobyhanna

In January of 1951 the Army re-acquired 1400 acres of the old Tobyhanna Military Reservation to build a \$35 million Signal Corps Depot.

On December 18, 1989 the deed for the Municipal Complex property was turned over to Coolbaugh Township.

ICE HARVEST 2015

From the Ice Harvesters:

The 2015 Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Ice Harvest was a success! It was pretty cold on Saturday January 31st, with temperatures of 0° degrees at 8:00 am and a high of only 14° and a strong wind in the afternoon. There was a good turnout of hardy spectators and 21st century harvesters, and we managed to put up 35 tons of 14 1/2“ thick ice cakes in the icehouse. Workers in the ice field had to contend with a strong wind but the 1919 Gifford Wood Ice Saw started every time after a lot of cranking. Workers in the icehouse had to muscle around 220 pound ice cakes, but they managed to get 5 layers stacked into the icehouse. Charm and Percy, the Belgian horses, pulled 3 or 4 cakes at a time up the ramp with no problem. We put a layer of straw on top of the ice so there should be plenty of ice for summer picnics.

The 2016 ice harvest will be held on Saturday, January 30.

