

Dear CTHA Members and Friends,

We have reopened the Wills Mansion Museum to visitors on Monday mornings from 10:00 to noon, or by appointment. You may contact us by calling 570-894-4207, or by email ctha@ptd.net.

We held our annual art exhibition in September and had many good entries. VFW Post 509 provided refreshments for our artists reception. Due to COVID, we scaled back the events but we plan to return to a full-blown celebration of our local artists next August.

Our Annual Dinner Program was held on October 16th at the Fork Street Bistro in Mt Pocono with a presentation about “The Lost Town of Warnertown”. We had approximately 40 attendees and the food was great. Warnertown was once a small settlement of several buildings, located halfway between Tobyhanna and Pocono Pines and one of the last operating icehouses in the Poconos. Today it is part of State Game Lands #127, but foundations and artifacts from the past still remain. We are planning to hold a repeat presentation of the Lost Town of Warnertown at the Wills Mansion on Sunday February 13 at 2:00 pm.

On October 31, the CTHA sponsored a hike to the ruins of the Bradys Lake Castle and icehouse with approximately 25 participants. The castle was built approximately 1914, was used as a boarding house during the ice harvests, and as a home for the Brady family. All that remains today of these structures are remnants of the stone foundations and bits and pieces of our local ice harvesting history.

The CTHA board will join with members of VFW Post 509 to place wreaths at the three Coolbaugh Township cemeteries and at the Veterans Memorial at the Coolbaugh Township Complex on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7.

The 2022 Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Ice Harvest is planned for Saturday January 29, 2022. Hopefully we will have a good old-fashioned winter and we'll be able to fill the icehouse. All are welcome to come help of watch.

Patt Fitzhugh recently shared pictures of the Warnertown boarding house where she had lived as a youngster and they were included in the Warnertown presentation. We are asking all members to search through your old photographs that show historical buildings, sites, or events in Coolbaugh Township and bring them to the Wills Mansion so we can scan them to be a permanent record of our local history.

We mourn the passing of our board member Neil Fritz. Neil was on the CTHA board for many years and served as our treasurer. He was a wealth of knowledge on the history of Coolbaugh Township. We will miss his knowledge and wisdom.

Bill Leonard Jr.

President

202& dues are now due

**COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
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**202& MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION / RENEWAL**

Please accept my application for membership in the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association. Please add my name to the list of active 2021 members.

Select a membership level:

<input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT	\$2
<input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL ADULT	\$8
<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> PATRON / CORPORATE	\$100

May we contact you to help with any of the following?

AREA(S) OF INTEREST:

Budget Bookkeeping Cataloguing Automation
 Marketing/Public Relations Newsletter Displays
 Interior Decoration History Antiques
 Local Folklore Museum Attendant
 Anything Needed General Membership

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR MEMBERSHIP — AMOUNT _____

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE(s) _____

EMAIL _____



I would like to remember the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association this holiday season with a donation to help continue historical preservation in Coolbaugh Township.

_____ (your name)

\$_____ (amount enclosed)

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Mail to: COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 244
TOBYHANNA, PA 18466

Upcoming Events

The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association is in the Wills Mansion, located in the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Center on Route 611 south of the Village of Tobyhanna.

The Wills Mansion/Bicentennial Museum is closed except by appointment and for the special events listed.

Tours can be scheduled by appointment. (COVID rules apply)

Inquiries: (570) 894-4207 email: cooltownhistorical@verizon.net website: cooltownhistorical.org

Tuesday, December 7: noon - Wreaths for Veterans

On Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, in remembrance of those who served in the Armed Forces, the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association will be placing a wreath at each of the three cemeteries in the township and at the Coolbaugh Veterans Memorial. The wreaths will be placed at the Saint Ann's Cemetery, the Spruce Grove Cemetery, and the North-South Cemetery and at the Veterans Memorial in front of the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Center, 5520 Municipal Drive in Tobyhanna at noon. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



The Annual Christmas Celebration has been cancelled again this year. We will be lighting the tree inside on the front porch to celebrate the season. Holiday donations may be made to CTHA with the form on the reverse side of the membership form.

Sunday, January 9, 2022 – Annual Board of Directors meeting – 2p.m. Open to the public - COVID rules apply)

Saturday, January 29, 2022– Ice Harvest on Mill Pond #1

Ice Harvest starts at 9 a.m. on Lakeside Drive in Tobyhanna. The Wills mansion will open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. There is no alternate date if ice cutting is not held in January due to weather.

Please check Ice Harvest Hotline at 570-894-8205 or Coolbaugh Township Historical Association FB page for updates



Sunday February 13 at 2:00 pm. - Repeat presentation "The Lost Town of Warnertown". Warnertown was once a small settlement of several buildings, located halfway between Tobyhanna and Pocono Pines and one of the last operating icehouses in the Poconos. Today it is part of State Game Lands #127, but foundations and artifacts from the past still remain.

What's Happening?

Events:

The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association held an Art Celebration from September 12- 19 with over 30 entries. We would like to thank Andrea Levergood-Flaherty for making our show possible this year by serving as the curator and judge. The winners were:

Supervisors Award

Bill Leonard - "Sunrise on the Mill Pond"

Painting

1st - Wanda Altemose - "A Time for Beauty"; 2nd - Wanda Altemose - "Coming Around the Mountain" ; 3rd - Joseph Matarazzo - "Sunset" ;
HM – Donna Kay Kinsley - "Home".

Watercolor

1st - Ann Shincovich - "Hunter Drive"; 2nd - Ann Shincovich - "The Hottest Day".

Drawing

1st - Joe Cloyd - "The Perfidious Plot of Cloyd von Thunder Muffin "; 2nd - Joe Cloyd - "Hello My Name is Francis".

Photography

1st - Jeanette Kuhns - " Lighting on a Lily"; 2nd - Regina Matarazzo - " Sandy Hook Sunset" ; 3rd - Bill Leonard - "Sunrise on the Mill Pond";
3rd - Regina Matarazzo - " NYC"; HM - Karen Rieder - "Elk in the Morning Mist".

Crafts

1st - Linda M. O'Dell - "Log Cabin Christmas Tree" wall hanging; 2nd - Mary Anne Hammond - "Autumn";
2nd - Linda M. O'Dell - "Hawaiian Applique " wall hanging; 3rd - Linda M. O'Dell - "Peace Cross" wall hanging.

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1st - Emily Cloyd – "The Texas Tornado"

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Donations:

Several items were donated by Mary Ann Lawless including her late husband, Herbert Lawless' military uniform, pictures, and a collection of vintage holiday cards.

We received a 1911 calendar advertising plate from A. W. Heberling, Tobyhanna donated by Bruce Henry. A. W. Heberling was a butcher and conducted a general store for a number of years and a confectionery and ice cream parlor. He moved from Tobyhanna in 1916.

Purchases:



Postcard of the interior of the R.C. Church, Tobyhanna.

This would have been the St. James Church which was on Prospect Street and was replaced by St. Ann's.



Reflective sticker from the Tobyhanna Army Depot. These stickers were put on the front and rear bumper of employee's cars to gain entry to base at guard shack. (1960s)

