



## *COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION*

November 2023

Dear CTHA Members and Friends,

The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association had a busy summer. Our Annual Art Exhibition was held May 20 to 28 and we had many excellent applicants, including student entries. Steamtown National Historic Site sponsored two excursions to Tobyhanna this year and train riders had an option of a tour of the Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Icehouse or a self-guided town tour. We arranged for a tour of Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford. In August the CTHA participated in the D&H Annual Canal Festival in Hawley with an information table and ice harvesting display. A history presentation was provided at the Wills Mansion about the History of Monroe County Ice Harvesting.

Our annual dinner program, catered by the Fork Street Bistro and Bakery, was held at the Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company Hall in October with a program by Fire Chief George R. Dobson about the history of the fire company formed 75 years ago.

We have four new Board members; Lucille Dever, Kathy Grady Slagle, Zack Abada, and Vern Cramer Saxe. We welcome this infusion of new talent to help preserve our local history.

Kathy Winowich will present a history program about Camp Tegawitha & Lynchwood Lake Ice Company at the Wills Mansion on Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 pm

Our annual Christmas Celebration will be Saturday December 2, 3:00 to 5:00pm at the Wills Mansion. The Museum will be decorated for the holidays and there will be musical entertainment and refreshments.

On Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, the CTHA board will join with members of VFW Post 509 to place wreaths at the three Coolbaugh Township cemeteries and at the Coolbaugh Township Veterans Memorial in memory of our fallen veterans.

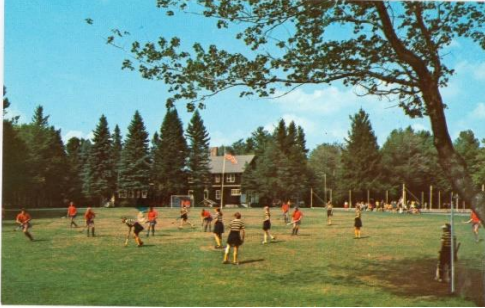


Bill Leonard Jr.  
President

# CTHA Calendar of Events

## Sunday November 12, 2:00 pm - Camp Tegawitha Program

Kathy Winowich will present a program about Camp Tegawitha, a world-renowned camp that operated in Coolbaugh Township for over 75 years. The “Camp for Girls” was established in 1917 by Mary Angela Lynch. The camp was for girls from ages 6 to 16, and attracted campers from throughout the United States and overseas.



**Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 3 to 5p.m. - Annual Christmas Party**, at the Wills mansion. The Museum will be decorated for the holidays, there will be musical entertainment and refreshments.



## December 7: 2 pm - 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 2pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



**Sunday, January 14, 2024** – Annual Board of Directors meeting – 2p.m.  
Open to the public

## The 31<sup>st</sup> Ice Harvest on Mill Pond #1

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**– 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 or updates**





This holiday season at the Wills Mansion we would like to continue the tradition of allowing you to have one of the window candles lit or to hang an ornament on a special "family" tree in memory or in honor of someone special to you. We ask a \$5.00 donation to light a candle or hang an ornament - a card will be placed by it for all visitors to see. A memorial list will also appear in the winter newsletter. Please fill out the form below and mail with a check to the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association (CTHA).

**\*If you are sending a check after November 24** please call Ruth Rarick at (570)807-8859 (cell) and let her know so we are sure to have your donation recognized in time for the holiday party on Dec. 3.

You may also make a holiday donation to help continue historical preservation in Coolbaugh Township.

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.*

I would like to light \_\_\_\_\_ (# candles) at \$5.00 each - \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to hang \_\_\_\_\_ (# ornaments) at \$5.00 each - \$\_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ (total enclosed)

This candle or ornament (circle one) is lit in memory or in honor (circle one) of

\_\_\_\_\_ (person's name) by

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



2024 dues are now due

COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

5590 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

P.O. BOX 244

TOBYHANNA, PA 18466

570-894-4207

[ctha@ptd.net](mailto:ctha@ptd.net)

2024 MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Please accept my application for membership in the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association. Please add my name to the list of active 2024 members.

Select a membership level:

STUDENT \$2

INDIVIDUAL ADULT \$8

FAMILY \$10

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 \_\_\_\_\_

# What's Happening?

CTHA held its Annual Art Exhibition on May 19 through 26. All amateur artists were invited to submit entries for the show. The winners were:

**Painting** : Anne Shincovich: "Inspired by Kelsey", 1<sup>ST</sup>; Brenda Hellwig : "Lara's Garden", 2<sup>ND</sup>; Joseph Matarazzo: "Blue Heron", 3<sup>RD</sup>; Hilda Casey: "Koi, I", Honorable Mention; Hilda Casey, "Jesus Love", Honorable Mention; Joseph Cloyd: "Brain Stew", Honorable Mention. **Drawing**: Jose Mendoza: "Future Mt. Pocono", 1<sup>ST</sup>; Jose Mendoza: "Special Messenger", 2<sup>ND</sup>. **Mixed Media**: Brenda Hellwig: "Rabbits & House Sampler", 1<sup>ST</sup>; Jose Mendoza: "Excavation", 2<sup>ND</sup>; Kathleen Scott: "Japanese Mountains", 3<sup>RD</sup>. **Crafts**: Ann Kolodzey: "Maroon Shawl", 1<sup>ST</sup>; Bridget Lane: "Walk About" 2<sup>ND</sup>; Ann Kolodzey: "White Shawl", 3<sup>RD</sup>; Mary Ann Hammond: "Pink", Honorable Mention. **3-D**: Kim Detrick: "Ocean Blue -wood shelf", 1<sup>ST</sup>; Mike Casey: "Rock Flower", 2<sup>ND</sup>; Mike Casey: "Cosmic Flower", 3<sup>RD</sup>. **Photography**: Kim Williams: "Warehouse Wary", 1<sup>ST</sup>; Jeanette Kuhns: "Garden Paradise", 2<sup>ND</sup>; Regina Matarazzo: "Crescent Moon at Sunset", 3<sup>RD</sup>; Anne Shincovich: "Peony I Love Best", Honorable Mention; Ruth Rarick: "Full Moon Rising", Honorable Mention. **Student K- 6**: Jenevieve Butz: "Blue Birds", 1<sup>ST</sup>; Emily Lundberg: "Blinding Lights", 2<sup>ND</sup>; Emily Lundberg: "Tiger Lily", 3<sup>RD</sup>; Michael Nicosia: "Wild Flowers", Honorable Mention; Hunter Hopson: "Lilly Pad", Honorable Mention. **Student 7- 12**: Tyler Regan: "No Fish on Land", 1<sup>ST</sup>; Emily Cloyd: "Dazzling", 2<sup>ND</sup>; Tyler Regan: "Tobyhanna State Park Mirror", 3<sup>RD</sup>; Tyler Regan: "Raging Warnertown Falls", Honorable Mention.



**Our Artists**



**Best of Show "Coolbaugh Theme"**

Anne Shincovich

**Steamtown Excursions to Tobyhanna** – there were excursions on July 15 and October 7 which included a Tour of Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Icehouse & Self-Guided Tour of Tobyhanna.



**Community Yard Sale - Saturday August 12** – the sale was held in front of the Wills Mansion. CTHA sold various items from cleaning out an old house, and history books from our “store”. Over 20 spaces were purchased by vendors which also helped raise fund for CTHA. VFW Post 509 sold food for the event. The event was well attended by sellers and buyers. Thank you!

CTHA attended the **D&H Annual Canal Festival – Saturday August 19** in Hawley, PA with an informational booth exhibiting the historic ice industry.

A group from CTHA enjoyed a guided **Tour of Grey Towers National Historic Site, in Milford PA** which was the home of Gifford Pinchot, founder and first Chief of the US Forest Service on Sunday September 10.



Our **Annual Dinner Program** was held on Saturday October 21 at 3:00 pm at the Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company Hall on Laurel Drive. The dinner was catered by Fork Street Bistro. The program was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company resented by Fire Chief George R. Dobson and Bill Leonard.



**If anyone has any photos of the early days of the fire company or the carnival, please contact CTHA so we can make copies of your items for our archives and to share with the fire company.**



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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**information enclosed**