



## *COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION*

May 2024

Dear CTHA Members and Friends,

The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association is planning many events and programs for this summer. Our Annual Art Show will be held May 11 to 19 at the Wills Mansion Museum. We will have several history programs at the Wills Mansion this summer and our Community Yard Sale will be held on August 10. Steamtown is planning an excursion to Tobyhanna on October 12, and we will be planning some special events for the day, including a tour of the Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Icehouse and history tour of Tobyhanna. All are invited to participate. Our Annual Dinner Program will be on October 19 at the Pocono Farms Country Club with a program on the history of Pocono Farms. See further details of our planned events and programs in this newsletter, or follow us on Facebook.

In January, we hosted the Sullivan Trail Questers for a visit and tour of the Wills Mansion in January. The Questers are a group of local folks interested in preserving local history and promoting education in historical preservation and restoration.

The 2024 Ice Harvest at Tobyhanna Millpond #1 was cancelled for the second year in a row due to thin ice. A fair number of people, including the Older Adult Learning Community and Boy Scout Troop 71 from Doylestown, came to the icehouse to hear about the history of ice harvesting. The CTHA had a display and program at the Nescopeck State Park Winterfest in February.

In early April, the CTHA conducted a guided History Hike of the remnants of the Warnertown Icehouse and associated buildings, plus a walk to the Warnertown dam and falls. Twenty people enjoyed the beautiful spring day to get some exercise and to hear about the Warnertown ice industry that spanned from 1902 to 1952.

The CTHA conducted an oral history interview with longtime Coolbaugh Township resident Harry Smith. Harry shared his vast knowledge about our local history including the Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company, schooling, work, and hobbies.

I hope to see you all at our programs and events this summer.

Bill Leonard Jr.  
President

The following were remembered by memorials on our "Family Tree" and window candles. Donations from the memorials helps to defray the cost of replacing Christmas decorations and the annual holiday party.



**Candle lit in memory of:**

Annie Wills By the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association  
 Grace Saxe By the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association  
 John C. Barlieb by Mary Barlieb  
 Vernon Rustine by Barbara Rustine  
 Mark and Beverly Hay From the Rarick Family  
 Dorothy Elizabeth Browne by Pastor Catherine & Wayne C. Morgan  
 George Morgan by Wayne C. & Pastor Cathie Morgan  
 Francis Regan Sr. From Phil & Kathy  
 Ann Regan From Phil & Kathy  
 John Regan From Phil & Kathy  
 Ellen Regan From Phil & Kathy  
 my parents, John & Viola Fretz, From Suzanne Fretz McCool  
 my Aunt, Audrey Grabowsky From Suzanne Fretz McCool  
 my Aunt, Ida Fretz From Suzanne Fretz McCool  
 my Aunt, Mae Fretz From Suzanne Fretz McCool  
 Neil Daniel Fritz from Ginger E. Fritz  
 Joe Telford By Major Anne M. Barlieb  
 Mr. McCarthy By Major Anne M. Barlieb  
 Dr. Jack Fowler By Major Anne M. Barlieb  
 Brenda Blodeyn By Major Anne M. Barlieb  
 Alan Sweeney by Judith Sweeney  
 Julia Grady by the Grady Family  
 John T. Grady by the Grady Family  
 John W. Grady by the Grady Family  
 William Brady by the Grady Family  
 Mary Ward by the Grady Family  
 John Gryboski by Kathleen Grady

**Candle in Honor of:**

the Women of the US Army by Mary Barlieb  
 For the People of the Ukraine by Michael and "Smitty"  
 Gadomski

**Ornaments In Memory of :**

Grandpa Darryl By Jessica, Lucas and Lily  
 Darryl Rarick By Ruth Rarick  
 William John Barlieb From Mary Barlieb  
 Beverly S. Mitcham by Pastor Catherine & Wayne C. Morgan  
 Mavis Morgan by Wayne C. & Pastor Cathie Morgan  
 Karen Pope From Marshall & Tracey Pope  
 Emily Pope From Marshall & Tracey Pope  
 Suzanne Pope From Marshall & Tracey Pope  
 Beatrice Mervine From Marshall & Tracey Pope  
 Barbara Piraino From Francis Piraino  
 Francis Regan Sr. From Phil & Kathy  
 Ann Regan From Phil & Kathy  
 John Regan From Phil & Kathy  
 Ellen Regan From Phil & Kathy  
 Alan Sweeney From Judith Sweeney  
 Darryl Seawood by the Grady Family  
 Judy Seawood by the Grady Family  
 Raymond Hartley by the Grady Family  
 Michael Chisner by the Grady Family  
 Mary Weber by the Grady Family  
 William L. Leonard, Sr. From Marilou and Bill  
 Thelma Leonard From Marilou and Bill  
 Nelson Saxe From the Ice Harvesters  
 Joe Leonard From Marilou and Bill  
 Deceased Members of TCA From Tobyhanna Conservation Assn.

**Ornaments Honor of :**

Zachery Heller From Jim & Kay Kinsley  
 Zayden Heller From Jim & Kay Kinsley  
 Kinsleigh Church From Jim & Kay Kinsley  
 Saylor Heller From Jim & Kay Kinsley  
 Brayden Heller from Jim and Kay Kinsley  
 Sydney Heller from Jim and Kay Kinsley  
 Major Anne M. Barlieb From Mary Barlieb

# Coolbaugh Township Historical Association Annual Art Celebration

May 10-19

Open to All

**Delivery of work:** Sunday, May 5, 1:00 - 4:00 pm or Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> 10am to noon

**Artist Reception:** Friday, May 10, 5:30 to 7:30 pm Awards Presentation, 6:00 pm.

## Exhibition Hours

Saturday - May 11, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Sunday - May 12, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Monday - May 13, 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Continental Breakfast Served

Saturday - May 18, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Sunday - May 19, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

**Pick up of works:** Sunday, May 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

## CATEGORIES

- Photography
- Painting / Drawing
- Crafts / 3-D / Digital
- Student Art K-6
- Student Art 7-12

## AWARDS

First, Second, and Third in each category

Supervisor's Award - Best Representation of Coolbaugh Township

## Regulations

- ❖ There is no fee for participation.
- ❖ **Artwork must be exhibition ready.** Work should be appropriately matted, framed, and wired for hanging.
- ❖ Size is limited to 36" in width and 36" in height. (Including frame)
- ❖ If submitting a sculpture or craft that requires a pedestal or special hanger, the artist must provide it at the delivery of the work.
- ❖ Sculpture size is limited to 36" in all directions. (Not including pedestal)
- ❖ Works shall depict any family friendly subject matter. Artists are urged to depict subject matter related to Coolbaugh Township.
- ❖ Artist registration and release form must be filled out and signed.
- ❖ Artists are responsible for insuring their work during the exhibition.
- ❖ Either the artist or a friend must deliver the works in person on the date indicated, and picked up on the date indicated. CTHA is not responsible for unclaimed works.
- ❖ Works may be offered for sale. CTHA requires a 20% commission on works sold. If you do not wish to sell your work, print NFS in the price category. For information on purchasing artwork please contact CTHA at 570-894-4207 or CTHA@ptd.net.

## Artist's Release and Hold Harmless Form

I have read and understood the regulations for exhibiting my work in the CTHA Art Exhibition. I agree to insure the work at my own expense and do not hold the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association responsible for damage or loss incurred during the exhibition.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Entry Forms

Entry 1 (attach to back of work)

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Entry 2 (attach to back of work)

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Entry 3 (attach to back of work)

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Entry 4 (attach to back of work)

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Due to space limitations only four pieces may be submitted per artist. Please abide by size limitations. All works must be original: no offset lithos or mechanical reproductions of originals. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Andrea Levergood-Flaherty at (570) 894-4220

**Coolbaugh Township Historical Association**  
**Calendar of Events - 2024**

**History Hike – Bradys Castle and Icehouse** – Saturday May 4, 2:00 pm

Approximately 100 years ago, Bradys Lake was the site of a large ice harvesting plant. Edward Brady managed the construction of a castle at Bradys Lake like their family castle in County Donegal Ireland. Only parts of the foundations of these massive structures remain. Bill Leonard will be conducting a tour of the ruins and tell the story about the castle and the icehouse. Meet at the Bradys Lake parking lot. For details visit the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association Facebook page.

**Annual Art Exhibition** - May 11 to 19 at the Wills Mansion Museum.

Calling all artists to submit your works for the annual art show at the Historic Wills Mansion. Categories are Photography, Painting/Drawing, Crafts/3-D/Digital, Student Art K-6, and Student Art 7-12. First, second and, third place ribbons will be awarded in each category, plus a “Best of Show” award chosen by the Coolbaugh Township Supervisors for the best representation of Coolbaugh Township.

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Pick-up Works – Sunday May 19 2-4 pm

**Summer History Program - The Mystery and Ruins of Devils Hole**

Sunday, June 30, 2:00 pm at the Wills Mansion Museum

The Devils Hole, partially located in Coolbaugh Township, is shrouded in mystery and mystique.

There are several building ruins along Devils Hole Creek, exciting water falls, stories about an Elk Farm, peculiar artifacts, and a significant impact from the 1955 flood. Bill Leonard will present a program about the “Seven Mysteries of Devils Hole - Folklore, Tales, and Legends.”

**Summer History Program - The Women Veterans Museum**

*Tentative, Sunday, July 14, 2:00 pm* at the Wills Mansion Museum.

The museum in Mount Pocono was created to honor and celebrate women service members, veterans, and military family members for their past, present, and ongoing service to the United States. The founder Claudette Williams, a 30-year Army Veteran and Retired Sergeant Major, will talk about her firsthand experiences and her passion for preserving a legacy.

**Summer History Program -Pocono Mountain Public Library**

Sunday August 11, 2:00 pm at the Wills Mansion Museum

Ann Shincovich, Library Director, will present a program about the history of the Pocono Mountain Public Library, its beginnings, their wide array of services, and some stories.

**D&H Annual Canal Festival** – Saturday August 17, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

D & H Canal Park, Lock 31, 179 Texas Palmyra Highway (Rt. 6), Hawley, PA. CTHA will have an informational booth exhibiting the historic ice industry and information about Coolbaugh Township history.

**Community Yard Sale** – Saturday August 10 (rain date Aug 11) 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Numerous vendors will be selling their wares in front of the Wills Mansion at 5590 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna. VFW Post 509 will be serving lunch and refreshments.

**Visit to the Old Mill in Sciota** – Sunday June 2, 2:00 pm

The CTHA will have a guided tour of the Old Mill in Sciota that was originally a log structure built by Jacob Brinker in 1730. The mill served as a storehouse for General John Sullivan's march through Pennsylvania. Following the Sullivan Expedition, the mill operations resumed. The mill has an overshot wheel which was used to grind corn to make various types of flour and feed. The tour will also include the Fenner/Snyder/Robacker estate, an 1805 stone home, across the street from the mill. Meet at the Wills Mansion at 1:15 to carpool, or meet at the Old Mill (5818 Business Rt 209 Sciota) at 2:00.

**Visit to the Lackawanna Coal Mine** – Friday September 20, 10:00 am

The CTHA will tour of this once abandoned and now restored hard coal mine that originally opened in 1860. The Coal Mine Tour is led by a miner, who will explain the fascinating methods used, and the heroic efforts involved, in deep mining's history. The mine is handicapped accessible with some restrictions. Meet at the Wills Mansion at 9:15 to carpool, or meet at the Coal Mine (Bald Mountain Road, Scranton) at 10:00 am.

**Summer History Program - History of the Tobyhanna Conservation Association**

September 15, 2:00 pm at the Wills Mansion Museum

The Tobyhanna Conservation Association was formed in 1966 by a group of local sportsmen, including the Gleogler Brothers. The Charter states that "Conservation, a state of harmony between man and the land, and the proper harvesting of fish and game so as to retain nature's delicate balance, shall be the purpose of this organization." The presentation by Bill Leonard will cover the history of the organization, including raising trout, youth programs, and some Gleogler Family history.

**Steamtown Excursions to Tobyhanna** –Saturday October 12, Arrive 12:15, Depart 2:45

Tour of Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Icehouse & Self-Guided Tour of Tobyhanna. Featuring the fall foliage and the once important Tobyhanna Huckleberry Industry.

**Annual Dinner Program** – Saturday, October 19, 3:00 pm at the Pocono Farms Country Club

Program on the History of Pocono Farms

**Summer History Program - Barns of Coolbaugh Township**

Sunday, October 27, 2:00 pm at the Wills Mansion

Coolbaugh Township once had a fair number of working farms with barns and associated outbuildings. Very few barns remain standing. Vern Cramer Saxe will present his findings and research about the remaining barns of Colbaugh Township.

**Wreaths for Veterans** – Pearl Harbor Day, Saturday December 7, 2:00 pm

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.

**Annual Christmas Celebration**– Saturday December 14, Noon to 5:00 pm at the Wills Mansion Museum.

The Wills Mansion Museum will be decorated for the holidays and there will be musical entertainment and refreshments. The celebration is open to all.

**For more information visit the Coolbaugh Township Historical Assn Facebook page or call 570-894-4207.**

2024 dues are now due

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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 2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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