

Quakertown Historical Society News

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Burgess Foulke House

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Board of Directors News

At the Board of Directors meeting on December 5, 2018 a date was set for the next Membership Meeting of the Society. It will be held on March 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM at McCooles Arts & Events Place, 4 S. Main Street, Quakertown, PA. All members are encouraged to attend. More information concerning the program that night will be shared closer to the date.

The Board also assigned committee chairs/co-chairs. They are :

Events & Fundraising—Jim Lukens & Shawna Serpe
Property Maintenance—Jan Hench & Lyn Treffinger
Archives & Display—Frank Licopoli & Jack Schick
Membership—Vickie Blackmore
Finance—Aimee Pattison & Bob Roth
Public Relations—Christina Landis

The Board is encouraging any member who would like to serve on one of these committees to contact the society at historicquakertown@gmail.com or call the office at 267-227-3864.

Luminarias

If you have ordered luminarias and have not, as yet, picked them up, you can do so on Saturday, December 22, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at McCooles Arts & Events Place, 10 S. Main Street, Quakertown, Pa.

For those who will be displaying luminaria on Christmas Eve, please take photos of your display and tag the photos to the Society Facebook page. With this years displays, we are hoping to re-new what had been, in the past, something of a Quakertown tradition.

Quakertown Alive House Tour

On Sunday, December 2, 2018 Quakertown Alive held its Bi-annual House Tour.event The Burgess Foulke House and Liberty Hall were two of the sites visited. While an exact count of visitors was not taken, it is safe to say that in excess of 75 people visited one or both of the Society's sites. Most encouraging were the comments received by those individuals who had never visited the Society's properties. They were very pleasantly surprised and impressed. It proved to be an excellent way to showcase the properties and also share what the Quakertown Historical Society does and hopes to accomplish.

Richard Moore Marker Event

Quakertown has been awarded its second Historical Marker by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. It will be placed at what is now referred to as the Richard Moore House Underground Railroad 'Station' located on S. Main Street in Quakertown. A dedication celebration has been scheduled for September 14, 2019.

Richard Moore and his wife Sarah were devout Quakers and, as such, could not abide slavery. Even though it was against Federal Law to aide "escaped" slaves, they began doing so in 1833. Together they opened their residence to runaway slaves, thus creating a very important Safe House that became one of the most important ones in South-eastern Pennsylvania.

More about this couple and what they accomplished will be shared in future editions. For now, please mark the date and plan on attending. The significance of the placing of the marker is the recognizing of one of the most important and impressive pieces that there is of Quakertown history.

Contributions

The Quakertown Historical Society is a 501 c 3 corporation and so any contributions to the Society could be considered for income tax purposes.

There are two ways that you can support the Society. As is the case with any non-profit organization, money is always a issue. The Society does not have a steady income stream. It depends mostly on fundraisers that it holds throughout the course of the year. Two such fundraisers have been held recently—the Ghost Tours and the Luminaria Sales. The fundraising committee will be considering additional possibilities in the coming year and is open to suggestions from the membership.

Just as important is the collecting of historically significant artifacts that can be tied to the history of Quakertown. While there are significant items on display at the Burgess Foulke House, Liberty Hall and the Museum in the “barn” where the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce is located, we can use much more.

So, if you have items that you believe might be of interest to the Society, please contact us. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, please send a check to the address listed on this *Newsletter*.

Your support in either or both of these ways will be much appreciated (and acknowledged with a receipt) and put to good use.

Burgess Foulke House Tours

At present, there are no set hours that the Burgess Foulke House is open. In the future we hope to get enough volunteers so that we can make the building available to visitors on a regular basis. In the meantime, if you or someone you know would like to schedule a tour, please contact us and we will be glad to make special arrangements to accommodate you.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year