

GHHS Gazette

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NEW, FRESH, & EXCITING

What's Happening At The Museum



Have you been to our museum lately? If not, you may notice that things aren't exactly like they used to be when you do visit. New displays, new ways of keeping track of our artifacts, and recent renovations have all brought exciting changes to our little museum.

Shall we start on the outside? Both flower gardens in the front of the church and the Pauline Satterfield Annex received new plants and mulch. Thank you very much Calvary Wesleyan Church for the muscle power to help us complete the project. In addition to spreading mulch they planted over 100 tulip bulbs that will surely be beautiful for many springs to come. In addition to the gardens, the exterior lighting has been updated with dusk to dawn sensors to enhance the look of the museum at night and also security. Speaking of the look of the museum at night, has anyone noticed anything else? The Rose window in the church has been illuminated from the inside at night and the Harrington Motors sign on the rear of the building has also been re-illuminated! Take a drive by in the evening to check

it out. Something else to check out are the new windows in the Caboose. The windows were rotten and in need of replacement which was carried out very expertly by Ken Stockslager & Sons. Also the annex building was power washed free of charge by JP of Creative Block & Stone. He did a wonderful job and the building is sparkling clean now.

On the inside there are new displays in both the church and the annex. Due to new artifacts being donated, displays were rearranged to provide better flow and more display space. This was done to improve the visitors experience at our museum. Other enhancements to the guest experience include free guest Wifi and an interactive inventory program. This program allows us to track artifacts and will allow guests to search for items of interest during their visit. It also brought the museum into compliance with The Abandoned Cultural Property Act recently passed by the state legislature.

Did You Know...

We have over 300 cookbooks for sale! The cookbooks are from churches and civic organizations throughout Delaware. We are selling the cookbooks for \$5.00 a piece. If you wish to purchase a cookbook, you can call the museum and leave a message, email the museum at info@ghhsociety.org, or contact an officer. We will contact you and arrange for you to view the cookbooks and select the one or more that you wish to purchase. And as always thank you for supporting the museum.

WE HAVE A WEBSITE!

ghhsociety.org goes live

We are proud to announce as of July 7, 2018 the Greater Harrington Historical Society has a website. We can be found at ghhsociety.org. The website has many features that include information about the museums, pictures, a membership application, contact information for the museum, and a donation button. We hope to increase the museums presence in the community and a website will provide that vital link. The website also features links to our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. Stop by and check us out today!

NOT JUST ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL

Our Brick Fundraiser Kicks Off



Good news! Our brick wall is going to be finished! Our membership has taken on the challenge of completing our Wall of Honor. After several years of no brick sales, a new brick manufacturer has been contracted and brick sales will begin by Heritage Day 2018. Bricks can be ordered on line on our website or by completing a form that is available at the museum. Several pricing and layout options are available. Please see the website or order form for details. Don't miss this final opportunity to honor a loved one and donate to a great cause.

FUN FACT- Did you know one of the proposed name changes from Clark's Corner in the 1800's was Tuttleville. Aren't you glad they chose Harrington instead!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

HERITAGE DAY

The 40th annual Heritage Day will be held on August 25, 2018. Heritage Day was begun by the Historical Society and the public library to celebrate our city's history. Volunteers will be needed to help with museum clean up before Heritage day and to staff all 3 museum locations on Heritage Day. Please call the museum and leave a message or contact an officer if you are available to help.

Our 40th Anniversary

Sometimes a spark, an idea, or an endeavor starts as casual conversation over a cup of coffee. That's how our organization began. A group of citizens came together following just such a conversation and began an organization to preserve the history of our community. We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary this year with an event in the fall. More information will be available at Heritage Day and on our website.

We're Writing A Book

The Greater Harrington Historical Society in conjunction with Arcadia Press with be publishing a book about Harrington in their Images of America series. The book will be a history of the Harrington area told through images from its beginning to the 1960's. The book will cost \$21.95 and proceeds will go to the capital improvement fund. The book will be available late Spring of 2019.

Looking Forward

A building committee was formed at the July meeting of the historical society. The committee's purpose is to begin exploring the expansion of the annex building. They will also be looking at ways to fund this expansion. The expansion was deemed necessary due to our current challenges in displaying and storing artifacts properly.

And As Always...

Donations are always welcome. There are building repairs needed in both the railroad tower and the annex. We have very fragile artifacts that need conservation and restoration. Not to mention just the day to day expenses incurred running our museums. You can donate any time by using the donation button on our website or by mailing a check to the museum. You can also donate in addition to your membership dues when you renew.

Thank You!