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Members of the community joined MCHA board members and staff at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus in April for a workshop called "Promoting the Past — Engaging the Future," aimed at helping to form the association's strategic plan.

Workshop brings community together

Input will help form MCHA's Strategic Plan

The Monroe County Historical Association Board of Directors held the "Promoting the Past — Engaging the Future" Community Workshop on April 27 at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus.

Over the past year, the board has been working to update the organization's Strategic Plan. Fifty members from the community were invited to participate in the workshop's discussion to identify the organization's strengths and weaknesses and to identify opportunities for the MCHA to better serve the community.

This is an exciting time for the Monroe County Historical Association, which has been preserving, promoting, and protecting Monroe County's history for nearly 100 years. The organization is dedicated to Monroe County's past, and the Board of Directors wants to ensure the MCHA continues to prosper and remain relevant as we move into the next century.

Thank you to all of our participants and to NCC Monroe for a great day!



Kara Klaus-Major of Trout Lake Retreats and MCHA Board member Bill Leonard work together to identify an artifact for the "pop-up" exhibit at the workshop.

MCHA Calendar



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2018 Meetings

The MCHA Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of most months at 7 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion

October 23

November 27

No meeting in December

The Monroe County Historical Association is a cultural and learning center that assists our diverse community of residents and visitors in connecting the county's past with the present.

Wednesday, October 10 Monroe County History Challenge

7 p.m., Pleasant Valley High School, Brodheadsville

Join us for our annual question-and-answer history scholarship competition for area high school juniors and seniors.

Wednesday, October 31 Halloween on Main Street

3-5 p.m., 900 Main St., Stroudsburg

Young ghouls and goblins are invited to stop by the Stroud Mansion for Halloween treats.

Thursday-Monday, November 22-26 Stroud Mansion CLOSED

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15 Holiday Luncheon at the Mansion

900 Main St., Stroudsburg

Two seatings each day: 11 a.m.-12:30 pm and 1-2:30 p.m.

Annual holiday luncheon at the Stroud Mansion. Meal catered by Cook's Corner.

December 22, 2018-January 7, 2019 Stroud Mansion CLOSED

Happy Holidays

Snow shoveler needed



We know it's only just barely fall ... but the Monroe County Historical Association is looking for a snow removal company or person to clear walks at Stroud Mansion this winter.

We'd like to secure someone before the first snow, so if you know anyone, please email us at admin@monroehistorical.org or call 570-421-7703

Welcome, New Members

Gail Dunkelberger
Dan Ferrara & Family
Elizabeth Grieco
Jack Hamblin
Richard Jayne
Nicole LeFante & Family
Richard McPhillips, Jr.
Nancy Parks
Elizabeth Scott
Precie Schroyer & Family

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& Ana Maria Diaz-Stevens
Rory Utt
Rhodely Vallon & Family
Walter Van Ness
Jim Vogt & Carolyn Lange
Janet Wenzelburger
Craig & Carrie Wetherbee
Nancy Wright & Family





This year's centerpiece featured historic images of the MCHA's 2018 Premier Sponsor, Bushkill Falls.

'Raise Your Glass' supports the past

The Monroe County Historical Association hosted the 4th Annual "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past" wine-pairing dinner and auction fundraiser on September 6 at the picturesque and historic Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake in Reeders. Guests enjoyed good food, great friends, a beautiful venue, select wines, and a fun auction.

This event has become very popular, and for the first time, the event was sold out and there was a waiting list to attend. More than \$45,000 was raised, with all proceeds benefiting the MCHA, in part to help preserve the museum and library collections.

The evening began with delicious butlered hors d'oeuvres donated by the Rader family. Musical entertainment was provided by Erin McClelland during the cocktail hour as guests looked over more than 80 Silent Auction and 12 Live Auction items.

An exquisite three-course meal was served next, starting with a seasonal gourmet salad paired with Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard Dry Riesling, 2016. The first course of wine was generously donated by MCHA Board member Patricia J. Saylor.

The main entrée was a duet of grilled center-cut sirloin of beef paired with pan-seared shrimp verde and a glass of Nederburg Cabernet Sauvignon, 2014. The flight of wine was kindly contributed by Young and Haros, LLC.

Dessert was a delicious Boston chocolate cheesecake which was paired with Delorme Blanc de Blanc Brut

Reserve, 2017. The dessert course was generously sponsored by MCHA Board members Dr. Doug Arnold, Mr. Bill Leonard, Mr. Ken Sandri, Dr. Anthony Stevens-Arroyo, Dr. Margot Vagliardo, and Mr. Jeffrey L. Wright.

The evening ended with a live auction of wonderful items, including a seven-day South African guided safari for two people, a 10-day Florida vacation, a private cocktail party for 10, a Ducklode Windsor armchair, and a two-night stay at historic Skytop Lodge.

Among the silent auction items were local artwork, restaurant gift certificates, wine baskets, jewelry, spa retreats, decorative artisan pieces, power tools, and much more. Raymond Hartzell of Hartzell's Auction Gallery generously donated his professional services for this event.

The MCHA thanks the "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past" committee members for their hard work and devotion. From creating beautiful centerpieces and collecting auction items to securing sponsors and assisting at the gala, the event would not have been possible without them: Chairperson Jennifer Harlacher Sibum, Chair Emeritus Marie Conklin Young, Auction Chair Meredith Rettalitia, Rose Berardi, Bruce Denlinger, Gail Dunkelberger, Joann Farda, Mary Riley Frantz, Russell D. Scott III, Susan E. Yetter, and Theresa Yocum.

Mark your calendars! The 2019 Raise your Glass & Support the Past fundraiser will be held September 5, 2019, at the Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake in Reeders.





The DePuy/Brodhead family held a reunion at the Stroud Mansion this summer.

DePuy/Brodhead Family reunites at Stroud Mansion

The DePuy/Brodhead Family Reunion was held at the Stroud Mansion on August 25, with family members traveling far and wide to visit the area their their ancestors helped to settle.

Following a family meeting, MCHA Curator Bret Fowler gave the group a tour of the Stroud Mansion, showcasing the silk waistcoat owned by Daniel Brodhead that dates to the 1770s.

Following the family's visit to the Stroud Mansion, the group traveled to area cemeteries to lay wreaths and flowers on the graves of their ancestors.

Nicholas DePuy settled along the Delaware River in 1727 near what is now Shawnee-on-Delaware.

Daniel Brodhead settled in what is now East Stroudsburg in 1737. The town originally was named "Dansbury" in his honor, and the town of Brodheadsville is named after the family.

If you would like additional information on the DePuy/Brodhead Family Association, please call 614-400-9581 or email depuy.brodhead.family.assoc@gmail.com.

At right: Daniel Brodhead's silk waistcoat, one of the most prized items in the Monroe Historical Association's collection.



Meet Asia Morton, MCHA's ESU intern

Hello!

My name is Asia Morton and I'm a senior at East Stroudsburg University. I'm a history major with intent to seek out a career as a high school history teacher after graduation.

I was born and raised in Newark, N.J., and moved to Easton, Pa., at the beginning of my freshman year in high school.

I've always had a great love for history and enjoy visiting museums.

To fulfill my internship requirements at the Monroe County Historical Association, I am researching the history of jazz musicians in Monroe County. I've also been assisting curator Bret Fowler with gathering materials and research for East Stroudsburg University's 125th anniversary celebration.

While at the Stroud Mansion, I've learned about giving tours of the museum, assisting researchers in the library, and helping with fundraisers, including the recent "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past" fundraising dinner.

Say hi if you see me at the Stroud Mansion!



MCHA intern Asia Morton, an East Stroudsburg University senior, at ESU's 125th Anniversary celebration recently.



Rotary Club builds fellowship at the Stroud Mansion

Members of the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs enjoyed a special fellowship meeting at the Stroud Mansion this summer.

The Rotarians toured the museum and enjoyed viewing all of the artifacts on display while socializing with fellow club members.

The Stroud Mansion's second floor meeting room is available for small group rentals. Contact the MCHA office for more details.

At left: Rotarians Dave Super, Mary Louise Parker, and Ann Super enjoyed visiting the Stroud Mansion.



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One hundred years ago: The Armistice

Remember the exhibit in the Mansion that caught my attention – World War I, “The War to End All Wars”? Sadly, it appears that WWI did not meet its goal. I keep up on current events by peeking at the local and national news on paper and the internet.

This year on November 11, the world will again commemorate Armistice Day – now called Veterans Day. It will be 100 years since the Armistice was signed. We will remember the bravery, injury, and death for some, and the happiness in coming home from war for others.

The word “armistice” was new to me, and researchers need to know the correct definitions of the words they read, hear, say, and write, in order to have a clear understanding of what they are investigating. The dictionary says that “armistice” means a “temporary stopping of open acts of warfare by agreement between the opponents; a truce.”

I once tried to work out a truce with a squirrel that kept breaking into my stash of seeds! That personal experience helped me understand what happened at “the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month” in 1918, when WWI fighting ceased.

Here are some details I found: Leaders representing Germany, a country which was out of manpower and supplies, and facing imminent invasion, had a secret meeting with leaders from France and Great Britain in a railroad car north of Paris. That was where they signed the Armistice agreement.

Do you remember who was fighting who? Our president, Woodrow Wilson, had worked out “Fourteen Points of Peace,” but the representatives at the meeting didn’t agree with all of them. Eventually some compromises were made (I had to compromise with the squirrel) in order for the Armistice to go forward.

The end result was that the fighting stopped, and although not everyone was happy, the meeting paved the way for a peace treaty to be signed on June 28, 1919. You

can do some interesting research at the Mansion to find information about President Wilson’s 14 Points of Peace, the name of the treaty, and the reasons why it didn’t end war for all time.



I try to imagine what it must have been like in Monroe County. What did the people do when they found out the fighting was over? The Mansion has newspaper headlines proclaiming “Germany Signs the Armistice; War is Over.”

It was time to commemorate the 1,000 men from Monroe County who went to Europe as soldiers in WWI. It was also time to recognize the scores of women who supported the war effort as nurses in Europe, wives and mothers at home who knitted socks and sewed uniforms for the soldiers, joined the Red Cross, and sold War Bonds. Celebrations now took

place when families’ loved ones returned home. Sadly, some loved ones were brought back to be buried near their families.

One year later, on Armistice Day 1919, the mayors of Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg declared an all-day (and into the night) celebration. As time went on, monuments were crafted to permanently remember those who gave their lives. You can see them for yourself: the Doughboy in Courthouse Square, Julia in the front circle of ESU, memorials in Pocono and Barrett townships, and a special marker just over Veterans Bridge in East Stroudsburg.

WWI brought many new ideas, good and bad. Warfare changed: guns, U-boats, airplanes, trenches, and poison gases were used. Art and music were employed in new ways to advertise and raise money for the war. Everyone learned songs like “Over There,” “Pack up your Troubles,” and “I Didn’t Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier.”

One thing is for certain, the country took time to honor those that took part in the war and those who lost their lives for the cause. Let’s do it again at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 2018 – I plan to wear my doughboy helmet.



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