



The Herald

Autumn
2006

Hark the happenings of the Historic Langhorne Association

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Our headquarters is located in
The Anna Mary Williamson
Library & Museum

HLA has 3 new email addresses for
communicating with us at our head-
quarters...add them to your contacts...

Contact email-

HistoricLanghorne1@verizon.net

Archive email-

hlaarchives@verizon.net

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hlaresearch@verizon.net

OPEN HOURS

**Wednesdays 10-12pm
7-9pm**

Saturdays 10-12pm

Or by appointment

Admission is Free

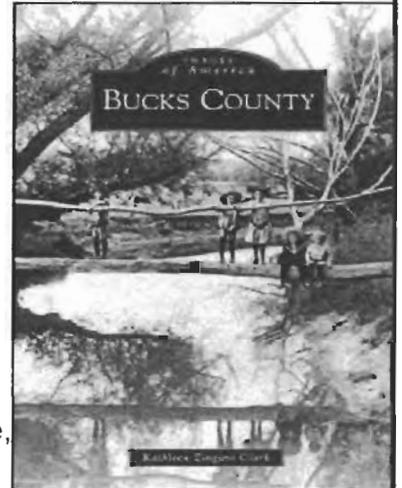
Meet and Greet the Author!

Historic Langhorne Association is
Having a book signing by author
Kathleen Zingaro Clark and her
book, Images of America-Bucks
County, on Saturday, September
23 from 12 to 2 pm. Please come
and bring your book or HLA has
some available to sell.

Our HLA member, Charles Lauble,
helped with Ms. Zingaro-Clark's
research. Charles supplied quite

a lot of the local images and information used in the book, all
which came from our archives at HLA! We will be selling it at
HLA's gift shop when it is published after August 21, 2006. If
needed, we will ship the book by mail to anyone who buys it
from us. Here is the Arcadia book site, who published the
book and describes it. Check out the book on:

<http://www.arcadiapublishing.com>



MAJOR ARCHIVES PROJECT ALMOST COMPLETE

By Larry Langhans

After almost a year of work, our four file drawers of archives have been reviewed, catalogued, and correctly stored thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteer Shirley Pinkerton. For the past year, Shirley, who lives in Feasterville, has come in almost every Saturday morning to go through the files. She has researched the origins of some of the material, copied hundred of newspaper items on acid free paper, and recorded items that had not previously been catalogued. Thanks Shirley for doing an important job at HLA.

Marty McDonald has returned to volunteer at HLA following knee surgery. He has started to organize, catalogue, and store in slide trays almost a thousand loose slides that have been sitting in a box for several year. The slides are part of a collection of 5000 slides taken by the Vogenbergers before their deaths. This group includes slides from Maine to "The South" and "Around Home" to California. Once they are organized, we will hold a slide show for our members.

Are you interested in maps? We are looking for a volunteer to organize and inventory our map collection. The maps of the area date from the 1700s to present times. We would like to have a complete list for use by researchers. If you would like to help, call Larry at 215-752-3140 or stop by HLA during visiting hours.

Cape May Victorian Houses Watercolor Print Raffle

Take a chance to win this lovely watercolor by Edith Berry. The drawing for this print will be held at our annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long. The raffle tickets are enclosed or may be purchased at Judy's Corner until the day of drawing. You do not have to be present to win. Good luck and thank you for supporting your local historic association! (The print is framed and will be available to view at HLA at our upcoming events)



Edith Berry, a Newtown artist best known for her work in watercolor, is a graduate of Moore College of Art, and a member of the Philadelphia Watercolor Club. A winner of numerous regional shows, Mrs. Berry loves to capture the quality of her immediate surroundings, wherever she may be at the time, whether it be a Bucks County scene, flowers from a nearby garden, or a seashore memory of past summers. In her own words, "My goal is to create paintings that people will never tire of, paintings without hidden meanings. I am an artist-historian who records the environment via landscapes, seascape and townscape."

RECENT ARCHIVES DONATIONS

From Larry Langhans

Our archives collection continues to grow. Thanks to the following people for their recent donations:

From Rachel Ambler, formerly of Langhorne now living in Newtown, programs from the 1911 and 1912 Independence Day Celebration of the Bucks County Country Club, and a 1912 booklet containing the history of the club, its officers, a copy of the charter and the club rules. The Club, later to become the Langhorne Country Club, was located in the building at the top of the hill on the right on Pine Street just before the twin railroad bridges.

From Don Barnett of Langhorne, five black and white photographs from the Langhorne Speedway dated 1941 and a 1946 photograph of the cheerleaders at the Langhorne-Middletown High School.

From Ward McMasters of Penn del, two 8" X 10" black and white photographs, probably from the early 1970s of the Langhorne Playground, where work is being done preparing for the construction of the old pavilion. In the background, the "Gas & Go" on the southwest corner of Maple Avenue where the present Lukoil station is located, is selling gasoline for 33 cents a gallon!

THREE WAYS TO SHOP TO HELP SUPPORT HISTORIC LANGHORNE

From Larry Langhans

It costs a great deal to keep the old Langhorne Library operating. Just for the physical upkeep there are gas, electric, insurance, water and sewer, and regular maintenance bills. There is also the cost of properly storing and preserving our collections. Local merchants are offering support for community organizations such as HLA. Here are three ways to help when you go shopping:

Macy's Shop For A Cause Saturday September 16:

Purchase a \$5.00 savings coupon at the HLA Library or at Judy's Corner on South Bellevue Avenue and receive 20% or 10% off most items all day. The coupons purchase price goes directly to HLA.

Reedman-Toll Auto World: Looking to purchase a new vehicle? Shop Reedman-Toll. Present a certificate from HLA at the time of your purchase and Reedman-Toll will send us a \$100.00 check. Pick-up a certificate at the HLA Library, Judy's Corner or call HLA at 215 757 1888 and we will send one to you.

Redner's Save-A-Tape Program: Do you grocery shopping at Redner's on Route 1? Pick-up a **Save-A-Tape Program** card at the Service Window and present it each time you check out. Save your tapes and drop them off at HLA or Judy's Corner. HLA will receive 1% of the total purchases. Tapes must have the Save-A-Tape information on them.

Coming Soon :ESCRIP: HLA is in the process of applying to become part of this nation-wide program. When members register their existing grocery loyalty cards, credit or debit cards, HLA will receive from 1% - 5% refund from the companies. Cards include Genuardi's, Macy's, Eddie Bauer, Safeway, Pep Boys, Linens 'n Things and Office Max. Watch for more information about this program.

HLA AT LANGHORNE HARVEST DAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

Look for HLA at this year's Harvest Day, Saturday October 28, sponsored by the Langhorne Business Association. We will be located in front of Town Hall with our new projector showing pictures from Langhorne's past. We will also have items on sale from our gift shop.

Please present this coupon to a Business Manager when you purchase your vehicle. We will process the coupon and send a check payable to your organization.

REEDMAN TOLL
A U T O W O R L D
Historic Langhorne Association

\$100 Donation Certificate

HLA 014

City: _____ State: _____ E-Mail: _____
Purchaser Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Limit One Coupon per customer, per vehicle. Must present this coupon to a Business Manager after you complete your paperwork.

HLA OPEN FOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENCAMPMENT

On Saturday September 23 from 10 AM to 4 PM the Langhorne Revolutionary War Burial Site Committee is again sponsoring an encampment by 1st New Jersey Infantry, a group of Revolutionary War Re-enactors, at the Farm on North Green Street. The encampment will show what life was like for a Revolutionary War soldier. A ceremony will be held later in the day at the burial site. The public can visit the Farm Friday evening to watch the re-enactors set up camp. HLA will be open longer hours Saturday with information about the burial site and Revolutionary times in Langhorne.

The following article is from the August 1920 editions of *The Delaware Valley Advance*

Local News'

Plans are about completed for the big carnival of the Langhorne Fire Co. and Soby Post, American Legion of Langhorne, which opens on the 21st, and closes on Saturday the 28th. The affair will be held at the Memorial Building, formerly the Richardson House, at Bellevue and Maple Avenues. Many attractions have been planned including an exhibit of war relics, dancing, hot lunch, refreshments, etc. Booths are being constructed on the grounds and an orchestra will furnish music. Altogether a very big week is anticipated.

Research by Charles Lauble

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New York and Philadelphia

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FAST TIME. SMOOTH TRACK. ELEGANT EQUIPMENT.
NO SMOKE. NO DUST.

10 DAILY THROUGH TRAINS 10
EACH WAY, EXCEPT SUNDAY.
3 THROUGH TRAINS ON SUNDAY. 3

THREE DEPOTS IN PHILADELPHIA:

*Ninth and Green, Ninth and Columbia Avenue, and
Third and Berks Streets.*

TICKET OFFICES IN PHILADELPHIA,

434, 624, 836 and 838 Chestnut Street, and at Depots.

TICKET OFFICES IN NEW YORK,

Foot of Liberty St., N. R., ☞ at the Principal Hotels.

*Baggage delivered by Philadelphia and Reading Rail
Road Co.'s Express or Union Transfer Co.*

C. G. HANCOCK,

General Passenger and Ticket Agent Philadelphia and Reading R. R., Philadelphia.

H. P. BALDWIN,

General Passenger Agent Central R. R. of N. J., New York.

This poem was sent to HLA from Michelle Lowrie. Michelle wrote, "The following poem was inspired by my memories of Irwin's Drugstore, so I thought it might be of interest to you. My middle name is Suzanne. Hence, the pen name, Michelle Suzanne."

The Drugstore Soda Fountain

I love a soda fountain
Where stools spin 'round
And dirty dishes pile up.

Nothing tops
Some hand dipped ice cream,
A Soda jerk named Peter
Who's working his way through college,
And Mrs. Cloud, the waitress
Who knows her way around
An egg salad sandwich.

I love the paper cups
And the buzzing noise
Of the milkshake maker
I love plain vanilla topped with nuts
On a sugar cone
And people who aren't in a hurry
A refinely dressed lady licking butterscotch,
Teens yacking over melting sundaes
And a little boy counting out change.

And it's nice
To leave the drugstore
Just after dark
While the red sky lights the walking
And the wind whips my hair
All around my face.
It's about the nicest thing I've known in
years.

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1871 Bucks County Business Directory and Gazetteer.
This is the Middletown and Attleboro section of the
book.

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THE RIDDLER

We are clueless how to play a game that was recently donated to HLA.
Maybe you know?

- A set of 39 cards, part of a game containing 12 groups of people. #1-the doctor, #2-the doctor's detective, #3-the grocer, #4-the doctor's coachman, #5-the doctor's friend, #6-the doctor's fisherman, #7-this card is missing, #8-the doctor's gardener, #9-the doctor's butcher, #10-the doctor's undertaker, #11-the doctor's lawyer, #12- the landlord
- Along with the cards is a Knapp Electric Questioner, manufactured by the Knapp Electric Corporation, and contains 14 question cards.

(What, no butler?)

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2006

*Brought to you by
Historic Langhorne Association*

Saturday, September 23, 12-2 pm

Book signing at HLA

Meet and greet the Kathleen Zingaro Clark, author of Images of America-Bucks County. She will be available to sign her book.

Saturday, September 23, 10 am to 4 pm

Revolutionary War Military Encampment

Heritage Farm, 222 N. Green St., is once again hosting the encampment of the 1st New Jersey Infantry Regiment. Be sure to visit the soldiers on the Friday night before, to see them set up camp.

Monday, September 25, 7:30 PM

General Meeting

Come join us for our presentation on the history of the Langhorne Speedway. The lecture will include a slide show. Refreshments served!

During the month of October

4th Annual Ghost Walk

Join us for our annual guided ghost walk through Langhorne borough as we recount some spiritual stories of our old town. Both believers & non-believers welcome, and our tour guides will make a believer out of you! Call or email us for times and dates, or check our ghost sign out front! Tickets and reservations are necessary.

Monday, October 23, 7:30 PM

General Meeting

Join us for an informative evening on our town's landmark, The Langhorne Hotel. We will present a lecture and slide show of this great establishment, from its beginning, through Prohibition and beyond...This one is a don't miss!

Saturday, October 28

Harvest Day

A downtown block party at the corners of Bellevue & Maple Aves. Food and fun sponsored by the Langhorne Business Association.

Thursday, November 16

Holiday House Tour 2006, 11am-8pm

Welcome the holiday season as HLA is part of the annual house tour. Come see the magic created by our volunteers and start your holiday shopping at our gift shop!

December, Santa Visit & Carol Sing

It that time of the year to meet Santa and take those family pictures. Also, later that night, we will have a holiday carol sing. Please check our web site, our sign out front, or call for what the date will be.

Monday, February 26, 7:30 pm

General Meeting

Abraham Lincoln visits! More info to come!

BITS & PIECES

- The answers to the Riddler-Summer 2006 The large tree that stands outside of HLA is an English Oak. This is the only one found thus far in Lower Bucks County. A seed was most likely brought over from England 100 years ago or so, and planted right where it stands now! Who planted it? That will always be a mystery.
- **WANTED: CHAIRPEOPLE & VOLUNTEERS**
Apply in person, by phone, by snail mail or email. Requirements: a friendly nature and a sense of humor, cause HLA is fun!
- If anyone is interested in being one of our guides for the Ghost Tour this October, please let us know!
- A large **THANK YOU** to Jim Maier's dad for painting (by hand) our fence out front!
- Do you have any doll houses, antique or otherwise that you would be willing to display during an exhibit at HLA in November, and as part of our Holiday House Tour? If so, please contact Jean Noble at 215-757-3362
HLA has the summer issue of *Bucks County Town and Country* magazine for sale at our gift shop. This issue features Langhorne and is a great keep-sake.

Historic Langhorne Association's 2006 Officers & Committee Members

President- Jim Maier

Vice President- Larry Langhans

Treasurer- Jack Fulton

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PICTURE YOUR NAME HERE & VOLUNTEER !