



Notes from the Ford

Summer 2016

What's New

CFHS Office Staff



From left: Allison Schell, Mike Connelly and Colleen Smarr

We would like to welcome two new members to our CFHS office staff: Michael Connelly and Colleen Smarr. They join Allison Schell who has been our Program and Development Manager for the last year.

Mike Connolly joined us as Executive Director in May. Prior to coming to CFHS, Mike was the Executive Director at New Castle Historical Society in Delaware for eight years. He has also previously worked at Newlin Grist Mill in Glen Mills, PA and Mount Clare Museum House in Baltimore, MD. An avid lover of local and 18th century history, he is particularly interested in the Revolutionary period. In his time away from CFHS, Mike takes care of his own historic house in New Castle, where he lives with his wife Tracey and her three cats.

In June the Society welcomed Colleen Smarr as Office and Media Manager. Colleen and Mike first began working together four years ago when she joined the New Castle Historical Society as Office Manager. Colleen has also worked at the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia, and previously owned her own small business. Colleen lives in North Wilmington with her husband Mike, daughters Amanda and Ally, and four cats.

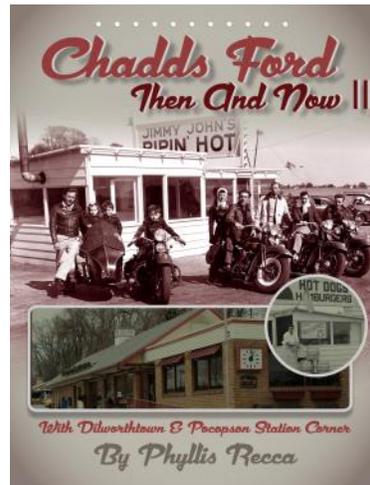
Creating a Colonial Garden

On June 12, seven history-loving gardeners joined Jason Pastuch, owner of Poseidon Ponds and Gardens in Chadds Ford, for a hands-on workshop about creating a Colonial garden. The workshop



was held at the Society's historic John Chads House. Participants made raised beds on the north side of the house and planted herbs and vegetables that were staples in 18th century kitchen gardens. After the workshop, several participants volunteered to stay behind to help Jason mulch around several trees at the Barn Visitors' Center.

Chadds Ford Then and Now II



The second *Then and Now* book by Phyllis Recca covering historic properties and popular sites in the Chadds Ford area will be available in August. A group of prominent families helped establish Chadds Ford, including the Brintons, Gilpins and Painters. Several of the Painter family farms are included along with the restored 1704 residence of William Brinton. Nearby at Dilworthtown, Dilworth's Inn,

a blacksmith and a general store are featured. In addition to the centuries-old historic properties are several popular locations that no longer exist, such as Lenape Park, the 202 Drive-In and Chadds Peak. Learn about the Ten-Pin Cannon Ball and the small basement pub called Reyburn's Tavern, once run by the oldest bartender in America. The book mixes history and fun stories to complement a photographic journey through time.

Did You Know?

Rome City & Indiana Jaycees Time Capsule



Historic Marker above Time Capsule

Forty years ago a time capsule was buried behind the John Chads House and designated to be opened in 100 years on July 4, 2076. So why would the Rome City & Indiana Jaycees bury something in Chadds Ford, and what is in the capsule?

Linda Tulloch, a Chadds Ford resident, grew up in Rome City, Indiana and maintains a cottage there. One summer in the 1970s, she met a family near the cottage whose kids wanted to bike out to Philadelphia for the Bicentennial. The group of 12 Rome City 8th graders set off in 1976 for the long trek East, accompanied by four adult chaperones. Since the marker was so big, a Kraft Foods truck brought it here in advance. Tulloch suggested putting the time capsule at the Chads House, as it was here during the Revolution and had been recently renovated by the Chadds Ford Historical Society.

On July 4, 1976, the students watched as the capsule was buried and the marker placed. During their stay in Chadds Ford, they camped on the property below Rocky Hill Castle, near Tulloch's home.



Luane Shull
One of the Bicyclists 1976

So what's in the capsule? In the 2009 movie "Knowing" with Nicolas Cage, everything centers around what was placed in a time capsule by a group of school children in 1959. The items in the Chads capsule are similar: letters written by the students about their daily lives in 1976 along with good wishes for the Tri-Centennial. No coins, trinkets, newspapers - just letters. Hopefully the capsule was well sealed to protect the paper from 100 years of rain, mold and earthworms.

Ten-Pin Cannon Ball

Driving south on Baltimore Pike near the Chadds Ford Gallery, one might catch a quick glimpse of a black sphere embedded in a stone wall. Some claim this is a cannon ball found from the Battle of the Brandywine. On closer inspection, this "Black Beauty" has an odd hole in it and earns a chuckle.



Stone Wall Next to Chadds Ford Gallery

The story goes that during the wall's construction in the 1980s, a local developer and friend enjoyed some adult beverages after a hard day of work. Late that evening on their way home, they found a bag sitting in the middle of Route 202 near the Baltimore Pike intersection. They stopped the car and picked up the bag, which turned out to be a bowling bag with a black ball inside. Grinning, they knew the perfect place for their find.

Black Beauty (inscribed on the bowling ball) found its new home the next day, a permanent addition to the stone wall next to the Chadds Ford Gallery. The ball is now a *modern relic* of the Battle of the Brandywine.



Upcoming Events

Chadds Ford Days

Sept. 10th from 10am - 7pm Sept. 11th from 10am - 5pm

Join us for this fun family event commemorating the
Battle of the Brandywine



- Over 40 Crafters/Artisans
- Music from Live Bands 1 - 7pm
- Colonial Demonstrators
- Revolutionary Reenactments
- General George Washington
- Historic Battle Presentations
- Variety of Food Vendors
- Tours of the John Chads House

\$10 for adults, children 17 and under free, CFHS members free



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is located at the
CFHS' Barns Brinton House
(590 Baltimore Pike, next to Chadds Ford Winery)
www.chaddsfordhistory.org
610-388-7376



Admission:
\$15 / Non-members
\$10 / Members
Tickets must be purchased in advance
over the phone or online
All attendees must be 21+

LiberTEA! EqualiTEA!
July 14 at 7pm



**Creating the Perfect
(Colonial) Selfie**
September 15 at 7pm



Our Society

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The Chadds Ford Historical Society is dedicated to preserving history, serving the community, and providing education. Its newsletter, "Notes from the Ford," is published quarterly.

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Wed -Sat 10am - 4pm

Become a Volunteer!

We would love to have you join our dedicated team of volunteers! Opportunities exist for office help, education programs and our annual events. If interested, email volunteer@chaddsfordhistory.org or call 610-388-7376.

Thank you to all our volunteers!
We appreciate your help and dedication!



Summer Interns Offer Expertise

Will Snelling is a senior communications and advertising major at Penn State. He will be helping with our marketing efforts.

Chad Renner is a 3rd year history major at West Chester University and joins us as a research intern.

Jon Kishpaugh is starting his senior year at Ursinus College, majoring in History and American Studies. This summer he is our Education Intern, working on re-vamping our "Hands-On History!"

Megan Glenn is a senior studying history and anthropology at George Mason University. She will be assisting us with educational activities and summer camps.

Be sure to visit our redesigned Museum Store with a wide array of merchandise.



Summer Camps

We are excited to offer three summer camps this year! We already hosted the first of our two American Girl Doll™ summer camps in June. We learned about history through the eyes of Kaya, Felicity, Josefina, and Addy while doing fun hands-on activities, cooking, baking, woodworking, fire starting, and more! We ended the camp with a fabulous tea party where we learned about manners, dancing and even dress-up. Our next American Girl summer camp is coming up July 25-29 and we are already sold out. The final camp of the summer is our Hands-On History! Summer camp August 8-12 and we still have spaces available. Check out our website www.chaddsfordhistory.org for more information and registration forms.

