



# *Notes from the Ford*

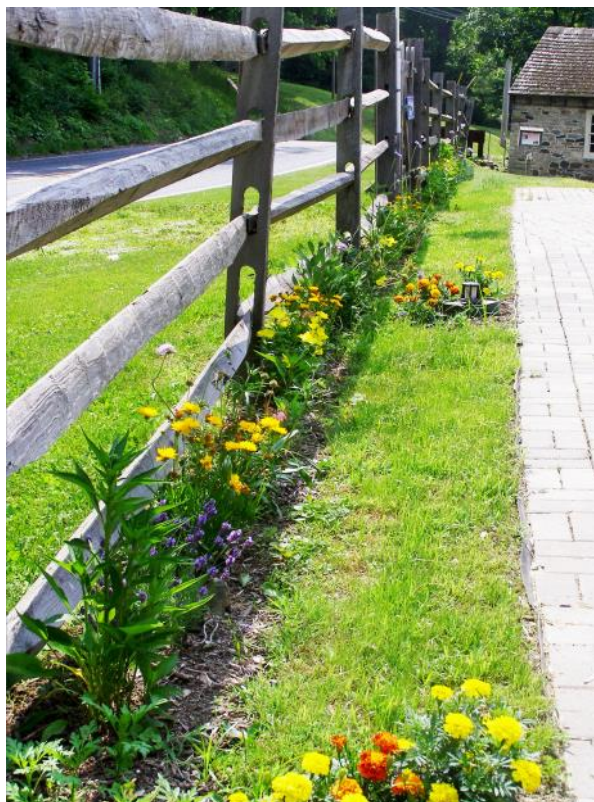
Summer 2015

## What's New

### Improvements



In continuing our mission to preserve history, additional maintenance has been done on the Visitors Center. The old roof was replaced with a new cedar shingle roof and repairs were made on the windows and gables, as a family of bats started to call the attic their home. Improvements were made possible by grants.



Perennial Flowers along the Visitors Center Fence



New garden boxes at the Barns-Brinton House

### 50 Years of Chadds Ford Days Exhibit



Be sure to stop by and see the "50 Years of Chadds Ford Days" exhibit with lots of fun memorabilia from past events.

### Have Fun Collecting!

A new display in the meeting room highlights items children might collect and describes the importance of collections in maintaining an historical record.





## Did You Know?

### Chadds Ford Hotel/Inn



The Chadds Ford Hotel pictured above in 1915 sits in the approximate location where John Chads started a tavern in 1736.



The property had changed little in 1970 though it swapped 'hotel' for the more fashionable word 'inn'.



Brandywine Prime purchased the property in 2005, upgrading the dining facility and changing the décor. They are an active supporter of the Society and Chadds Ford Days.

### Benjamin Ring House Washington's Headquarters



Built in 1720, the Ring House became Washington's Headquarters during the Revolutionary War at The Battle of Brandywine. From 1906 to 1922, Chris Sanderson and his mother occupied half of the house.



In 1931 fire destroyed the home and it sat vacant until the State purchased the property in 1949 and rebuilt the house.



Today the Ring House is open for tours through the Brandywine Battlefield Park.



## Upcoming Events

### Chadds Ford Days

**September 12th & 13th - 10am to 5pm**

**Join us for our 50th Chadds Ford Days - sure to be fun for the whole family!**

In addition to a variety of bands playing great tunes all day, there will be food vendors, Revolutionary War reenactments, colonial demonstrators, craft vendors, John Chads House tours and a Kids Korner. Don't miss our new addition, a Massive Barn Market featuring antiques and repurposed items.

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## Save the Date

### The Great Pumpkin Carve

**October 22 - 24  
5pm - 9pm**



### "Paint My Life: Andrew Wyeth Paints Chadds Ford"

**November 21 at 6pm to 8:30pm  
Westtown School**

Victoria will present a lecture that includes never before seen photos of Victoria's grandfather Andrew Wyeth as well as images that are not available to the general public. She will examine major events in her grandfather's life and the paintings that are connected to these events.



Andrew Wyeth  
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## 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. Members are encouraged to submit ideas, photos or other items of interest.

Photos courtesy CFHS and Phyllis Recca.

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Wed -Sat 10am - 4pm  
Sunday 1:30pm - 4pm

## Become a Volunteer!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Chadds Ford Days: Colonial Demonstrations, Museum Shop, Membership Booth, Events Set-up/ Event Break-down, Kids Korner, Admissions, Parking. If you can help between Sept. 11 - 13, please email [cfh@chaddsfordhistory.org](mailto:cfh@chaddsfordhistory.org) or call at 610-388-7376.

A big  
*Thank You*  
to all our  
volunteers.  
Join today  
and make a  
difference!



**Our historic houses (John Chads and Barns-Brinton) are open for tours Saturdays through Labor Day at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Take a step back in time to see how colonial families lived.**

We officially welcome Derek Larson to our staff as our Office and Media Manager.



Derek graduated from Philadelphia University with a degree in Accounting and Finance. Prior to accepting this position, he served as Account Executive at Beacon Hill Staffing Group and as a Senior Audit Associate for Price Waterhouse & Coopers, LLP.

Derek is a resident of Chadds Ford and has a deep appreciation for the town's rich history. He has served as a volunteer during the Great Pumpkin Carve and Candlelight Christmas. He brings loads of creative energy, positive outlook and motivation.

## Museum Store

Be sure to visit our Museum Store for unique gifts, toys, prints and books. All purchases help support the Society.

