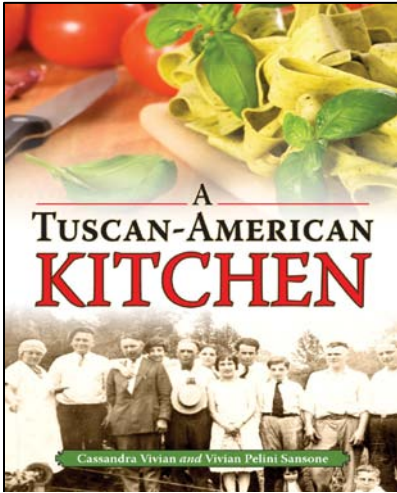


MPAHS's New Speaker Series



Featured May Speaker: The society will host a book signing for Cassandra Vivian's new book *A Tuscan American Kitchen*. Ms Vivian will speak on *Italian Food is not just Pizza and Pasta*. Society members will offer a sampling of Tuscan kitchen recipes.
Thursday, May 26, 2011 In Town Shops 7pm

Featured June Speaker: Mayor Jerry Lucia will speak on his years as mayor and the changes that have taken place in the community.
In Town Shops, Thursday, June 9th 7:30 p.m.

Featured July Speaker: William Pieszak, a licensed battlefield guide at Gettysburg and Mount Pleasant resident will speak of his experiences as a guide.
In Town Shops, Thursday, July 28, 7:00.

Additional speakers will be announced, and it is hoped to have a speaker a month. So mark your calendar as all events are open to the public.

School and Community Picnic

The annual fun day at Idlewild will fall on July 11th this year. As in the past, the historical society will organize and sell tickets and acquire and distribute prizes and awards. Work has already begun so if you are willing to help call the office and leave a message.

Post Card Book

The society is interested in compiling a post card book on the history of Mount Pleasant. We need people

interested in working on this project to contact us: writers, worker bees, and more. Call the office and leave your name and phone number.

Upcoming Events

June 11,	Yard Sale at the Log Houses. 8-4.
August 27,	Tomato Festival and West Overton.
Sept 23-25,	Mt Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival.
October 1,	Pancake Breakfast.
December 2,	Christmas Parade.
December 10,	Holiday Homes Tour.

If you want to work on any of these projects, let us know.

Log Cabins

One of the best and most successful projects of the society is the salvation and restoration of two log cabins now ensconced on Washington Street. Work is slowly progressing on both cabins. Windows were installed this winter and currently an electrical system is being created.

Membership

We need new blood. We have plenty of hard workers but soon we need to pass the torch to a younger generation. If you know of anyone interested in history, bring them along to the book signing or one of our upcoming events. We also need a membership committee with an enthusiastic chairperson. It might be fun to meet with students from high school history classes or history majors from local colleges. This is a great project for someone. Interested?

Dues is Due

If your mailing address is highlighted on this newsletter you have not paid your dues for this year. Please pay ASAP and try to find one more member for us. We need to grow. We need young people.

REMEMBER TO SHOP AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR CLASS REUNIONS, FAMILY REUNIONS, AND BIRTHDAYS. A BIT OF LOCAL HISTORY IS A TERRIFIC GIFT!!

FEATURE

LOCAL PATENTS

Anyone can apply for a patent. First they have to have an original idea. To protect their idea from intrusion, they must secure it with a patent. That is not an easy task. In addition to writing about the item, a seeker must have a series of drawings to accompany their application as well as a working model of their idea. Mount Pleasant citizens hold hundreds of US Patents on a variety of inventions most related to coal, coke, glass, and transportation. Here are a few of the early patents.

GLASS-BLOWING MACHINE

US Pat. 610589 - Filed Feb 21, 1898 -

... a citizen of the United States, residing at **Mount**

DESIGN FOR A WHISKY GLASS OR SIMILAR

US Pat. D112983 - Filed Nov 26, 1938 - Bryce Brothers Company

DESIGNED FOR A STEMMED GOBLET

US Pat. D112984 - Filed Nov 26, 1938 - Bryce Brothers

ENGRAVING-MACHINE FOR GLASS

US Pat. 612978 - Filed Feb 12, 1898 -

HENRY C. SCHRADER, OF **MOUNT PLEASANT, PENNSYLVANIA**

COAL-LEVELING MACHINE

US Pat. 655552 - Filed Dec 26, 1899 - F ONE SAMUEL GORTON, OF **MOUNT PLEASANT,**

SMOKELESS NON-RECOVERY TYPE COKE OVEN

US Pat. 3912597 - Filed Mar 8, 1974

... Inventors: James E. MacDonald, RD 4, Box 93, Latrobe, Pa.; Oliver K. Painter, N. Church St., **Mount Pleasant, Pa.**

HOSE-RACK

US Pat. 782617 - Filed Aug 26, 1904 -

SAMUEL MELLINGER, OF **MOUNT PLEASANT,**

HORSE HAY-RAKE

US Pat. 322948 - Filed Dec 20, 1883 -

To all whom it may concern: Be it known that I, SAMUEL MELLINGER,

IMPROVEMENT IN REAPING AND MOWING MACHINES

US Pat. 45094 JOHN S. TRUXEL, of **Mount Pleasant**

LIVESTOCK FEEDING APPARATUS

US Pat. 2565801 - Filed Oct 19, 1945 Frank T. Byers,

ICE CREAM DISPENSING INSTRUMENT

US Pat. 2176752 - Filed Apr 28, 1937 -

James L. Taggart, **Mount Pleasant, Pa.**

SWORD

US Pat. 1371881 - Filed Nov 6, 1919 -

.PATSY FASSON, OF **MOUNT PLEASANT,**

PUZZLE POSTAL CARD

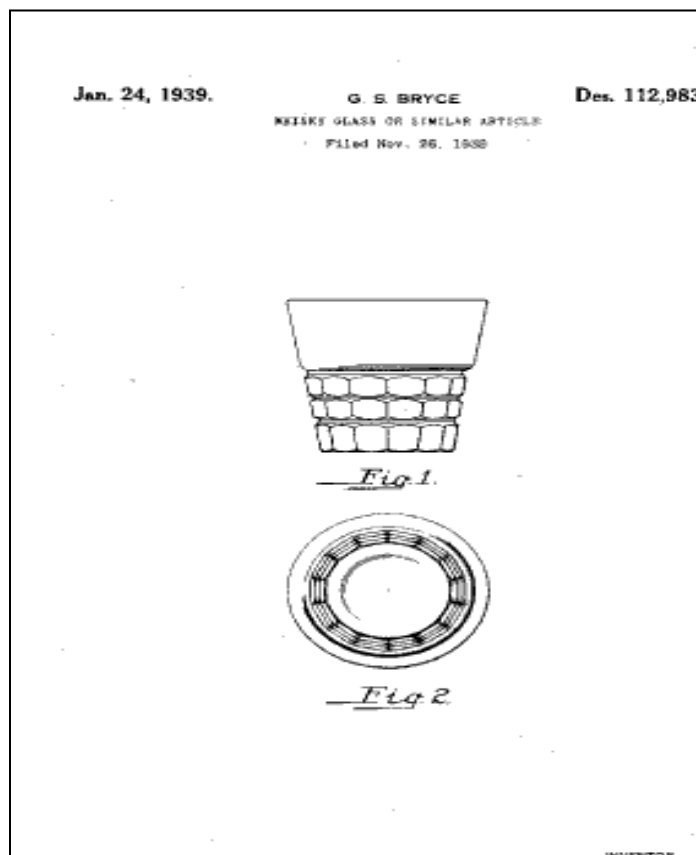
US Pat. 939074 - Filed Dec 17, 1908 -

NELLIE OLINGER, a citizen of the United States of

AEROPLANE

US Pat. 1266490 - Filed Sep 11, 1917 - F ONE

ALFRED KREMER, OF **MOUNT PLEASANT,**



Patented Jan. 24, 1939

To learn more about patents in Mount Pleasant and elsewhere go to www.google.com/patents. There you will find the entire list of patents given by the United States to its citizens. It is a fascinating walk through history.

Female Population

The estimated female population in Mount Pleasant is 2,577 which is 54.5 of the total population (Compared to the national average of 50.90%).