

CROSSROADS

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Mount Pleasant Area Historical Society Newsletter

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MPAHS's Speaker Series



Featured July Speaker: William Pieszak, a licensed battlefield guide at Gettysburg and Mount Pleasant resident will speak on *A Day at Gettysburg*. He will cover the battlefield, the events during the battle, and things that happen while he leads people around the battlefield.

In Town Shops, Thursday, July 28, 7:00.

Announcing New Speakers

Featured August Speaker: "Coke" Yancosky, *Digging for Treasures*. *In Town Shops, Thursday Aug 11, 7:30*

Featured September Speaker: Dept of Environmental Protection will speak about *Mines and Mine Subsidence in and around Mount Pleasant*.

In Town Shops, Thursday Sept 29, 7:00

Featured October Speaker: James Steeley will speak about *WPA Photographers in Southwestern PA during the Depression*. Mr. Steeley is the former Director of the Westmoreland County Historical Society.

In Town Shops, Thursday Oct 27, 7:30

Featured November Speaker: Cassandra Vivian will speak about *Grants for Non Profits and How to Get Them*. Despite the economy and the cuts in the budget there is still Federal, State, and Local matching funds for non-profits.

In Town Shops Thursday Nov 10, 7:30.

Sign Up for a Committee

We have reached the stage in our development where we must set up permanent committees and members are asked to sign up for at least one and preferably two committees and GET INVOLVED. Where volunteers have already agreed to be in charge, we have marked them below. If there are no names, we need a chair. Call the office, call Richard or Jim, OR, we will call you to see your preference.

Archiving Begin organizing and storing our collection using input sheets, archival boxes, and some computer work.

Arcadia Book on Mt Pleasant We must begin work on making an Arcadia book on the Mt Pleasant area. We need old photos, post cards, and writers.

Christmas House Tour co-chairs: Carol Yancosky and Cindy Stevenson. Help find houses, arrange tours, create pamphlet, organize raffle, and SELL TICKETS.

Coal and Coke Anyone interested in our coal and coke history. To collect, research, archive, and interview people, places, and things related to coal and coke, especially Standard and Standard Shaft.

Glass Anyone interested in our glass history. To collect, research, archive, and interview people, places, and things related to glass.

Glass Festival co-chair: Jim Lozier (See Below)

Grants As with all not-profits, we need funds to do the good work we do. That means we need to write grants.

Idlewild Picnic Chair: Margene Wiczynski. We organize and sell tickets and buy all the give-aways. We need shoppers, and more.

Log House Chairs: Jim and Richard. We need to finish

Meetings are the second Thursday of the month at the In Town Shops, 537 W. Main Street, at 7pm. Tel. 724-547-9115.

this project to move on to other important work. We need carpenters and hard workers.

Speaker's Series: Cassandra

Tomato Festival Canceled this year.

Trails Chair: Cassandra Anyone interested in our historic trails: Braddocks, Glades, Catawba, etc. To collect, research, archive, and interview people, places, and things related to them. SEE FEATURE BELOW.

Website Website is being designed by a professional. We need someone to monitor, add info as needed, etc.

Yard Sale Once a year, gather, organize, price, transport, supervise sales, issue final report.

Membership SEE BELOW

Workers Needed for Glass Festival

The Mt Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival is Sept 23, 24, and 25. As usual we will be selling bean soup and ham sandwiches. We need to put up the tents, do publicity, set up tables, shop, and prepare food. During the event we need cooks, waiters, guides to the log cabins, sellers for our fund raising items. If you have never been involved we need you NOW. Someone will be calling you to see what role you will play.

Upcoming Events

Sept 23-25, Mt Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival.
October 1, Pancake Breakfast.
December 2, Christmas Parade.
December 10, Homes Tour.
If you want to work on any of these projects, let us know.

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 who will launch a membership drive each year.

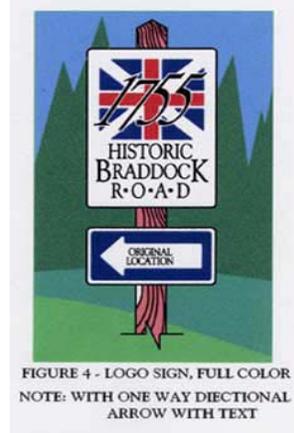
It might be fun to meet with students from high school history classes or history majors from local colleges and bring them into the fold. Remember, we are about history, not about fundraising. This is a great project for someone. Interested?

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

New Acquisitions

(UPCOMING NEXT NEWSLETTER)

Braddock Road and other Trails



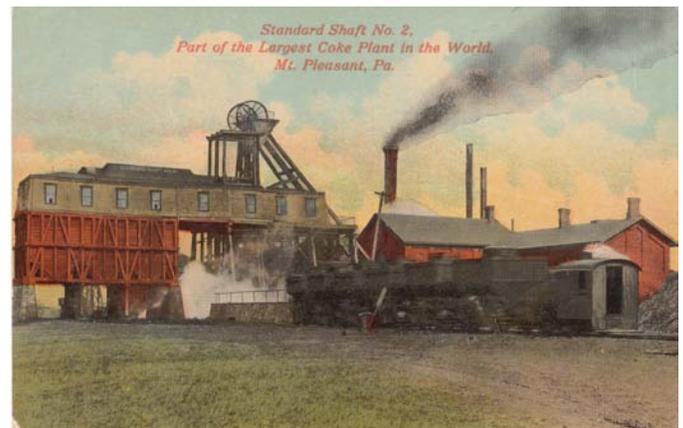
We all know that Braddock's Road runs through Mount Pleasant, but visitors to our town do not know that. It is time they did. The Braddock Road Preservation Association out of Jumonville has marked their portion of the road with special signs to show the way. These signs just may be in our future too.

WE ARE WORKING ON IT. WHO WANTS TO HELP? WE NEED GEOLOGISTS, HISTORIANS, WALKERS AND HIKERS, WRITERS, AND MORE. CALL CASSANDRA. 724 542 4949.

FEATURE



The Armory is gone now, but it was once on the National Register of Historic Places.



Standard Shaft featured at 1893 Chicago World's Fair.