

NEWSLETTER

MAYTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Art Exhibit at Museum



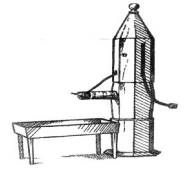
Artist Dolores Hackenberger
"Town Square"

The Maytown Historical Society Museum is open for your perusal! The newest exhibit features the artwork of Dolores Hackenberger. Mrs. Hackenberger, who is lovingly referred to as the "Grandma Moses of the Pennsylvania Dutch country", has painted the colorful Amish folk and culture

for many years. Her distinctive folk-art style vividly depicts the simple and charming traditions of the Amish neighbors with whom she has worked and visited throughout her life in southeastern Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hackenberger won or received awards in 20 of 25 competitive shows which she entered from 1960 onwards. She loves antiques and preserva-

tion, and her paintings reflect her interest and her talent. She currently lives in Maytown with her daughter.

The MHS Museum will be open on Sundays in May from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. It is located at 4 West High Street in Maytown, less than a block from the square. Available for purchase are notecards featuring her artwork. Plan to stop in to see this amazing exhibit!



MHS MUSEUM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May—Museum open 2:00-4:00 on Sundays

May 27—Breakfast Sandwiches Sale at Museum 7:00-10:00 a.m.

June 20—Picnic at Museum 6:00 p.m.

September 11—Bus Trip 8:00-6:00

October 17—Society Meeting 6:30 @ EDT

December 12—Christmas Dinner

Let's celebrate Maytown...Mayfest

"They" say it takes a village.....and that village is Maytown and it did take a village! Despite the rain, Mayfest 2024 was a huge success! **Thank you** to all who said, "yes", and helped celebrate our little town with a big heart. There were those who planned the activities, those who did

the activities, those who manned the stands, those who sang, those who danced, those who baked, those who demonstrated, those who were cooking, those who set up, those who helped tear down, those who lined the field, those who closed the roads, those who opened the

roads, those who put up the signs, those who were part of the wedding, those who held the umbrellas, those who applauded the children, those who walked in the cake walk, those who donated time, those who moved their cars off the street, those who got soaking wet and still smiled, and

many more. TOGETHER we were community.... **THANK YOU!**

PS... Mark your calendar for

Mayfest 2025

May 3, 2025

Did you know.....



...there are samplers at the Smithsonian with ties to Maytown!

Following an inquiry from an archival assistant at the Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society, the MHS archive team realized that Maytown was the home of a very distinguished needlework teacher. Born in 1792 in York, PA, Catharine Welshans was the second of seven children of Joseph Welshans and Sabina Wolf. By 1806, Joseph and family were living in Wrightsville and Joseph is said to have walked from Wrightsville to Maytown, taking a ferry to cross the Susquehanna River, every other Sunday to play the organ in the Maytown Reformed Church.

Twenty-year-old Catharine is first linked to Maytown by a sampler stitched by Mary Hamilton (Fig. 1) naming *Miss Welshans School* in Maytown in 1812. According to *The Intelli-*

gencer & Weekly Advertiser, Catharine married James Galbraith Buchanan, a saddler in Maytown, in May of 1813. James Buchanan owned a 2-story home with a barn on High Street (believed to be near the square) but the couple apparently moved to Wrightsville shortly after they married. They eventually moved to Marietta where Catharine was laid to rest in Marietta Cemetery. (James is buried in the Donegal Presbyterian cemetery.)

Mary Hamilton's sampler is very similar to a sampler stitched in 1819 by Mary Fitz (Fig. 2) at Mrs. Buchanan's School in Wrightsville in 1819. Both of these samplers can be seen at the Cooper-Hewitt, National Museum of Design, Smithsonian Institution. Other samplers from 1819-1828 are attributed to Mrs Bu-

chanan's School. Catharine's students often stitched memorial samplers with silk and metallic threads on linen and many include human hair. Several Welshans/Buchanan School samplers were part of the collection of Drs. Donald and Patricia Herr of Lancaster. They were sold at Pook & Pook at auction in June of 2022.

The MHS archive team would love to acquire or "exhibit on loan" a sampler (s) from the Welshans/Buchanan School and are attempting to locate family members who may have samplers in their possession. If you enjoy antiquing, be on the lookout for any Welshans/Buchanan School samplers and let us know if you find one!

By Deb Gepfer

"The only thing new in the world is the history you do not know."

Harry S Truman

Grade 1 Art Contest Winner



Maisie Carper
Mrs. Lucchese's Class

Raffle Winner
Heather Kegerise,
Mount Joy



Carved by Dan Ebersole



Thank you Bonnie Frank and Ginny for a great demonstration of dog agility and also the special tips for training your dog. Despite the weather, it was an award winning performance!

Budget Approved

On Monday, May 6, the executive committee met and one of the items on the agenda was the 2024/25 budget. It was discussed and with corrections to the budget presented by the treasurer it was approved.

<u>Expenses:</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Events	1,650.00	Donations	8,000.00
Gift Shop	1,500.00	Events	2,500.00
Mayfest	1,000.00	Gift Shop	1,000.00
Museum	14,650.00	Membership	350.00
Newsletter Printing	150.00	Mayfest	<u>10,650.00</u>
Professional Services	1,000.00	TOTAL	\$22,500.00
Utilities	<u>2,550.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$22,500.00		

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 ★ Monetary ★
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 ★ always ★
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 ★ help keep the ★
 ★ Museum ★
 ★ open. Send ★
 ★ gifts to MHS ★
 ★ PO Box 293, ★
 ★ Maytown, PA ★
 ★ 17550. ★
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BREAKFAST SANDWICHES



MHS will be selling breakfast sandwiches on

Memorial Day, May 27th. Available will be egg and cheese, egg and bacon and egg and ham with either an orange juice or coffee for “only” \$5.00.

Come by the museum at 4 West High Street from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and support MHS.



MHS OFFICERS

2024-25

- President—Skip Nell
- Vice President—Linda Good
- Secretary—Deb Gepfer
- Treasurer—Janie Garber

BUS TRIP....



Reserve you seat now for the upcoming September 11th bus trip to Cairnwood Estates in Montgomery County. Only two hours away is the home of John Pitt Cairn. The coach bus will be take us to the historic home for a tour and the gardens.

Lunch will be at Maggio's, where they are preparing

an Italian Feast Buffet. After lunch we will then travel back to Cairnwood to tour the Glencairn Museum. The next stop will be to see the beautiful stained glass windows at the Bryn Athyn Cathedral.

We will leave Rock Point Park in Maytown at 8:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m.

The cost is just \$135 per ticket... all inclusive. Contact Janie Garber for more information at 717-940-0037 or jgarber416@gmail.com. Limited tickets are being sold.

This is a fundraiser for the historical society so come out and support the MHS— Invite a friend!



Bryn Athyn Cathedral

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