

The Dill's Tavern Chronicle

December 2004

Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society, 35 Greenbrier Lane, Dillsburg, PA 17019 Ph. 717- 502-1440



Purpose: To promote and encourage the study, collection, and preservation of the historical heritage of the Northern York County area.

A Change to the December Concert Program



Take Note

The Colonial Christmas Program will be held at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

201 S. Baltimore St.

Sat. Dec. 18th. 7:45pm.

Music will be provided by:

The Dillsburg Brass

All are encouraged to don old fashioned attire.

☞ All winter concerts will be held at St. Paul's. Still Simple Gifts has been rescheduled for February. John Eaken will be featured in January.

Looking ahead to the summer:

Sunday, August 14, 2005 ~ 6:00pm the **Victorian Dance Ensemble** will perform on the Tavern Green. There is time to acquire or sew attire, if you wish, as in the second half of the program they will teach us the steps to these beautiful dances. This will be their first appearance at The Tavern and they are looking forward to the day they may dance in the assembly room of the building.

On other Calendar matters:

The archaeological site has been secured for the winter and will resume digging after the ground thaw in the spring. However, after the New Year volunteers are welcomed to join us at Maple Shade Barn on Saturdays to wash and sort the findings from the digs so far. To volunteer call **Joanne Klase 432-2720 or 432-4021.**

Gift giving items are available in the Gift Shop at Maple Shade Barn: Several items sporting the Tavern design, Ornaments, Pins by Mark Motich, Golf shirts & caps in several colors, and Pieces taken from the dismantled areas of the building.

The shop is open Sundays 2pm to 4pm

Construction Up Date:

About the time this issue goes to publication, we should have workers on site once again making big changes to the Tavern. The Casey Bros. Of Carlisle will be back to do more restoration to the chimneys. Though completed above the attic floor over a month ago, the chimneys need some repairs to the linings to make them safe for wood fires that we will have in the fireplaces. We cannot wait to enjoy historical recreations at the Tavern complete with blazing fireplaces!



Also, eciService should be back soon. They were not able to access the rear of the Tavern during our archaeological investigations, but now that winter is upon us, the dig has been suspended until spring and we have made way for eci. Their crews will be closing the large opening in the north wall (toward town) leaving 2 smaller openings for windows and doing other stone repairs to a section of wall that is crumbling. We are hoping for cooperative weather to allow this work to continue.



Some really big news:

Hugh 'Sam' McKinney and his helper Kevin Ricker will be returning to the project. Sam will be installing all of the replacement windows throughout the structure like the one already completed just prior to Farmer's Fair. If you haven't noticed it yet, take a look when you go by. It is the window on the corner facing town. We are all very proud of the true master craftsmanship preformed by Sam.

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All of the window frames are being fabricated of Longleaf Pine a particularly durable wood that once grew here and was used in the best buildings. The remaining original window frames in the 1800 and 1820 sections were constructed of this wood and have held up very well for almost 200 years. The sash will be made of Spanish Cedar which is also decay and insect resistant and then fitted with old wavy glass. We are salvaging the current glass to be cut to proper size and supplementing with old glass that can still be found in very limited supply.

Sam is also painting the windows with a 2-part epoxy paint that was developed for use in the marine industry to improve rot resistance. We are making an extreme effort to do the best possible museum quality restoration that we can be proud of for many generations to come.

**Many of the current window openings were lengthened (stone was removed at the bottom) by the Coover family between 1898 and 1901. All of these openings will have to be rebuilt of stone to the original size by Sam. He did that with the one fitted last month, but you may not have noticed the difference as his workmanship closely matches the original stone. In addition, several of the windows were also lowered so that additional stone work will be required to the arches above the windows! As you can imagine, this will be time consuming, hard work ... but wait until you see the end result! The windows on the upper level of the 1820 (rear) section will only require new sashes and fresh paint to bring them back to their original glory.

**The story of the windows (like the stonework), differs with ownership changes. How these changes were determined is quite interesting. On a visit, ask your tour guide for this information.



The Tavern Committee wishes Everyone A Joyful and Happy Holiday Season

The Tavern Committee: Bob Eichelberger-Chairman, Mervin Ice, Larry Klase, Joanne Klase, Connie Trostle, and Greg Wonders

Join a Circle to Preserve Dill's Tavern and Its History

The Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society was gifted the funds to purchase the Dill Tavern on N. Baltimore Street. Now we must raise \$500,000 for the restoration of the property. Your donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

If We would like to help by joining the:

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