

The Dill's Tavern Chronicle

December 2005

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.



The Holidays are Coming!

The Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society will be hosting two events at Dill's Tavern this December.

Sunday, Dec. 4 :

The Tavern will be one of 9 sites to visit on the **Holiday Town and Country Tour** during the hours **1pm to 5pm**. Refreshments will be served there.

3pm to 5pm The **Dietz Family String Quartet** will perform in the parlor. This is the talented family of musicians who performed with John Eaken at the Tavern's summer concert.

Tickets are **\$10** in advance and **\$12** at the door on tour day. Advanced tickets can be purchased now at **The Blossom Shop, Gruber's Pharmacy** and **The Book House**.

Saturday, Dec. 17 :

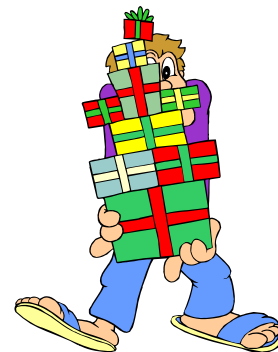
The **Colonial Candlelight Christmas Service** will be held in **Old Monaghan Church** at **7:30pm**.

Rev. Rooney will be reading the Christmas scripture as the colonial pastor. Music will be provided by **Dillsburg Brass**. After the service, the congregation will walk by lantern light to the Dill's Tavern for mulled punch and sweets. All are encouraged to don festive period garb for this journey back in time but modern apparel is welcomed too.

The special treat will be the warmth of the parlor room fireplace where the gas logs will be burning for the December events.

Christmas Shopping ?

Look no Farther!



For the Stylish Dresser or Decorator:

Shirts, caps, and ornaments bearing the Tavern design are available.

For the Antique collector:

Relics from the building itself are available in limited quantities. Pink wall tiles from the Logans' 1950's bath room make lovely trivets at \$5. Rails from the 1898 Coover balcony may be purchased for a \$25 donation.

And for that person who has everything:

With a \$5 donation you can take home a "Pet Tavern Rock" with its story. These rocks were unearthed during the dig under the old tavern floor so they're over 100 years old – maybe even 200 years old.

The items are for sale at the Tavern during events and at the Maple Shade Gift Shop every Sunday from 2pm to 4pm.



To All Our Loyal Patrons

The Northern York County Historical
and Preservation Society
Wishes You and Yours
A Happy Peaceful Holiday Season



The Summer Kitchen

October saw substantial completion of the “new” summer kitchen in time for the Farmers Fair. Many thanks for the dedicated efforts of both Aspen Contracting and our regular crew of Sam McKinney and Kevin Ricker.

Since the tavern itself will not have any plumbing (true to the period), this building fills the needs for modern facilities in an unobtrusive manner. Though we don't have any direct evidence of this particular type of building having been on the property, it is typical of a farm in central PA and they were often just steps from the main house.

The building shell was constructed of new material to efficiently accommodate modern restrooms and a combination utility room/storage room/workroom. It will also serve as a kitchenette when completed with appliances and a countertop. The exterior was fitted with recycled siding, old window frames, wonderful old doors and hardware and a split cedar shingle roof. Yet to come are porch posts and a brick porch floor. The bricks are salvaged street pavers and will also be used to pave a courtyard between the two buildings which will be laid in the spring. We will then be able to accommodate large gatherings of people.

During the construction, Monty Moorhead of Aspen wisely tested our original 1950 era sewer line and discovered that it was mostly blocked. We had to excavate the entire line and replace it. While it was a good investment, we lost our grass on the North side of the tavern and we must now wait until spring to get out of the mud. If you stop by, the best access is now from the south or town side around the rear of the tavern.

We also installed an underground propane tank to supply a furnace in the summer kitchen attic, instant water heater, and gas logs for several of the tavern fireplaces. With these utilities, we are now fully equipped to handle all of our anticipated activities.

By the time you read this, we hope to have the tavern parlor fireplace fitted with a set of gas logs. While we would like to have authentic wood burning fireplaces, we have decided to restrict those to the walk-in fireplaces due to safety concerns. The latest log sets are quite realistic and will be less obtrusive than any other type of heat. We also have the option of using electric space heaters.

Both Aspen and Sam and Kevin have made substantial reductions in their normal billing rates as donations to the Society. When you see any of them, please let them know how appreciative we are of their donations, their dedication and their workmanship.

The Society is also very grateful to those who have donated to this entire rebuilding project. It is only possible through the generous contributions and volunteer hours by many people. Please consider helping to continue this project in any way you can.



Our 2005 Wish List

For tavern building:

Gas log sets (3@~\$800/ea)

North-side porch reconstruction with staircase

Cistern reconstruction

Courtyard (bricks and installation)

New shingle roof

Tavern room elements, i.e. flooring, partitions, staircase, fireplace reconstruction, etc

Center Hall (stone wall, flooring)

Dining room

Kitchen

Plantation Master's bedroom

Assembly Room

For summer kitchen:

appliances (range and refrigerator)

kitchen sink and countertops

storage racks

If you can help the Tavern Restoration with any of these items we would be so very grateful.

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

