

# The Berlin Informer



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## ***A Message from the President...***

Welcome to the October through December edition of the East Berlin Informer.

We have survived the summer's heat and the weather is changing to a more relaxed fall. The peas have all been collected, along with zucchini, melons and strawberries. Corn is still coming on. Cherries, peaches and apples are abundant now and the heat and rain have provided a bumper crop of grapes for canning jelly and juice.

Things in our lives change constantly, just like the seasons and the crops, so we need to adjust. The Society is changing as well. Colonial day has ended its long run, but the Community Center has stepped in with its second Fall Festival on September 14. By the time you read this message the Society's funnel cake stand and Hearth Bakers' stand will have set up at the event and raised some much needed funds. I hope you came out to support the event with your participation.

**I want to thank the members that stepped up to volunteer at our stands:** setup, operation, baking, funnel caking, tear down, put away, and the ever popular sit down. You are deeply valued by our Society. The East Berlin Wall reached out and was able to garner some much needed help at the funnel cake booth. I know this is past news but it is important to know that we are not just a bimonthly meeting but an active society.

Several important events are in the lineup before the new year...

- The **Giving Spree** is coming up! See more in this issue.
- Black Friday weekend is the **Christmas Craft Show** in the log house. If you don't go or have never been, shame upon you and your household. Guys, hand forged items and powder horns for you, and something wonderful for everyone. No wonder people line up outside well before the door opens.
- **Elections** will be held at the November 20 general meeting. **Active** board members are needed to replace some **very** active

members. We will miss them for the dedication they have provided. Now is your time to stand up and fill in the slots.

- The Board of Directors will seek **approval of the recently revised bylaws** at the November 20 meeting. Be sure to attend and be a part of the process.

Well, back to work, time to make the jelly!

Richard Fox, President

## Hats On Autumn Tea

We feel the coolness of the morning now and note the later arrival of dawn. A new season is fast upon us. Come celebrate the arrival of autumn with tea and a multi-course meal of salad, soup, sandwiches, scones and sweets.

The East Berlin Historical Preservation Society will host “Hats On Autumn Tea” at Society headquarters, Red Men’s Hall, 332 W. King Street, East Berlin, PA, on Saturday, October 19, at 1:00 pm. Guests are encouraged to wear a special hat – a good story hat, an outrageous hat, a fascinating hat, or an original hat. Our Society pianist will play background music throughout the event. Price \$35. For reservations contact Sharon O’Connell: 717-870-1634. Cut-off date: October 12. Number of seats: 30.

## We Want Your Memories, Please

You are the Society’s best source for accurate information and we need your help. The old Adams County Fairgrounds on route 194 south of East Berlin is undergoing some major changes. Brush has been removed; buildings and bandstand have been stripped and/or demolished. Something is afoot! Do you know what is planned for this beautiful property?

Even more important, do you have fond memories of times spent at the fair? Adventure, mischief, romance, tell us everything and your stories will be enjoyed by all of us and be preserved in perpetuity. Send to [ebhps@comcast.net](mailto:ebhps@comcast.net) and become a part of history!

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

**GIVING SPREE**

Gettysburg Area Middle School

4:00 – 7:00pm

Every dollar you donate to the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society will receive a bonus from the stretch pool. That means more money for the society. Attend in person and receive a \$10 “gold” coin to donate to the non- profit of your choice.

**To contribute by check:** payable to ACCF and dated November 7, 2019. Note on your check code 29 East Berlin Historical Preservation Society. Send no sooner than Oct. 23 and postmarked no later than Nov. 7 to: ACCF/Giving Spree, 25 S. Fourth St., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

**Online donations by credit card** may be made between Oct. 23 and midnight on Nov. 7.

Visit [www.adamscountycf.org](http://www.adamscountycf.org) Giving Spree and indicate code 29 East Berlin Historical Preservation Society.

**Coming up...**

## **“Becoming Santa Claus”**

**Red Men’s Hall, November 20, 7:30 p.m.**

Member Sharon O'Connell will share the interesting and fascinating history of how Saint Nicholas became secularized into the Santa Claus we know today. Join us and get into the holiday spirit!

## **The Antiques Road Show Returns**

**Red Men’s Hall, January 15, 7:30 p.m.**

Some years have passed since the Society’s last Antiques Road Show. Perhaps you recall the annual general meetings dedicated to our members and their antiques which were always accompanied by fascinating stories to engage the audience. By now you may have uncovered an overlooked antique in a dusty closet, a long unopened chest or outbuilding. Or you may have acquired a long sought after piece of history at an auction or a flea market. Consider sharing it and its story with others at the 2020 revival of the EBHPS Antiques Road Show.

## **The Enigma Machine**

**Red Men’s Hall, March 18, 7:30 p.m.**

Local resident, David Peters, will address the audience with an illustrated talk on the subject of the Enigma machine, a famous encryption machine used extensively by Nazi Germany to transmit coded messages. It was extremely difficult to crack the codes, giving the Germans a superior advantage over the Allies. Eventually, however, a British mathematician designed a machine which was able to successfully decode the encrypted messages.

**\*\*\*\*\*WANTED: YOUR SUGGESTIONS\*\*\*\*\***

**We want to hear from you! How can we improve our newsletter? We hope to incorporate some changes in the next issue. No suggestion is too big or too small; the only bad ideas are the ones we don’t hear!**

**717-259-0822 or ebhps@comcast.net**

**Quilting – a time honored tradition**

In keeping with our mission of education and preservation of early American arts and crafts, we are reforming our quilt group and invite all interested parties to attend our first meeting at Red Men's Hall on Thursday, November 14, at 4:00 pm. At that time we can decide when we would like to meet and what our mission will be. We have been gifted with a very lovely traditional Hunter's Star Quilt that is ready to put on the frame, so we are off to a running start. Never quilted, but have always wanted to try? NOW is a great opportunity. Call Winni @717-979-2456 or email: waflynn@verizon.net

## **Membership**

**Welcome** to our newest member, Charles Farley of East Berlin, PA.

I want to thank each one of you for your membership in EBHPS. Your membership helps us maintain our five historic buildings: log house, school house, Sweigart's Mill, the original Liberty Firehouse and Red Men's Hall. These buildings are very important to the history of the town of East Berlin; preserving the past for the future.

As a reminder, your membership in the Society is based on a calendar year, and membership renewals are due by December 31st of each year. A copy of the 2020 membership form is included in this issue of *The Informer* and a printable membership form is also available on our website: [ebhpspa.org](http://ebhpspa.org)

Thank you in advance for your prompt membership renewal.

*Mary Titzell, EBHPS Chairperson*

## **Bylaw Revision Approval**

All members will be mailed a copy of the proposed bylaw revision on October 1. You may compare them with the current bylaws posted at [www.ebhpspa.org](http://www.ebhpspa.org) in preparation for the vote to be taken from the members present at the November 20 general meeting. You may request a hard copy of the current document by leaving a message at 717-259-0822.

## **Log House Christmas Craft Show**

Be sure to mark your calendars for November 29, 30, and December 1. The log house will be open from 10 to 4 each day, filled with holiday spirit and the atmosphere only a much loved hearth can provide. New crafters will join past favorites to provide a large selection of handmade items at many price levels for your one-stop shopping pleasure!

## **Christmas Party at Red Men's Hall**

## **Saturday, December 14, 6 p.m.**

Mark your calendars and plan to gather with others who share your interest in preservation as well as the love of good food, interesting conversation, great friends and holiday cheer.

Come at 6 p.m. to socialize before the buffet dinner is served at 6:30. All food is provided by those who attend so please bring a **crowd size** dish to share. (All this volunteering through the year means that we have healthy appetites!) Turkey and ham will be arranged in advance, as well as tea, coffee, and water. Bring wine if you wish and toast the wonderful season ahead.

Members will be lending their decorating and other talents to make the gathering special, so plan to linger after dinner and enjoy the evening.

**Please step up and help.....we need people to cook turkey and ham, work at set up on Dec. 13, and clean up on Dec. 15. Greens are needed for table decorations; please trim to usable size and leave by the back door by Dec. 12. Email to [baj12@verizon.net](mailto:baj12@verizon.net) to sign up.**

**It would be very helpful to leave a clear message at 717-259-0822 by Dec. 12 with names of those planning to attend so that seating can be planned ahead. The more the merrier is even better with a place to sit.**

**Don't miss the feast.....**

*Submitted by Bev Jadus*



## **Studebaker Dinner a Great Success**

The parking lot behind Red Men's had a distinctly vintage look on July 13 when the EBHPS hearth cookers hosted the Studebaker Driving Club for a colonial meal. The owners of the classic cars arrived from nearby and at least as far away as New Jersey to enjoy the meal they requested when they learned about the hearth group at a gathering last year. The meal for forty was prepared from scratch and the servers and kitchen help were all in colonial attire.

The Studebaker group asked to be introduced to the volunteers at the start of the meal and called them out again for thanks after enjoying the

**Bill of Fare:**  
**Sallat with Crème Sauce**  
**Turkey and Sauerkraut (Yes!)**  
**Potatoe Pudding**  
**Spinach Tart**  
**Sally Lunn Bread**  
**Lemon Cake with Fruit Sauce**

This unique event raised about \$1200 for the Society, thanks to the efforts of the many (tired) volunteers.



Richard Fox speaks at the recent pent roof dedication at the log house.

## 2019 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
September 14	EBACC Fall Festival	8-2 p.m.	EBACC
September 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	"

**John Maietta**

***"The Monuments Men - Historical Accuracy?"***

October 16	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
November 20	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
	Gen. Meeting	7:30 p.m.	"

Vote on Revised Bylaws/Elect officers and Directors

**Sharon O'Connell**

***"Becoming Santa Claus"***

Nov. 29- Dec. 1	Log House Craft Show	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Log House
December 14	Holiday Dinner	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
December 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"