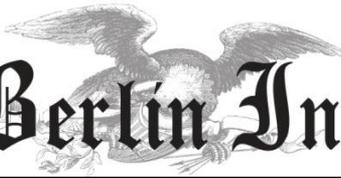


# The Berlin Informer



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## **A Message from the President:**

**Welcome. Greetings to the membership of the  
East Berlin Historical Preservation Society  
and  
notice of the first society meeting of the  
year!**

### **An Old Fashioned Picnic**

**July 24 from 4 until 9 p.m.**

**In/behind Red Men's Hall.**

**It is a Pot Luck Meal so bring along plenty to share.**

Pulled pork from Hugh's Meat will be provided by a generous donor and some drinks will be included as well, but there is room for anything you bring!

It is time we get together with friends both indoors and outdoors. Dress for the weather, whether it be dress-up or dress-down, it is your decision. Let's make it fun!

We have been reduced but we are moving toward our goals of education and preservation. The board has remained in place for this past year and one half, and will serve in their current positions thru the end of this year.

We will need to have a list of candidates for our fall election. Our officers and several board members will be up for election; we will need to enlist members to step up and come forward to provide assistance to this group. Committee heads and working members will also be needed.

***\*\*The society thanks Karen Sheaffer for accepting the position of Membership Chair.\*\****

In order for the society to continue in its work the board has been looking at the possible sale of the Sweigart's Mill property to a very interested buyer. Any sale of this property will be presented to the membership and a covenant will be in place for the sale.

Our hearthside cooking will continue to have programs and additional crafts will be offered as we move forward. The Christmas Craft Show will continue as well as expand.

Enjoy the fellowship at the July 24th gathering. Hope to see and talk with many of you there. Sorry if you can't make it,

Yours, Richard Fox

## **A special program from Trone Memorial Library**

**Tuesday, July 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

East Berlin resident and architect Walt Geiger will host a virtual ***tour of East Berlin's National Historic District***, complete with discussion of architectural details and historic context.

The program description and registration information may be found at:

<https://www.adamslibrary.org/events/architectural-tour-historic-east-berlin-virtual-presentation>

**\*\*Welcome back to EBHPS general meetings\*\***

*Everyone come to enjoy the program and catch up  
with friends.*

**Presenting...Adam Shefts, the Victorian  
Historian**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

Using a multi-media presentation Mr. Shefts will share fascinating, unique, and in some cases *shocking* facts from the Victorian and Edwardian eras. I have seen Mr. Shefts' program and was amazed by many things I did not know about the events from the 1860's until the sinking of the Titanic and by the different audio and visual clips he used.

So come join us for a wonderful evening and learn little known facts about these bygone times!

**Stay after the program to enjoy light refreshments**

Submitted by Sharon O'Connell

## **Membership**

Welcome to new member Lee-Ann Brown of Hanover.

Many thanks to Mary Titzell for the years she served as membership chair, making sure records were current and ready for new members, renewals and mailings. Mary and Dave recently moved from their historic East Berlin home to begin a new chapter nearby and will be greatly missed.

## **Red Men's Blooms**

The large baskets of flowers now hanging from the front sidewalk roof have once again been donated by Hoffman-Woodward and are much appreciated. Thanks Jan and David!

# The rewards of gardening in East Berlin are nothing new...



This backyard scene includes Ted Resser's grandmother and another willing worker. Looks like both women will soon be faced with preserving most of their bountiful harvest.

***Could someone please help with names, time period and the likely location?***

Maybe these outbuildings are still standing.

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## **Hearth Cooking Committee:**

We have not set up any cooking dates but plan to in the near future. With things opening and people able to see friends and family again we are ready to return to the hearth.

***Meanwhile...please enjoy this delicious and attractive cake this summer with fruit in season and whipped cream.***

(This can be stirred up easily with a whisk. There were no modern appliances at this time.)

### **Creme Cake:**

Break 2 eggs into a cup and fill cup with approximately 1/2 cup sour cream to make 1 cup. Transfer to a larger bowl and beat 1 cup sugar into egg and sour cream mixture and the juice and grated rind of 2 lemons. In a separate bowl mix 1 cup of flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda and 1 teaspoon of cream of tartar. Add the flour mixture to the cream mixture and stir altogether. Bake in a small greased mold (small Bundt pan). Bake 30 minutes at 350.

***(Recipe is from Sadie Koechling, Chambersburg Manuscript, 1850)***

### **Leaveners through the ages:**

Centuries before modern leaveners like baking soda and baking powder were available, bakers made do with a handful of alternatives. In the 1500's hartshorn was used as a leavener and also a thickener for jellies. It was made from shavings from antlers from adult male deer. It always makes me wonder how this was discovered.

You will note the creme cake calls for baking soda and cream of tartar. Baking soda was introduced in 1867 and cream of tartar in 1835, which was used for triggering baking soda. Baking powder was not introduced until 1869. This early recipe, when developed, may have been using an early version of baking soda produced by the Europeans in 1834 or an American version developed in 1788 called "saleratus". We all take these ingredients for granted but I hope you found this history interesting.



**Old Nell's Market on W. King St. gets new life as the building is transformed into apartments**

## **2021 Calendar of Events**

| <u>DATE</u>  | <u>EVENT</u>                     | <u>TIME</u>         | <u>LOCATION</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| July 21  | Board Meeting                    | 6 p.m.              | Red Men's Hall  |
| July 24  | Old Fashioned Picnic<br>Pot Luck | 4 p.m.              | "               |
| August 18  | Board Meeting                    | 6 p.m.              | "               |
| September 15   | Board Meeting<br>General Meeting | 6 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. | "<br>"          |
| <u>Adam Shefts- The Victorian Historian</u>  |                                  |                     |                 |
| October 20   | Board Meeting                    | 6 p.m.              | "               |
| November 17  | Board Meeting<br>General Meeting | 6 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. | "<br>"          |
| <u>Rosanne Pellegrino portrays Martha Washington and Christmas at Valley Forge</u> |                                  |                     |                 |
| Election of Officers and Directors   |                                  |                     |                 |
| November 27, 28, and (29?)   | Log House Show                   | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.    | Log House       |
| December 11  | Holiday Dinner                   | 6 p.m.              | Red Men's Hall  |
| December 15  | Board Meeting                    | 6 p.m.              | "               |

# EAST BERLIN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

## 2021 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

Please complete this form, enclose your 2021 dues payable to EBHPS, and mail to:

EBHPS Membership Chairman  
PO Box 73  
East Berlin, PA 17316

**NOTE:** EBHPS memberships run from January through December. Membership renewals are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Renewals not received by January 31, 2021 will be removed from the active membership list and will no longer receive *The Berlin Informer*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Please check one of these categories:

- Individual ..... \$15.00  
 Couple ..... \$25.00  
 Student (under the age of 21) \$10.00

I would also like to make a contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the (check the appropriate box(es) below):

↑ The **1764 Preservation Fund** (used exclusively for the preservation of the Society's maintained historic buildings. Amount if split contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_)

† The Society's **General Fund** (used for day-to-day operations of the Society). Amount if split contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**If no split designation is made, all contributions will be put in the 1764 Preservation Fund.**

**NOTE: Your additional contribution may be tax-deductible. Please consult your tax preparer or accountant.**

