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Photo: Lois Loges

The “Victorian Historian”, Adam Shefts, revealed little known facts about life during an era often most remembered for its fashions and architecture at the September 15 general meeting.

Do you recognize the courting candlestick? Who knew there were “parental controls” before television and computers?

See thevictorianhistorian.com for some very entertaining facts.

Hello and Welcome to the Members of EBHPS!

Hoping everyone is ready for this new startup. Yes, we are in motion and continue to be an active society!

We have had a picnic to get our members together, followed by our regular general meeting with a program presented by "The Victorian Historian". If you missed it you missed an excellent program. More will follow this year thanks to Sharon O'Connell and Jane Fox!

The upcoming meeting in November is an important one; we will be electing our officers and directors.

Your President, Richard Fox, will be leaving the board and the Vice-President, Ray Jenkinson, will be leaving due to additional commitments. Our Secretary, Erma Barnhart, as well as our Treasurer, Hanna Furst, have stated that they will return in those positions this coming year.

Director Rick Barrick will be up for election for his second two-year term. Directors Jane Fox and Deb Barrick will be off the board as they have fulfilled their limits of two consecutive two year terms.

Our **ELECTION** this year needs candidates! This is your chance to step forward with a commitment to the future of this Society.

Now we come to the most important part!

We need people to step up and lend their input and work to keep this society moving and alive. We need active people to help or else we shall wither slowly on the vine. We need a commitment from you.

We also need people willing to be on work crews and help, whether as a committee chair or as a member volunteer, we need you! It is your and our EBHPS so take part. Talk to yourself and others to come forward and help.

Contact the society at 717-259-0822 and leave a message for Karen Sheaffer or Hanna Furst; they are our nominating committee.

Our year is not over yet. We have our November meeting and program and the amazing Christmas Craft Show at the log house

and... our practically world-famous Christmas dinner and party.

Additional information is in this Informer.

I wish to thank the board members for the input and work they have completed for the three years of my term, as well as the committee members and Bev for her prodding of me to keep up!

I Remain Your Most Humble of Servants,

Richard Fox, President

Hearth Committee

At last, we will be cooking in the hearth at the log house on October 18th. We are all looking forward to being together again. We haven't finalized our menu but we are thinking of fall foods: there are so many delicious receipts we can make.

One of my favorites is gumbis, which includes all things fall. This is a Pennsylvania German receipt, not written but enjoyed by many households. The ingredients are readily available now and I hope you give this a try in your modern kitchen.

Gumbis

Sausage - slightly cooked and crumbled

Cabbage - sliced and cut

Apples - sliced thick, peeled and cored

Sliced onions (don't be shy, more is better)

Apple cider - maybe 1/2 Cup

Make layers in order listed and cover with big, whole cabbage leaves and bake at 350 until done.

We bake this in a crock set off to the side in the hearth. If using a shallow dish you may need more cider.

Jane Fox

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Log House Christmas Craft Show

We are gearing up for our annual show on November 26 & 27 from 10-4 each day. Last year went well even with Covid restrictions and we are looking forward to things returning to as near normal as possible. I'm sure our crafters are excited as well. We will have the "house" filled with things you can't live without! Stop in and shop and enjoy our wonderful fire in the fireplace.

I am in need of help to get firewood cut to heat the log house for the craft show. The wood is already cut down but needs to be cut and loaded. Please call Jane Fox at 717-873-5335. **Any help will be appreciated.**

Another request is for a donation to buy the green wreaths to decorate and sell at our craft show. We were very successful last year and all the profit goes to the Historical Society. Getting together to decorate them has also been fun. Contact me at the above number if you would like to be a benefactor and/or decorator.

Jane Fox

Membership

Hello members! Thank you so much for your support of our East Berlin Historical Preservation Society. With this issue we have included a membership form for you to use to renew for 2022 and a printable form is also available on our website: ebhpspa.org. Your contribution helps us to continue to maintain our four historic buildings: the Log House, Church School House, Swigert's Mill, and Red Men's Hall. Remember, even though we were unable to plan some of the events inside our buildings during the pandemic, our expenses to maintain these buildings continue.

Also 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. Thank you in advance for your prompt membership renewal.

Karen Sheaffer, Membership Chair



This appealing early home on West King St. has received wonderful care from its current owners and just recently got a beautiful coat of paint. The lot just east of the home was vacant for years but is now combined with this property and nicely landscaped.

This little house has a tiny log cabin inside, starting to the right of the front door!

Holiday Dinner at Red Men's Hall

Saturday, December 11, 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 skills 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. 10, and clean up on Dec. 12. Greens are needed for table decorations; please trim to usable size, place in a plastic bag and leave by the back door by Dec. 9. Email to ebhps@comcast.net to sign up.

It would be very helpful to leave a clear message at 717-259-0822 by Dec. 9 with names of those planning to attend so that seating can be arranged in advance.. The "more the merrier" is even better with a place to sit!

Don't miss the feast.....



Election Night

November 17, 2021

7:30 P.M. at Red Men's Hall

Dear Members,

Please plan on attending this general meeting and take part in choosing the officers and board members who will guide the Society through 2022 and beyond. There are big decisions to be made for the future of the Society and we need everyone to take part, starting with the annual election and then playing an active part in carrying out plans developed to ensure that the Society and its mission will thrive in years ahead.

The Executive Board is made up of 11 members: Officers including President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (serving one year terms with no limits) and 7 Directors serving two years and limited to two consecutive terms.

This year we are electing a President, Vice- President, and several board members.

The Nominating Committee consists of Hanna Furst and Karen Sheaffer. Please consider volunteering for our board by contacting them at hanna1st@gmail.com or sheaffergarden1@verizon.net

Karen Sheaffer

Secretary's Report

Officers and directors at September's board meeting found it very difficult to decide just which direction the Society should go. We need more members above all! We are hoping that the post office, hardware store and library will allow us to post our situation.

On a happier side, we are back again to our regular board and member meetings. Sharon O'Connell finds the most fantastic speakers; this past program was no exception!

Voting is in November, as is the Log House Christmas Craft Show.

Our great Holiday Dinner on December 11 closes the year. Surprise us and help us have a full house! Please come join us!

Erma Barnhart, Secretary

EAST BERLIN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

2022 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

Please complete this form, enclose your 2022 dues payable to EBHPS, and mail to:

EBHPS Membership Chair
PO Box 73
East Berlin, PA 17316

NOTE: EBHPS memberships run from January 1 through December. Membership renewals are due by December 31st 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.

2021 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
October 20	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
November 17	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	"
	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	"

Rosanne Pellegrino portrays Martha Washington and Christmas at Valley Forge

Election of Officers and Directors

November 26- 27	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.	"

