



# The Berlin Informer

East Berlin Historical Preservation Society

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## **A New Year, A New Board; A New Start For Preservation**

Our November meeting included the election of Officers and Directors for the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society. The nominating committee, consisting of Hanna Furst and Karen Sheaffer, placed calls and were able to secure four names to present to those at the meeting. The following were unanimously elected members of the board: **Darrin Youker, Daniel Chubb, Scott Hull, and Laura Ferrara**. Members remaining on the board include **Hanna Furst and Erma Barnhart**. Richard Fox, our outgoing President, agreed to work with the new board members to help them get started.

Submitted by Karen Sheaffer

### ***Introducing Director Daniel Chubb...***

My family and I moved to East Berlin, PA in September 2019. We purchased an old log house and farm with deeds that date back to the late 1700's.

We are a newly retired military family that was fortunate to "see and travel around the world" for the last 24 years. We have been stationed at many beautiful locations that are rich with American history such as Hawaii and Florida to name a few. Hawaii provided us the history of WWII and the bombings of Pearl Harbor on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 and Pensacola, FL not only provided beautiful white sandy beaches but is also America's first settlement.

Growing up in central PA and now being able to come back as a husband and father, I appreciate, even more, the history and heritage of Pennsylvania. Gettysburg, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia have played important roles not only in PA history but American history.

I am really excited to be a part of EBHS to help bring East Berlin's history and preservation to the forefront of our community.

I am hopeful that we can continue our preservation of East Berlin, provide historical opportunities for our community, and grow our membership to help build a successful Historical Society that our future generations will embrace.

### ***Introducing Director Laura Ferrara...***

Having had a lifelong interest in antiquities and gardening, I have had many interesting volunteer jobs along the way. I served as a docent for the Hershey Museum of Early American Life for over six years, as a summer Heirloom Seed project helper for Landis Valley Museum and as a Master Gardener volunteer for Penn State for 13 years.

After serving on the Board of Directors for the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society in the past, my goal is to bring new ideas to the board to continue the historical aspect of our town by the planning of more public events centered around our town's history.

### ***Introducing Director Darrin Youker...***

My family and I moved to East Berlin five years ago, drawn by the town's rich historic character and the chance of owning an old home. We purchased a lovingly-restored home on West King Street and have come to enjoy East Berlin's small-town atmosphere. I work full time for a trade organization, so I understand the struggles that volunteer-led organizations go through.

My goal for the historical society will be to find new ways for the society to engage with the community, develop partnerships and grow membership.

### ***Introducing Director Scott Hull...***

I began working construction and carpentry in 1975, working for Grim Brothers with my father, Glenn Hull. Later in 1983 we started our own business, Hull Enterprises, and have since worked on building many homes, kitchens and all manner of repairs. In recent years, my wife and I have done several repairs to historical buildings in East Berlin and surrounding areas.

I have always had an interest in history of many things, foremost, biblical history, then man-made things. Some of my favorites are anything wood fired, primitive lighting and pottery. I had the good fortune to attend the first Colonial Day in 1976 where my grandfather had a stand. Unfortunately today, the masses have lost interest in anything historic. I suppose this should not deter those of us who enjoy and want to preserve at least some of the old historic things whether buildings, artifacts or knowledge of the trades of bygone days. As a new Board Member I look forward to supporting the organization's goals.

## **Membership Report**

**Happy New Year to all members of our society!**

After the business of the holidays, check to see if you remembered to renew your membership. Your contribution will let us continue to preserve history

and maintain our four buildings. The renewal form was included in our October-December Informer newsletter. You can also find it on our website [www.ebhpspa.org](http://www.ebhpspa.org)

We are pleased to have received renewals from many, including a few former members returning this year! Thank you for returning Michael & Holly Cookerly and Laura Ferrara. We are happy to see you again! Welcome new members Lee Ann Brown and Barbie Becker. Thank you for joining our society.

Whether you are a Life Member or a Yearly Member of our Society, please help us to keep our membership information up to date by contacting us with any changes in your mailing address, phone, or email address. You can leave a voicemail at 717-259-0822, or email any of your changes to [ebhps@comcast.net](mailto:ebhps@comcast.net)

Thank you, Karen Sheaffer  
Membership Chair

## Another Great Log House Show



On November 26 and 27 we experienced very busy, well attended days during the show.

Our house was filled with pottery, handmade brooms, rug hooking items and lots of tree ornaments, needle felted snow people, pillows and cloth garlands. Our blacksmith, Ty Zimmerman,

demonstrated his craft on Saturday, which was an added highlight. We also had fresh wreaths donated by four members and decorated by a group of talented volunteers. We also had donations of fresh table arrangements, hand crafted tree ornaments and handmade pillows and as always our own hand dipped candles.

Submitted by Jane Fox

**\*\*\*We are in need of both master and individual building keys. Please return any you are no longer using. This will allow us to be sure that current board members and active volunteers have needed access to the Society properties.\*\*\***

## Christmas Dinner at Red Men's

Our hall was transformed with a decorated tree with our lovely copper lanterns and greens for each table. As always we had lots of food! We were able to get to know some new members and connect with other members which made for a nice evening.

Submitted by Jane Fox



*Michael and Lucia Hrinjak chat with new Director Daniel Chubb and his family.*



*Lois Loges making a point to Sharon O'Connell (R) and Lucia. Paula Elliott and Mariam Bechtel catching up in the background*



*Jane Fox, pleased and relieved that the Log House Craft Show is over and successful. It is time to celebrate!*

## **East Berlin Historical Preservation Society**

### **Executive Board 2022**

#### **Officers**

**President: Open**

**Vice President: Open**

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

Erma Barnhart  
10 Pine Court Dr.  
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## **EBHPS 2022 Calendar of Events**

<b>January 19</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Red Men's Hall</b>
	<b>General Meeting 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>

### ***The Amazing Antique Road Show!***

<b>February 16</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>
	<b>General Meeting 7:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>
	<b>General Meeting 7:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>
	<b>General Meeting 7:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>August 17</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>September 21</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>
	<b>General Meeting 7:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Board Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>"</b>

November 16                      Board Meeting    6 p.m.                      “  
     General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Election of Executive Board**

November 25-26              Log House Craft Show              Log House  
     10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

December 10                      Christmas Dinner 6 p.m.    Red Men’s Hall

December 14                      Board Meeting    6 p.m.                      “  
     General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

***How are we doing financially?***

Jan.-Dec. annually	2021	2020	Change
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	8754.00	6655.83	31.5%
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	16,192.12	22,419.26	-27.8%
<b><u>NET INCOME</u></b>	<b>-7,438.12</b>	<b>-15,763.43</b>	<b>52.8%</b>

***There is good news in this chart; donations are up and losses were 50% less than in 2020.***

**A V.I.P. VISITED RED MEN'S HALL!**

On the evening of November 17<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Martha Washington (Rosanne Pellegrino) paid a visit to Red Men's Hall to share her stories about life in camp during the winter seasons of the Revolutionary War. She apologized for appearing in everyday dress instead of more formal attire but as she said, “This is what I would have worn on a daily basis.”

Mrs. Washington shared how much the General missed being at Mount Vernon, especially at Christmas, during the long period



the war went on. She described what life was like for the average soldier during the winter season and how she spent her time during the day to try and make life better for all the soldiers.

Submitted by Sharon O'Connell

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### **\*\*\*The Great Antique Road Show Returns\*\*\***

**Join your fellow members, guests, and anyone who loves antiques and the stories that come with them!**

**Wednesday, January 19  
Red Men's Hall, 7:30 P.M.**

This program has become a great favorite because we are quite talented at entertaining ourselves by sharing items we have found in our old houses, back yards, anywhere history loves to hide. Start digging now and remember, if you love it we will too!

The public is always welcome to enjoy our general meetings so bring a neighbor, a friend, your family, anyone who enjoys the

thrill of the “great find” and appreciates good company, good conversation and a relaxing start to the New Year.

\*\*\*Light refreshments will be served\*\*\*