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Historic Wrightsville Inc. was organized to promote interest in the history of the community; to identify, acquire, restore and preserve historic sites, and to promote community spirit by enriching the social, educational and cultural life of Wrightsville Borough and the surrounding area. Board of Directors' meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wrightsville Historical Museum, 309 Locust, Wrightsville, PA.

OFFICERS: President – Sharon Young; First Vice President – Mary Ellen Davis-Kasian; Second Vice President – John Weitzel; Secretary – Jodi Winter; Treasurer – Mike Bailey **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Vicki Cumming, Arthur Faircloth, Dawn Harnish, Lynne Shelton, Rob Ewing, Ed Sipes, and Bonita Emenheiser **CO-HISTORIANS:** Lisa Burk and Jeremy Young

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From The President

Sharon Young

Things have been super busy at the Museum. There was a total revamping of the museum to update and add more displays. The museum was closed from Christmas until Feb 14 when we hosted our grand reopening. If you missed it, please stop by and take a look. It will amaze you at the amount of beautiful local art we have displayed. A HUGE thank you to Jeremy Young for all the hard work and LONG nights he put in to make this happen.

We have a lot going on with planning the rest of this year's activities. Some new things are coming and I hope you all will join us.

We also have a brand new website. Make sure to check it out. All of our events are on the calendar on the new site, along with new pictures and lots of great information.

If you are not already a member of Historic Wrightsville, look for the form on the website to join. We'd love for you to be a part of our HWI community. We will keep updated with what is happening around the joint! LOL.

Thank you again for all your support and help throughout the year as we cannot do it without your help.

Sharon

From the Co-Historians

Lisa Burk & Jeremy Young

Wrightsville is a small town full of history, waiting to be discovered. The older residents may know and enjoy sharing with young folks and new neighbors but often the leading questions are not asked simply because we live such busy lives.

Did you know that the Wrightsville Museum has a self-directed walking tour that will introduce you to our history? It is free; just stop by the museum and pick up several copies to share with new neighbors and visitors.

Be on the lookout for historical panels and markers as you are walking around our quaint town. Do you need a better understanding of them? Call or even better, stop by the Wrightsville Historical Museum. We are open Wednesday 11-2 and Sunday 1-4 and our phone number is 717-252-1169.



Legends and Lore

Do you know stories about the people and history of Wrightsville? Stories that have been passed down from one generation to another, recorded in the newspaper or some other document, spoken about in family conversation but not possible to give 100% factual accounting?

We are so excited to announce that the William G. Pomeroy Foundation has approved our application for a Legends and Lore Marker Grant and we will be receiving a new historical marker regarding Civil War soldier and then Wrightsville resident Silas Smith. This marker will be installed in our borough in the near future and will add to the Civil War heritage of Wrightsville. Interested in knowing more? Call or stop by the Wrightsville Museum- we will tell you more.

RIVERFEST

Museum open 309 Locust St 1pm to 4pm
Diorama open 124 Hellam St 1pm to 4pm

HWI will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and water down at John Wright from 5 until ?

Membership News

By Vicki Cumming

Membership in Historic Wrightsville is more than just paying dues. As a member you can know that you are a part of an organization that is concerned about our community and which wants to preserve our rich history. That history includes more than just the burning of the bridge during the Civil War. It includes the families who have worked to make Wrightsville what it is today, businesses who have shaped this community and continue to support it and individuals who enjoy learning and sharing our story. As a professor once taught me - If you don't learn your history, you will be doomed to repeat it! The Membership Campaign has completed for this year and we have about 16 members from 2024 who have not renewed to date. Rest assured that it is never too late to renew and become a participant in sharing and preserving Wrightsville's history.

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In Remembrance of Our Lifetime Members

At one time in our organization's history, we offered lifetime memberships—a special opportunity for individuals to demonstrate their enduring commitment to preserving and promoting our shared history. While we no longer offer this type of membership, we remain deeply grateful to those who believed in our mission enough to support it through a lifetime membership.

Since 2018, we have said goodbye to several of our esteemed lifetime members. Each of these individuals not only contributed financially, but continued to support our efforts through their participation, advocacy, and encouragement over the years. Their legacy lives on in the work we do and the history we preserve.

We honor and remember the following lifetime members who have passed:

- Truman Brown - 2018
- William Sheetz - 2021
- Nancy Crumling - 2022
- James Herr – 2022
- Anne Sheetz – 2023
- Martha Weitzel – 2024
- Don Lehman – 2024
- J. Walter Dixon – 2025
- Darvin Shelley - 2025

We are thankful for their trust in our mission and their desire to see it thrive for generations to come. Their belief in the importance of our work helped shape who we are today, and they will always be remembered as valued members of our community.

In the last newsletter I wrote the following:

We'd love to hear your memories! If you attended the Christmas Parade or other of Wrightsville's hometown events, please share your favorite moments with us. Whether it's a fun story, a special connection, or a standout experience, your memories help us celebrate the event and make future ones even better. Send your stories to historicwrightsville1983@gmail.com, and you might be featured in our next newsletter!

Well, Mrs. Lois McCredie wrote us a letter to share her memory with us. Thank you Mrs. McCredie! That is what it is all about, sharing memories and stories of Wrightsville.



Notes


Wrightsville Christmas Parades

I remember the Wrightsville Christmas parade in 1977.

It was a cold and very windy Saturday. I went down to Front Street to watch the parade. Some of the marchers were carrying large banners



The wind against the banners made it difficult for those carrying them. I can see Denise Lehman in my memory, struggling with her big banner.

Lois McCredie 

Snipped from the Headlines:

by Mary Ellen Davis- Kasian

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Barrel Painting

By Crystal Peters, 504 S. 6th St.,
Wrightsville, Wrightsville,
Grade 5

Our Girl Scout Troop painted trash barrels for the Lion's Club beginning at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. We painted six of them yellow. This was for ecology.

While we were there the WSBA Conestoga wagon came by. They were collecting for the cancer drive. Whoever gave a donation received a free balloon. Our troop went down to see the wagon and made a contribution.

After it passed we all went back to painting the barrels. Each girl brought her own lunch. We had great fun that day.

WRIGHTSVILLE

**Memorial Day to be Observed in
This Borough With a
Street Parade**

WRIGHTSVILLE, May 27.—Plans for the local observance of Memorial day were made at the recent meeting of the American Legion post, No. 469, with Commander Noah Kisner in charge. The observance will be the regular street parade with approximately 10 or more marching groups. This parade, which will form on South Second street at the fire engine house will move promptly at 2 p. m. (DST). Included in the lineup will be the following groups: Chief marshal, Civil War veteran, George Watson; American Legion Drum and Bugle corps, Wrightsville Chapter of War Mothers, American Legion post, No. 469, Ladies auxiliary; Spanish War veterans, Capt. Martin H. Smith camp, No. 67; Windsor band; Wrightsville Fire company, No. 1, and other marching groups, consisting of children and adults, including Sunday schools.

The parade route will be west on Hellam street from the engine house on Second street, to North Fourth street at the "Constitutional Park," for a short Memorial service, after which they will continue to Fairview cemetery.

The program for the services at the cemetery, as arranged by Noah Kisner, will be as follows: Singing, "America," invocation, the Rev. C. W. Ginter, pastor of Grace Evangelical church; "Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg," Mary Benedict, a graduate of this year's class of the Wrightsville high school; address, the Rev. George A. Bowie, pastor of the local Presbyterian church; benediction, the Rev. Paul D. Leedy, pastor of the Locust Street Methodist church.

WRIGHTSVILLE CUB PACK PLANNING FLEA MARKET

WRIGHTSVILLE — The May committee meeting of Cub Scout Pack 26 was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Scantling. Joe Boyland, cubmaster, presided.

The May 22 pack meeting will begin at 7 p.m. A bike inspection and rodeo will be held. Den 2, Mrs. Fahringer, den mother, will have the opening and closing.

The pack will take part in the Wrightsville Memorial Day parade.

Several boys were transferred to Scouts in March and April. They are Brian Ritz, Victor Bock and Tim McCredie.

Plans are being made for the pack flea market in the early part of October.

The next committee meeting will be June 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Fahringer.

Refreshments were served.

Memorial Day at Wrightsville.

Memorial Day will be properly celebrated at Wrightsville, on Wednesday next. The procession will form at Grand Army Hall at 5 o'clock and move at 5:30 sharp. It will be composed of the members of the Grand Army, the Wrightsville Grays, Capt. McGee commanding, the school children and citizens. At the cemetery the memorial ceremony of the Grand Army of the Republic will be used.



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Historic Wrightsville Unveils New Website: A Fresh Look at Our Storied Past

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website — a vibrant, user-friendly platform that brings the rich history of Wrightsville to your fingertips. As part of our continued efforts to preserve, celebrate, and share the heritage of our beloved town, this new online space offers something for everyone — from longtime residents and history buffs to curious visitors and potential volunteers.

A Window Into Wrightsville's Past

The new website is more than just a facelift — it's a full revamp, designed to better reflect who we are and what we do. Explore the heart of Historic Wrightsville through captivating photos of the town, both past and present. Browse highlights from our signature events, discover hidden gems from local lore, and learn how our community has grown while honoring its deep historical roots.

Get Involved and Make a Difference

Interested in joining our mission? Our new site makes it easier than ever to become a member or volunteer. Whether you're passionate about preservation, enjoy organizing events, or simply want to give back to the community, there are plenty of ways to get involved. Our streamlined sign-up process means you're just a few clicks away from making a meaningful impact.

Celebrating Our Supporters

We are deeply grateful to our donors and sponsors whose generosity makes our work possible. Our website now features a dedicated space to showcase and thank these incredible individuals and organizations. Their support ensures that Historic Wrightsville remains a vibrant and welcoming place for future generations.

More to Explore

The revamped site is packed with resources and new features:

- Learn about our organization's mission and the people behind it.
- Stay up to date with upcoming events and announcements.
- Access archival material and historical content in our growing digital library.
- Contact us easily with questions, suggestions, or collaboration ideas.

We invite you to explore the new site, share it with friends and neighbors, and continue helping us bring the story of Wrightsville to life. <https://www.historicwrightsvillepa.org/>