



NEWSLETTER

HISTORIC WRIGHTSVILLE INC.



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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

Dear Friends of Historic Wrightsville,
Wow—can you believe fall is almost here? While the museum may look a little quieter from the outside, I assure you, there has been plenty happening behind the scenes. Recently, we enjoyed hosting a fun scavenger hunt, and it was wonderful to see the excitement it brought to our visitors of all ages.

As we look ahead, I do need to share that our October sub-sale will be canceled this year. We know many of you look forward to it, and we appreciate your understanding as we take a pause from that event. But don't worry—there's still so much to enjoy this season! Mark your calendars for the Paw Paw Festival in September, our always-popular Ghost Tour in October, and our festive Holiday Tea in December. Each event is a special way to celebrate our history and community, and we can't wait to see you there. Thank you, as always, for your support of Historic Wrightsville. Together, we keep our history alive!

Warmly,
Sharon Young

PS: Don't forget to check our new website. All of our events are on the calendar on the new site, along with new pictures and great information.

From the Co-Historians

Lisa Burk & Jeremy Young

HARC grant project underway

One of the stated purposes of Historic Wrightsville Inc. is to encourage and preserve the historic memorabilia of our community. As such, the museum becomes a repository for original historical records, including ledgers, maps, documents and photographs.

Currently, stored in cardboard boxes or in plastic tubs, are five collections from Wrightsville Borough, Fairview Cemetery Association, Wrightsville Building and Loan, Wrightsville Schools and Weitzel's store. As stewards of these collections, we will be sorting; removing paper, clips, rubber bands, string ties; dusting; identifying, cataloging and archivally storing 160 pounds of documents and record books.

Once archived, recorded and properly stored, conservation of some items may be deemed necessary and funds for their preservation will be sought.

Saving these historical records of Wrightsville's development from ferry town to manufacturing and transportation hub to rural community of 2300 to blossoming tourism and historical center, remains the goal of Historic Wrightsville, Inc.

As part of this project, we are also eagerly anticipating the assistance of an intern from York College's Public History degree program. This partnership with York College will expand our training in theory and methods of conserving and exhibiting public history.

The primary outcome of this project will be the preservation of five collections, but the secondary outcome will be enriched collections for the community, in new exhibits and public events.

Recent acquisitions- THANK YOU!!

- Rob Ewing- booklet, Locker Logic, from Wrightsville Cold Storage circa 1950's.
- Anna Redman Ward - cloth bank bag from The York National Bank and Trust Co.
- Mary Beth Mann - collection of original watercolors by Michael Seitz, Klaus Grutzka, BAUM, and Jensen.
- Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ward (Anna Redman Ward) - vintage 11"x7" cast iron John Wright coffee mill, reproduction -1960's 1970's, red with yellow trim.

Snipped from the Headlines:

by Mary Ellen Davis- Kasian

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Veterans Worship
At the Sunday morning service, in the Locust Street Methodist church, the pastor, the Rev. J. Fred Andreas, delivered the annual Memorial sermon to the veterans of the borough, who attended in a body, representing the three wars. Those attending were Captain John H. Drenning, W. B. Spence, Harry Wallick and James Townsley, United Spanish War Veterans, Luther Weitzel, Noah Kisner, Roy Abel, William Bear, Charles Myers, John Kauffman, Elmer Ranker, Harry Lehman and A. L. Mellon, World War I veterans; Blanton Abel, William Abel, Sheldon Abel, William Young, John Whiteleather, Samuel Wallace, Ross Caracher, Richard Filbey, Paul Dellinger, Jr., Elmer Hersh, John Crumbling, Eugene Miller, Vance Lehman, Ralph Wallace, Robert Leber, David Leber and Clarence Gilbert, World War II veterans.

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PUPILS HOLD PICNIC
Teacher Treats Second Grade Class at Wrightsville Elementary School
WRIGHTSVILLE, May 29—Pupils of the second grade of Wrightsville Elementary School taught by Mrs. Hazel Denison staged a picnic during lunch Wednesday on the memorial playground. The teacher treated them to chocolate milk and ice cream.
Those attending were Steve Blouse, Linda Crist, Mary Keller, Ricky Peters, Lonny Wilson, Rodney Shoff, Michael Lohr, Diane Stover, Gertrude Blymire, Jon Reisinger, Charles Winebrenner, Mary Beth Welsh, Leroy Masteller, Brenda Richardson.
James Gilbert, Gary Frane, Stanley Kinard, Michael Gochenauer, Randy Young, Ruth Martin, Terry Abel, Andy Creamer, Marilyn Miller, Ricky Hollis, Fred Smeltzer, Linda Koontz, Ricky Hinkle, Christine Kocher, Dorothy Weisser, Georgianne Tome, Laura Tome, Wayne Smuck.
Dawson Frey, Sandra Pick, David Logeman, Blaine Dellinger, Deborah Kinard, Carol Abel, Eddie Haugh, Michael Townsley, Steve Crumbling, Bradley Geesey, Judy Crist, Mrs. Dorie Ehrhart, Christine Ehrhart, Philip Lehman Jr., and Mrs. Hazel Denison.

Upcoming Fundraisers and Events

- Annual Paw Paw Festival at the Horn Farm Center September 20
Come out and support HWI at our vendor stand and join the fun!
- Ghost Tour Fri and Sat Oct 17/18
 - Rain Date for Ghost Tours Oct 24/25

Historic Wrightsville Volunteer Skills Survey

We're excited to learn more about the talents and interests of our volunteers! Please complete this survey to help us match your skills with meaningful opportunities at the Museum.

1. Contact Information

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Preferred Contact Method:

☐ Email ☐ Phone ☐ Text

2. Skills & Experience

Please check any areas where you have experience, interest, or willingness to help:

☐ Professional & Creative Skills

- ☐ Marketing / Social Media
- ☐ Journalism / Interviewing / Oral Histories
- ☐ Finance / Accounting / Budgeting
- ☐ Recording Secretary / Meeting Minutes
- ☐ Event Planning / Fundraising
- ☐ Education / Public Speaking / Tours
- ☐ Archival Research / Genealogy
- ☐ Grant Writing / Proposal Development
- ☐ Other: _____

☐ Technology Skills

- ☐ Microsoft 365 (Word, Excel, Outlook, Teams)
- ☐ Google Workspace (Docs, Sheets, Drive, Forms)
- ☐ Website Management / Content Updates
- ☐ Zoom / Virtual Meeting Support
- ☐ Digital File Organization / Cloud Storage
- ☐ PastPerfect (Museum artifact and contact management)

3. Availability

Days/Times Available: _____

Seasonal Availability:

☐ Year-round ☐ Spring/Summer only ☐ Fall/Winter only ☐ Occasionally / As needed

4. Open-Ended

Is there a skill, passion, or experience you'd love to share with Historic Wrightsville?