

Herr House Happenings

Spring 2007

Vintage Clothing and Textile Exhibit

The Vintage Clothing and Textile exhibit is scheduled to open April 2007 at Amos Herr House. While getting prepared for this exhibit, I met some very delightful women.

Mrs. Minnich who in 1867, married Mr. Minnich, the founder of the famous Minnich Machine Works in Landisville. She wore a beautiful silk gray wedding dress with button, hooks and eye closures. In this time period wedding dresses were



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Lecture Schedule 1-2

Gardening Dates 3

Year End Report 3

Donations 3

New Members 3

either gray or brown. Mrs. Minnich's going away dress that was hand sewn was a tan color. There was also Julia Margaret (Lulu) Dauberman. Lulu must have been a woman of great patience. Her black silk dress with lace inserts has no less than 36 hooks and eyes, in not so easy to reach places.

I must also mention Mrs. Brown's lovely sewed wool coats with matching tams for her little daughter Cathy. Very often coats that no longer fit or were wearing thin in some places were cut down and reworked into children's garments. (more on the Display on Page 2...)

2007 Lecture Schedule - Mark your calendars

All lectures are held at 7:30 P.M. in the East Hempfield Township Municipal building located at 1700 Nissley Road. The programs are free so we hope to see all of you there for the following:

March 27th- Amos Herr's slides of Landisville will be shown by Ken Wiederrecht and narrated by Millie Brubaker. Coffee was only 5 cents a cup when Amos took the slides. Hopefully the slides will conjure up fond memories of how things used to be. (more on 2007 lectures on Page 2...)

In 1901, Anna Cora Engle married Jacob Lindemuth wearing a two piece cream colored wedding dress. She had a blue print cotton suit with a very jaunty matching hat for a going away outfit. By the late 1800's brides could choose cream colored wedding garments.

All the garments mentioned above plus 50 others and accessories are on display for the exhibit. Baby clothes, children's dresses, boys wool knickers suits, plus a collection of unmentionables (night clothing and under slips), all lovingly hand crafted. Amos Herr House Foundation is fortunate to have 257 pieces total in the permanent collection.

This collection was donated by family members who also enclosed tidbits of history about the lives of the original owners. All garments and documents are stored in acid free boxes and tissue paper.

Emma Herr, mother of Amos, was the inspiration for the textile display. She came to the Herr Homestead in 1902 marrying Amos Herr, Sr. In her diaries she writes, "Every spring and fall I must air the chest. Take out the linens, refold them, air the blankets." So



we have decided at Herr House to "air out" the kas (a large standing cupboard in the hired man's room). Hand worked pillow covers, embroidered linens, home spun pieces and hand woven table covering are pieces among our "aired" display.

This collection is a perfect way for children and adults to study and connect to our past history and daily lives of the 19th century. Children in a winter setting around a sled, dolls having a tea party, wedding finery; you will find it all as you journey back to the days before shopping malls and Wal-Mart.

Admission to this exhibit is free and will be open during regular hours. Guide's interpretative tours of the Homestead will be regular price. -Faye Forwood.

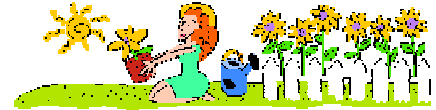
**The 1852 Herr Homestead is open
the first & third weekends
from April through October 1:00-4:00 P.M.**

LECTURES cont'd: **May 22nd** - Kenneth R. Clark from Elizabethtown will present a lecture on sundials. He will focus on the "Sunquest" sundial first appearing in an article of Scientific American in October 1959 and is known to dialists worldwide. Mr. Clark got to know Richard in the 1990's and became friends. Also a "Sunquest" is on display at the London Science Museum. Mr. Clark is planning to donate one to the Watch & Clock Museum in Columbia and eventually on to the Amos Herr House Foundation and Historical Society.

September 27th - Dr James W. Kendig will present a lecture entitled, "The Doctors of Landisville and Salunga". Dr. Kendig's grandfather was a doctor in Salunga and perhaps many of you may recall him as well as Dr. Herr. This will be an evening for remembering how doctors used to make house calls !



HERR GARDENERS



This local garden club cares for the beautiful plants surrounding the house.

Volunteers are welcome to join the fun.
Choose items you like to do from a worksheet.
Informal - work at your own level.
Continental breakfast and group lunch.
Come get your hands dirty and make new friends!

Spring Dates are:

April 6th
May 4th
June 1st

Year End Report

In 2006, 300 visitors toured the Herr Family Homestead. Since the Exhibit Room featured a display of World War I and World War II memorabilia, many veterans were interested in this exhibit. The visitors were impressed with the beautiful gardens and landscape maintained by 29 gardeners who worked a total of 450 hours. There were 15 receptionists that greeted visitors to the House and guided tours were given by 11 docents. In the exhibit room there were 5 guys who introduced the visitors to the memorabilia. Total time donated was 439 hours. For the annual Amos Herr 5K Honey Run there were 33 volunteers who donated 246 hours. Total number of registered runners was 453. Last, but certainly not least, 153 people attended 3 lectures.

As of December 31st, total membership is 228.

Total year-end receipts including certificate of deposits and checking account were \$ 92,363.47 with total expenses of \$19,112.54. The year ended with a balance of \$73,250.93 as of December 31, 2006.

A video and CD is now available for persons unable to go upstairs when touring the 1852 Herr Homestead. The video and CD could also be taken to nursing homes, schools, etc. We thank the Hempfield Women's Club for their generosity.

Donations!

Russell & Dorothy Saunders donated the following items in 2006: School desk, corner cupboard, Atwater Kent radio, four baskets, two crocks, rug beater, brass horn, ice tongs, canning jar lifter, egg poacher, nutmeg grater, seventeen assorted cookie cutters, tin donut cutter, three canning jars, three vases, glass basket with etching, painted tin kerosene lamp with hurricane globe, twenty individual glass salts, ten barber sets, rye straw woven basket, and fifteen books.

New Members:

Stewart & Anna Rentschler,
Alan & Bonnie Shuss, and
James D. & E. Amelia Stauffer:
we want to Welcome you to Herr House !

Resignations:

Susan Bernhardt has resigned from the Board and has moved to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Her husband is working in New York City and this move allows them to be closer to his work. After serving on the Board for three years, Barbara Douglas has handed in her resignation and we just received Bill Hoffman's resignation. These people will be missed and we wish them the best !

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
[HTTP://WWW.HERRHOMESTEAD.ORG](http://www.herrhomestead.org)

BOARD MEMBERS

John Houston, President
Robert Wildasin, Vice President
Millie Brubaker, Secretary
Jerry Albright, Treasurer
Laura Dalton
Kitty Glass
Elam Herr
Scott Lupold
Susan Krutsick
George Marcinko
David Morrison
Jim Stauffer

See you at the
Historic Landisville
Slide Presentation
on Tuesday, March 27th!



Amos Herr

Amos Herr House Foundation
And Historical Society
1756 Nixley Road, P.O. Box 52
Landisville, PA 17538