



News letter

SPRING 2010

Scenes from the Friends December Bus Trip to the Brandywine Museum, Longwood Gardens and Hagley Mansion



Above left: Taking a tour of Hagley, the ancestral home of the du Pont family, our great Avery bus driver, Dennis Wilcox, gets to relax at the back of this bus. In the foreground, Rosemary Loos.

Left: Tom and Jean Hoff among the flowers at Longwood Gardens.

Below left: Ken and Jean Gunn at the Brandywine Museum.

Above: Pausing outside the Hagley Mansion are, from left: Rosemary Loos, Ruth Randone, Olive Deller, Marie Moore, Frances Ford and Duane Austin.

Below: Enjoying a visit to Longwood Gardens Gift Shop are, from left: Edith Callope, Marie Moore, Teri Pyrzinski, Cathy Detweiler and Gert Biedler.



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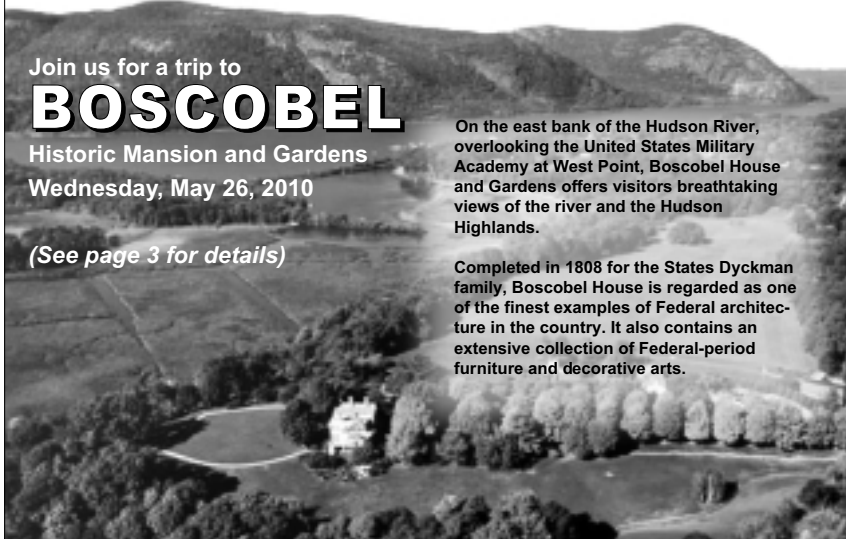
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Join us for a trip to
BOSCobel
 Historic Mansion and Gardens
 Wednesday, May 26, 2010

(See page 3 for details)

On the east bank of the Hudson River, overlooking the United States Military Academy at West Point, Boscobel House and Gardens offers visitors breathtaking views of the river and the Hudson Highlands.

Completed in 1808 for the States Dyckman family, Boscobel House is regarded as one of the finest examples of Federal architecture in the country. It also contains an extensive collection of Federal-period furniture and decorative arts.



From the Friends President

Now that the election is over, and the Library's tax referendum has been defeated by an overwhelming majority, we have to ask ourselves: where do we go from here?

As of this writing, the basic problems still remain unresolved. The Library does not have the funds to continue providing service at its present level. If this does not change, cuts are inevitable. The existing location is inadequate, and it would be a shame if the money donated for a new building has to be forfeited because of the Library's inability to go forward.

It appears that a lot of changes have to be made. My hope is that the Library Board and the County Commissioners can get together and work out a solution that will benefit both the people of the county and the Library. The people have spoken, and it is well that we heed their voice.

As for the Friends, our mission remains unchanged. We will continue to run the book sales as always. We will continue to raise funds and donate them to the Library for specific projects such as the children's room. Our bus trips, which have proved to be very popular, will go on as usual. The money set aside for the new building will be held until that situation is resolved and a new building is actually under way.

This is a discouraging time for the Library staff, and we want to support them whenever possible. Perhaps when all the dust settles, we will come out with a better stronger Library system that benefits the entire county.

Ken Corcoran

From the PCPL Director

The year 2010 promises to be a challenging one for PCPL. State funding has been cut by almost \$50,000. The economy has impacted local appropriations and private donations. The Library may have to make some difficult adjustments to meet funding deficits, but our resolve to continue to try to meet the needs of Pike County residents is as strong as ever.

For example, despite a distressing economic situation, PCPL has some new offerings for 2010. Thanks to a grant, we were able to officially launch our Business Resource Center with print and electronic resources designed for the county's business community. Also, through a partnership with Workforce Wayne, our facilities are now designated as Career and Training Centers, with new computers, specialized software and electronic and print resources for job seekers, all provided to PCPL by Workforce Wayne.

We will continue with programming as budget allows, and all of us are looking forward to PCPL's next Big Read, which is scheduled to take place throughout the

month of May 2010, thanks to a grant received from The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts.

We hope all of our Friends throughout the county will join us in May for the activities surrounding Harper Lee's classic novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. We would once again like to thank the Friends for all the support you have given to the Pike County Public Library system. Do you know that your annual donations through book sales combined with your generous gift presented at the Friends' luncheon is the largest annual donation that Library operations receive from any individual or group?

PCPL has counted on our Friends to help us make it through tough times before, and we know that we can continue to do so.

Ellen Schaffner



Greetings, Fellow Travelers



Even though our Library services may have to be reduced, please know that our trips will continue. This is our way of helping to raise money without taxes and have fun at the same time! So please consider joining us. I try to make our trips as economical as possible—especially compared with AAA Tours and other tours in the area.

We thank our faithful regulars and welcome newcomers. You do not have to reside in PA or even be a member of the Friends to join us. And don't be afraid to travel alone. Who knows, you may make new friends for life. I know I did!

See you on the bus.

Joyce Clark
Bus Trip Coordinator

COMING UP IN 2010 . . .

- May 15-16 Friends Spring Book and Bake Sale**
American Legion, Milford Road
(See page 7 for details)
- Sept. 11-12 Friends Fall Book and Bake Sale**
American Legion, Milford Road
- 2nd Monday of January, April, July, October Friends of PCPL Board Meeting**
Biondo Building, 10 a.m.
570-409-9089

SPRING/SUMMER 2010 BUS TRIP SCHEDULE



TRIP GUIDELINES PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Reservations for all trips can be made by sending your check, payable to "Friends of PCPL" to Trip Coordinator:

Joyce Clark
124 Vandermark Drive
Milford, PA, 18337

A verbal request does not guarantee a reservation. We honor reservations on a first-paid, first-served basis. Seat spaces are reserved as soon as your check is received. **And ALWAYS, ALWAYS, include your phone number.** Call Joyce at 570-296-7884 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. if you need more information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW & ART MUSEUM

The bus will leave the Milford Grand Union parking lot at 8 a.m. This year you will have a choice between art or flowers. You may choose to be dropped off at the Philadelphia Art Museum or the Philadelphia Flower Show. The theme for this year's Flower Show, "Passport to the World," will showcase flowers from countries such as Brazil, Holland, India, New Zealand, Singapore and South Africa. In addition to the wonderful permanent collection, the Art Museum has a special exhibit called "Picasso and the Avant-Garde in Paris." You may select either venue. You will be on your own for the day, and can purchase your own admission (at the door) and lunch. A breakfast snack will be served on the way down. There are many restaurants near the Convention Center and a cafeteria within the Art Museum. The first drop-off will be at the Museum on the way to the Flower Show at the Convention Center. We will leave the Convention Center at 4:30 p.m. and pick up at the Art Museum at 4:50 p.m. We have only one bus, so please book early if you are interested. The cost for this trip is \$35 and includes transportation only and driver's tip. In the event of a snowstorm, the trip may be moved to Friday, March 5.
Cancellation refund date: Monday, February 22.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 NEW YORK CITY "ON YOUR OWN"

The bus will leave the Milford Grand Union parking lot at 8 a.m. Join us for a day in the city to do as you wish. The bus will leave the city at 5:30 p.m. from the same area as the drop-off. Expected arrival time back in Milford is about 7:45 p.m. Cost for transportation and driver's tip is \$30.
Cancellation refund date: Monday, April 12.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 HISTORIC BOSCOBEL MANSION & GARDENS

The bus will leave the Grand Union parking lot at 9 a.m. for Garrison and Cold Springs, NY. The day begins with a docent-guided tour of Boscobel mansion and gardens. Considered one of the nation's leading historic house museums, it was completed in Montrose, NY, in 1808 by the widow of States Dyckman, a descendant of one of the early Dutch families of New Amsterdam. In 1961 the reconstructed home was opened to the public in its present location in Cold Springs, and reopened in 1977 after being meticulously restored to its original look. Stop by the visitors' center and the gift shop on the grounds. Lunch is at the historic Hudson House River Inn in Cold Spring. After lunch, stroll through the quaint 19th century village or sit in the park-like setting at the gazebo and enjoy the breathtaking views. Cost is \$75 all inclusive.
Cancellation refund date: Monday, May 17

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 29, 30 "THE OTHER CAPE COD" OF THE SEAFARING VILLAGES OF SALEM, IPSWICH AND ROCKPORT

The bus will leave the Sunshine Station parking lot at 7 a.m. A light breakfast snack will be served on the way up. We will arrive in Salem at Pickering Wharf for lunch and shopping on your own before checking into the Springhill Suites by Marriot in nearby Peabody. Dinner will be at the waterfront Finz Restaurant and the Hawthorne Hotel, followed by a visit to "The Witches Cottage," a live stage show at the Griffen Theater. The trip includes a tour of "The House of Seven Gables" made famous by Nathaniel Hawthorn, a visit to the Essex Peabody Museum and the Yin Yu Ming House, and a guided tour with a costumed interpreter of the towns of Ipswich, Rockport and Salem. Cost for this trip is \$389 double; \$485 single. This includes all admissions, two dinners, two full breakfasts, hotel, transportation and driver's tip. A \$100 deposit per person is due immediately, with the balance due by May 1.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 A TASTE OF EUROPE IN NEW YORK CITY

Come with us to experience a taste of Europe without crossing the Atlantic. The bus will leave the Grand Union parking lot at 8 a.m. Our first stop will be a guided tour of the Cloisters, a Renaissance museum associated with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which houses magnificent medieval art in a palace courtyard setting. For lunch we are off to the nearby New Leaf Café, a renovated, historic 1930's vintage stone building with an American menu and fresh natural produce, where the atmosphere is as good as the food. After lunch, we will head to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for a guided tour of the world's largest cathedral. Built in the style of a 13th century Gothic church of northern France, this amazing structure is the size of two football fields. In December 2001, fire damaged areas of the cathedral, which were subsequently restored, reopened and rededicated in 2008. Cost is \$75 all inclusive.
Cancellation refund date: Monday, August 2.

Annual Meeting and Staff Appreciation Luncheon Riverview Inn October 22, 2009



Sixty-six Friends plus 14 Library staff members and volunteers attended the Annual Meeting and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, October 22, at The Riverside Inn in Matamoras.

President Ken Corcoran presented a check for \$6,000 from the Friends, which board member Centa Quinn accepted with thanks on behalf of the Library. The money, raised primarily through bus trips, membership dues and donations, will go to fund children's programs at the Library branches.

The Friends unanimously elected their executive committee for the coming year. Ken Corcoran continues as president; Sheila Gabriel will serve as vice president pro tem due to the illness of Al Buehler; Richard Nachman becomes treasurer; and Joan Gerland continues as recording secretary.

Luncheon Chairperson Ann Marie Catalano presented several door prizes to those attending, and arranged for an entertaining and patriotic parade by children from the Milford Learning Center.

Martyn Freed received recognition as Volunteer of the Year and accepted a special award presented to him by Pat Corcoran.

Pat gave a summary of the reasons why the Friends had nominated Martyn for this award.

She said that one of his talents is his ability to draw people into his circle and recruit them for his organizations.

Eleven years ago, when he had recruited Pat and her husband, Ken, to become members of the Friends, Martyn was serving in several capacities, including as chairperson of the membership, publicity, luncheon and newsletter committees.

"He was often the guide on our bus trips to New York," she added. "He handed out newsletters, urged riders to join the Friends and, at the same time, gave us the scoop on which plays to avoid and where to have lunch."

Martyn was born in London, England, and worked in the theatre as a child actor. After he visited his sister, who had immigrated to America, he decided to settle in New Jersey. He served for a while

Above: Martyn Freed receives the Volunteer of the Year Award from Nominating and Publicity Chairperson Pat Corcoran.

Above left: On behalf of PCPL, Library board member Centa Quinn receives a check for \$6,000 from Friends President Ken Corcoran for children's programming at the Library's three branches.

in the Merchant Marines, then spent his career as an executive with the Sarah Lee Corporation in New Jersey.

Martyn visited Pike County on weekends until his retirement in 1986, when he settled here permanently.

In addition to the Friends, Martyn is associated with the Tri-State Chorus, has been president of the local AARP and is now social director for his residence at Heritage Point and for Matamoras Seniors.

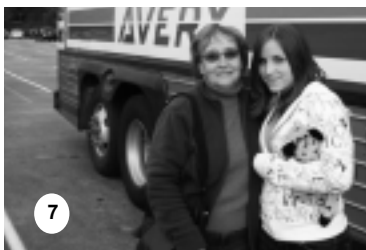
"He has a meticulous nature and gives his full energy and enthusiasm to every project. That's the secret of his success," Pat concluded.

Above: Friends President Ken Corcoran, seated, with Newsletter Editor Alison Cosham Winchell (left) and newly elected Vice President pro tem Sheila Gabriel.

Below: Following lunch, children from the Milford Learning Center (who were accompanied by owner/administrator Karen Quick, their teachers Debbie Fedorovich and Nancy Babcock and aide Natasha Sandaldjian) provide entertainment with a patriotic theme. Dressed for the occasion in red, white and blue and displaying flags and banners, the children sang and paraded their way through the dining room to the delight of Friends, Library staff, board members and guests.

Photos by Joyce Clark and Alison Cosham Winchell





Scenes from a day at **The Bronx Zoo** November 4 Photos by Joyce Clark

- Photos, anti clockwise, from above . . .
1. Pat and Ken Corcoran prepare to board the bus for the Bronx with trip coordinator Joyce Clark.
 2. Cindi Wood, Jane Goldstein, Sharon Curtis and Maxine Popovic anticipate seeing such animals as . . .
 3. Giraffes grazing . . . 4. A red panda taking a snooze and . . .
 5. A polar bear preparing to take the plunge.
 6. A tiger (paper) watches Jerry Segal, who can't imagine a world without them.
 7. Teri Pyrzinski and granddaughter Taryn Ficken (holding stuffed animal souvenir) prepare to board the bus back to Milford.
 8. Joyce's camera catches a flock of flamingos preening their feathers.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

The following are guidelines. Please feel free to contribute whatever is appropriate for you.

Date _____

- Corporate Sponsor \$ _____
- Sponsor (over \$15) \$ _____
- Patron \$15
- Family \$10
- Individual \$5
- Junior (under 18) \$2
- Other \$ _____

Please check appropriate boxes:

- New Member
- New Address
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- Yes, I'd like to volunteer at
- Book Sale
- Mailing
- Baking
- Flyer Distribution
- Other _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Be a Friend of Pike County Public Library.

Fill out this form, make your check out to "Friends of PCPL" and mail to:
Friends of Pike County Public Library • PO Box 80 • Milford PA 18337-0080

Dues are from January 1 through December 31. Your contribution is tax deductible.

The number after your name on the mailing label represents the last year your dues were paid.

SAVE THE DATES: MAY 15 AND 16 FOR THE SPRING 2010 BOOK & BAKE SALE

PLACE: American Legion, corner of Milford Road (CR2001) and Christian Hill Road, Milford, PA.
Ample free parking.

Saturday, May 15 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
SPECIAL PREVIEW SALE (Entry fee \$10.00)

Regular Saturday Hours
May 15 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. NO FEE

Regular Sunday Hours
May 16 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. NO FEE

Contributions of books, tapes, records and puzzles in saleable condition may be dropped off before MAY 1 at the Milford, Dingman or Greeley libraries during their open hours. Please do not leave books outside the library since they can be damaged by weather or may be stolen. And **PLEASE** find some other way to recycle textbooks, encyclopedias, and Readers' Digest Condensed Books. They simply do not sell.

The delicious homemade goodies at the bake sale are made by some of the area's best bakers. Anyone who can make and donate baked goods, please call Mary Quilici at 570-296-7841, or bring them to the American Legion on Saturday morning **MAY 15**. All funds raised from the Book and Bake Sale go directly to the Pike County Public Library.

To volunteer, call Pat or Ken Corcoran at
570-409-9089 or Sheila Gabriel at 570-296-8477.

Reminder: Now is the time to renew your annual membership to the Friends of Pike County Public Library for 2010, and to continue to receive this newsletter. Please fill in the membership form above, and return with your check made payable to the "Friends of PCPL" to the address listed. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Fall Book and Bake Sale

The Friends Fall Book Sale last September raised \$4,436. The funds were donated to the Library to purchase books, periodicals, audio books, DVDs and materials and programs for children. Thanks and congratulations go to all who helped and to Chairman Ken Corcoran and Coordinator Sheila Gabriel.

Mary Quilici reports that the Bake Sale raised \$196. She thanks all the talented bakers who brought goodies and those who helped her at the sale including Peggy Crook, Marcie Livingston, Darlene McNeill, Linda Ryder and Pam Vanderswain. Mary will be calling on volunteers again to bake and help out at the Spring Sale.

Mark your calendar now to attend the next sale on May 15 and 16. In the meantime, the Milford, Dingman and Greeley branches are accepting contributions of books for this event, and Sheila's "Bookworms" are busy sorting and storing them.