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Cannonfire Highlights Fort McIntosh Rededication

September Ceremony Unveils Restored Cannon and New Information Panels



The Fort McIntosh Garrison prepares the cannon for firing

The roar of cannon fire was heard in Beaver the evening of Sept. 19 as the Heritage Foundation rededicated the Fort McIntosh site before a crowd of about 150 townspeople.

The purpose of the event was to not only celebrate the fort's rich heritage but also renew our promise to the community to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to our care for current and future generations.

'Gingerbread & Dollhouses' Display



The museum has opened its third exhibit of the year – a special holiday exhibit of gingerbread and antique doll houses and Madame Alexander dolls provided by students at the Dutch Ridge, College Square and Saints Peter and Paul Schools in Beaver, the Pittsburgh Miniature Society and local private collectors. The exhibit is on display between now and Sun., Dec. 17, and by appointment.

The re-dedication follows a summer of active steps the Heritage Foundation undertook this year to enhance the fort site and implement new long-range planning procedures.

This has included refurbishment of the cannon; installation of new information panels, and the donation by the Daniel C. Baker Associates engineering firm of high quality aerial photography and detailed maps of the fort site, for use as a long-term site management tool.



Daniel C. Baker Associates' donation of high quality maps and aerial photography as a new site management tool

Participants in this brief ceremony included Mayor Thomas Hamilton; the Junior ROTC Color Guard (commanded by Col. Joseph Sudol of the Beaver Area School District); Craig Baker, President of Daniel C. Baker Associates, Inc.; the First Company, Fort McIntosh Garrison, commanded by Mike Carver; and Heritage Foundation officials.



Ed McLaughlin and Art Cornell unveiling new information panels designed by Robert Smith

Museum Associates Fund Drive Tops \$10,000



In an overwhelming show of commitment to our museum, local residents and history lovers gave generously to this year's Museum Associates fund drive, with a record-breaking result of more than \$10,000 in proceeds. Added to increases in revenue from the membership drive and new corporate memberships, the Heritage Foundation received significant new funding in 2006. A special wine and cheese reception was held at the log house in September as a thank you to the Museum Associates donors for their great generosity.

Retiree Donates Real Estate to Heritage Foundation



In November, former Sewickley resident and current Floridian Dr. Peggy Smythe March donated the "Sweetwater Hill" property in West Bridgewater to the Heritage Foundation. The purpose of this most extraordinary gift is for our group to generate substantial revenue for long-term capital projects once the property is sold. Bovard Anderson Co. and Cottrill, Arbutina & Associates creatively assisted with this transaction so the donor can receive significant tax benefits. The house is a former winner of the Harry S. Phillips Beautification Award.

Todd Funeral Home Restoration Captures 2006 Phillips Award



Restoration of the Todd Funeral Home, following a devastating fire in April 2005, captured the Harry S. Phillips Beautification and Restoration Award for 2006. The house at 340 Third Street was built for Vera Taylor Galey in the 1880s, and purchased by the Todds in 1954. The Todds' most visible restoration decision was use of roofing material, a synthetic slate to replicate the original roof's look.



Sue and Jim Todd with award presenter Jason Foster (right)

Junior ROTC Leads Sept. 11 Commemoration at Beaver Middle School/High School



To commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 tragedy, the Junior ROTC participated in a special early morning ceremony of remembrance at Beaver Area Middle School High School. Cadet Jaci Braund, who also spoke at our fort rededication, gave keynote remarks. The Heritage Foundation was represented at the event by president Mark Miner.

The Heritage Foundation and Museum "In the News" in 2006

CALENDAR

Each item submitted for Calendar must be typed or legibly printed and should include the name of the event, location, address, time, date, brief description and admission fee. Each item must list a phone number of a person who can be contacted by The Times for further information. Only events that are open to the public will be accepted. A cutoff line of 5:00 will be observed for events listed in highlights, with the exception of the Comedy category. Calendar events may be sent to: The Times, Features, P.O. Box 406, Beaver, PA 15009 or faxed to (724) 773-4850. The deadline is noon Tuesdays.

Freeze frame

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENS AT MUSEUM

You won't find any cell phone cameras at "A Snapshot of Beaver," a new exhibit at the Beaver Area Historical Museum featuring more than 40 cameras from the late-1900s through the 1950s.

The exhibit also includes long-exposure photos, including a view of Beaver and Rochester before construction of the PA-2 Bypass.

Ohio River bridges, a panoramic view of the bustling Junction Park in Rochester Township and a 360-degree view of the destruction of downtown Beaver after the tornado of June 28, 1954.

"A Snapshot of Beaver" hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free.

EASTMAN KODAK CAMERA dating to the 1930s, using negatives that measured 8 inches by 10 inches, as loan from retired Times photographer Jerry Freese.

Contributed photo by TOM BOWEN



The Times/Scholar Washington

WE ARE STILL FAMILY: former Pirates first base coach Joe Lonnett looks at a picture and letter Willie Stargell sent him.

Beaver-mania

New exhibit details the exploits of town's athletic accomplishments

A new exhibit at the area's historical museum residents a look at local sports to some lesser-known and some forgotten.

Beaver athletes on DISPLAY

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CANNON FIRE

Bob Baker, left, stands with his son while he is shot by a cannon at the annual Cannon Fire event at the Beaver Area Historical Museum. The event is held annually in the town square and is one of the most popular events in the area.

History gets new attention

Beaver Area Historical Museum's new exhibit, "The Duel," is a reenactment of a 1777 battle between British and American soldiers. The exhibit is located in the museum's log house and features a replica of the clock tower that was destroyed during the battle.

The Heritage Foundation and Historical Museum made news throughout the year with a wide variety of activities and public outreach. Articles in the Beaver County Times and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, interviews on KDKA-AM and WMBA/WBVP and on WBGH-TV (Rob Pratte), helped us tell our unique story to many thousands of residents of the Beaver Area and throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Donations to the Museum: July-September, 2006

Geoffrey Anderson - two photographs in a single frame; St. James Lodge # 457 F & AM versus Riddle #315 (East Liverpool?) 1912 baseball team; Riddle #315 East Liverpool Team

Jeff & Lisa Ankrom - Hugo Andriessen bottle; toothbrush; Eastern Star Program; postcard 1962; letter to 900 Fourth Street; envelopes to 900 Fourth Street.

Betty Baker - Paper "Cutter from the old Beaver Trust Company

Betty Stout Burk - commemorative Plate re: Colorful Beaver County

Lewis "Mel" Bundy - Metal sign from J. T. Anderson

Alan Cornell - Scythe used on Cook Anderson farm and more recently on Hyllmede Farm

Field Gathered - black/white photo in frame of President Eisenhower signing "Under God" addition to the Pledge of Allegiance; black/white photo in frame of Eisenhower and Louis Graham shaking hands; gold colored football charm of "1953 Champions;" gold colored charm, "1956 Champions" (baseball); four plates; 6 1/2" with letter "B" in green; dress box from Koebel's of 653 Third Street, Beaver; one small crock from the First Presbyterian Church; four miscellaneous papers of the Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition ;

program September 2-5, 2000; handbill of September 2-5, 2000; newspaper tabloid of Beaver County History Chronicles (June, 2003).

Adam Fitz - six color photos of the log house gardens; pin from Beaver County Centennial in 1900.

Sarah M. Foster - black & white photo of Machen & Baer interior (1952); *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* article re. museum's Beaver athletes display (2006).

Laurence G. Holt - yardstick from J. T. Anderson Furniture Store circa 1940.

Susan Burk Kenney - tall water or high ball glass from BHS Class of 1981 Reunion; 1986

Judy Knaul - bean pot with lid; two candle holders with two beeswax candles

Charles Scudder Hart May - silver shoe buckles belonging to Sampson Peirsol (born 1765).

John R. McLaughlin, Jr. - blanket chest from the late 1800s.

Mark A. & Elizabeth Z. Miner - Lithograph political cartoon from *Puck* (1896) depicting Senator Quay and President William McKinley, "Coronation of the Autocrat of Protection."

Sally Mullen - glass brandy snifter from the BAHS Junior-Senior Prom (1980).

Beverly O'Leary - commemorative plates of the Beaver Methodist Church

Biagio Pagani - thermometer/ calendars from Roth's Market (1938 and 1939).

Donald Portman - bellows type Kodak camera with case and light meter circa 1936; black/white photo of Beaver Little League All-Star Team (1963); black/white photo of Beaver Firemen Little League Team (1963); newsletter of the Westinghouse Beaver Division re: 30th anniversary (1977).

Mildred M. Sefton - book, *The Amazing Adventures of Bob Smith & Friends* (2006); *Wall Street Journal* articles re. *Journals of Discovery* (2004) and "Lewis & Clark met with a Yawn" (2006).

Robert Sell - black/white panoramic photo of Curtiss-Wright employees who worked on Neville Island and became the first group of employees who came to Beaver

Michael T. Shovlin - 12 color photos from Horticultural Society of Western Pennsylvania Tour at the museum (2006).

Robert A. Smith - color photos of the 8th PA Regiment Reenactment; in album (1998); 1877 replica clock tower erection (2000); Beaver Borough Bicentennial parade (2000); "The Duel" museum exhibit (2003); museum log house in winter.

Charles R. Snitger, Jr. - Pittsburgh Magazine re. Beaver County Hometown Hall of Fame (Fall 2003); brown canvas wood tote.

Roger A. Weaver - two pages of plans for museum; exterior sketches, pre-restoration (1996); plot plan showing location of freight station by Daniel C. Baker Associates (1989); pages of CAD blueprints for renovation of interior of museum; by the Weaver firm (1997); landscape master plan by Paschek Associates (1998); booklet, *Specifications for Renovations to Beaver Area Historical Museum*, by Weaver (1997); agreement between owner and architect (1996); set of site location plans.

Bill Witkouski - outdoor camping items: 7 items of clothing; 12 craft and sewing materials; 10 household items; 3 deer pelts and 2 large animal skins; human hair for a wig; assorted nails and hooks.

Joyce & Richard Young - paper clip made for Beaver Trust Company



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News Notes

New Officers and Directors Elected for 2007 – New officers and directors have been elected for 2007: They include: President: *Art Cornell* • Vice President: *Gloria Cheshier* • Secretary: *Dolores Dowlin* • Treasurer: *Pam Ronczka* • New Directors: *Geoff Anderson, Ralph Morton, Betts Miller, Mike Shovlin, Ed McLaughlin* • New Associate Directors: *Mark O'Leary, Bob Rice.*

Mark Your Calendars for 2007 Events:

- *Membership Meetings* – Trinity Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m. – Feb. 15, March 22, April 19 & Nov. 15, 2007
- *Board Meetings* – Borough Building Community Room, 7 p.m. - Jan. 16, April 11, Aug. 15 (First Presbyterian Church), Oct. 16, 2007
- *Memorial Day* - May 28
- *Garrison Day* - Beaver Parks - June 9
- *Fourth of July* - Beaver Gazebo
- *Charter Day Dinner* –Seven Oaks Country Club – Oct. 19

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