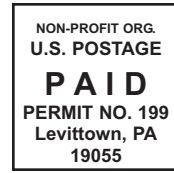




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A Fun-Filled Day For The Whole Family Is Planned For Historic Bristol Day - 2012

Come rain or shine, plan to spend Saturday, October 20 from 10 AM to 4 PM as your town celebrates the 36th Annual Historic Bristol Day.

This year's event highlights the historic Harriman section of Bristol that is celebrating its 90th anniversary of being annexed to Bristol. Join your friends and neighbors for events featured in Harriman, along the river, and on Radcliffe Street. Why not start your day at the Masonic Lodge (219-221 Cedar St.) which is selling breakfast to the public from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Then on to the festivities of the day.

Wander along Radcliffe to all the vendors, crafters, and kiddie favorites such as the stilt walker, Pattikakes and Dusty, an air-brush tattoo artist and a balloon sculptor. How about a sweet treat at the BCHF Baked Goods Table? Visit National Penn Bank to view a collection of Byer's Choice Carolers, as well as an exhibit of local artist Joseph Sagolla's work. Then on to the BCHF saleable table and get a head start on your holiday shopping! We have some new items, as well as "Book Baskets", a great gift for you or a friend. Buy chances at the BCHF table to win a Joseph Sagolla watercolor - this year a nostalgic remembrance of the Harriman Business District. Winners are notified at the end of the day.

Follow your nose to the food court along the river. Set a spell and enjoy the food and free entertainment

at the Lion's Park Gazebo that begins at 11:00 AM! Weather-permitting, don't miss the start of the Sailing Regatta at 1 PM at the wharf, organized by the Anchor Yacht Club of Bristol. It will end at 3 PM, with an award ceremony at the gazebo at 4:00.

Catch a glimpse of a rehearsal of "What a Glorious Feeling", and get a free behind-the-scene tour of the Riverside Theatre from 10 to 4. Stop in at Wells Fargo Bank to see an exhibit on the history of the first junior drum and bugle corps in the U.S. - - The Drum & Bugle Corps of the Robert Bracken American Legion Post 382.

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BCHF Calendar of Events for 2012

OCTOBER - Sat., 10/20, 10 AM - 4 PM. 36th Annual Historic Bristol Day. Theme: Harriman and the Shipyard, 1917 - 1922.

NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/28, 7:00 PM. BCHF's annual business meeting incl. election of Board members, followed by program & refreshments. BCHF headquarters. Free.

DECEMBER - 12/9 - 13 "Christmas at The Biltmore" bus trip, featuring candlelight Christmas tour of Biltmore House & breakfast at historic Grove Park Inn. Call 215 788-9408

JANUARY 2013 - Sun., 1/27 2 PM. Program: 1st person portrayal of Quaker abolitionist & suffragist, Lucretia Mott. Light refreshment. Donation of \$3/adult attendee requested. BCHF headquarters

FEBRUARY 2013 - 2/3 through 2/15. 13 day/12 night Southern Caribbean Cruise from NYC on Norwegian Cruise Line's "Norwegian Pearl. Six ports-of-call. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer.

FEBRUARY 2013 - Sun., 2/10, 3 PM at BCHF. "An Oscar Winning Tea" with traditional Tea fare. \$18/ticket. Reservations at 215 788-9408 beginning 9 am, Sat., Jan. 12.

MARCH 2013 - Sun., 3/10, 2 PM. Celtic music performance by

Tom & Marianne Tucker. Light refreshment. \$5 pp. Limited capacity; first come, first seated! BCHF headquarters. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

APRIL 2013 - Tentative. Wed., 4/24. Bus trip to Barnes Museum and full-course lunch & ship's history presentation on The Moshulu. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

SEPTEMBER 2013 - Tentative. Thurs., 9/12. Bus trip to NYC incl. 9/11 Memorial, free time & lunch in "Little Italy", stop at the Doughnut Plant and Highline Park. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

OCTOBER 2013 - Avalon Waterways' "Romantic Rhine" river cruise incl. Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Holland. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer.

NOVEMBER 2013 - Wed., 11/20, 7 PM. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members, followed by program and refreshments. BCHF headquarters. Free.

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.

Bristol Riverside Theater - 2012

"What A Glorious Feeling" - October 30 thru November 18, 2012
Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

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A Historic Bristol Day Ticket can be purchased that entitles the buyer to admittance to: (1) a narrated trolley tour* of the historic Harriman section of Bristol, (2) a tea along the river served from 11 to 3, and (3) four private homes graciously being opened to the public that showcase examples of the company-planned community built to house the employees of the Merchant Shipbuilding Corp. from 1917 - 1921.

TICKET PRICES: Advance sale: Adult: \$10.00 Child: 6 - 12 \$5.00 Sold at Mignoni's, Great ID's, Bristol Tax Office, and Mill St. Pharmacy. Day of the event sale: Adult \$12.00 Child: \$6.00 Sold at the Bristol Wharf & Bristol High School. * Narrated trolley tour begins at the wharf and will stop and pickup at the HS to allow passengers to tour the homes and enjoy activities in Harriman, as well as stop and pickup in the tea area.

Continuous Free Shuttle Service: to and from parking areas at the wharf in the Municipal parking lot, Snyder Girotti School, Grundy Recreation Center, Mill Run, Lenox parking lot, the high school, & East Circle in Harriman (the high school & East Circle stops offered as a courtesy to our HBD trolley tour ticket holders)

CELEBRATE BRISTOL! JOIN THE FUN!

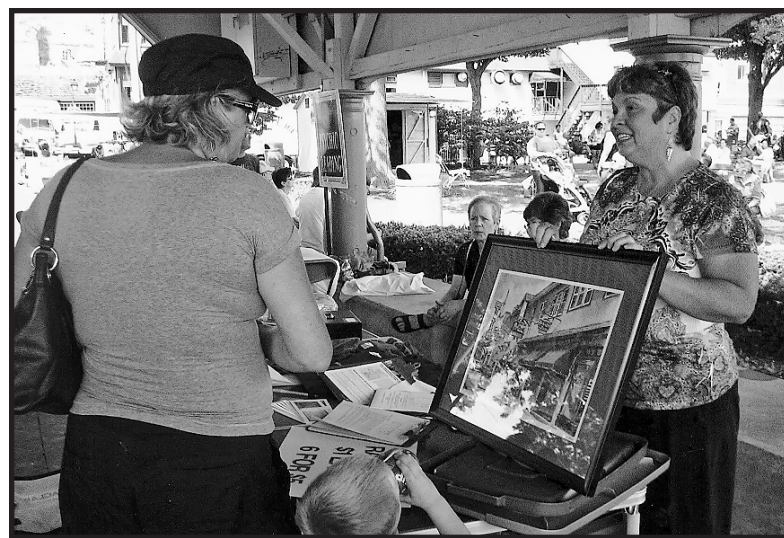
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Make a left at Mulberry and view the beautiful stained glass windows in the Bristol First United Methodist Church. Continue on Cedar St., past the BCHF Headquarters, to St. James Episcopal Church, celebrating its 300th anniversary and hosting a bake sale and self-guided cemetery tour. Head up Walnut to 610 Radcliffe and to the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Museum. From 11 to 12:30 meet John Roche and his portrayal of Averell Harriman on the porch of the museum and take a free tour of the museum home. Next door, visit the Grundy Library that is featuring an exhibit entitled, "Harriman and the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation: The Rise of a Community." The St. Mark school children will be portraying famous deceased Bristolians in the St. Mark Cemetery at 12 noon, located further up Radcliffe.

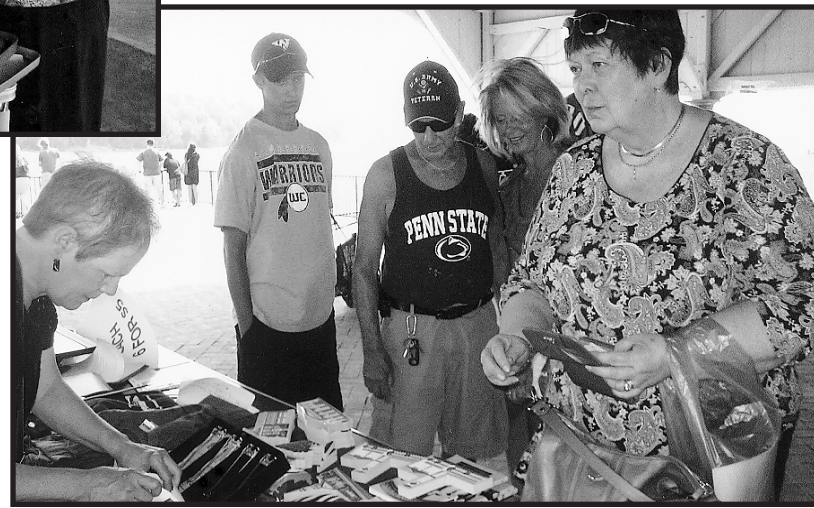
So . . . be sure to wear your walking shoes!!

Take the shuttle to Harriman and its many free activities! An antique car show will be held behind the high school on Wilson Ave. On display will be many pictures of the twenty-four dealerships selling nineteen different makes of cars in twelve locations from 1926 to 1967 that once prospered in Harriman. "Hands-ON" Children's Activities will be located inside the high school. Across the street, Harriman United Methodist Church will host John Roche's portrayal of Averell Harriman in the afternoon from 1 PM until 3:30 PM. A duplicate of the Grundy Library's pictorial will be on exhibit. A video, "Discover US!" showcasing Bristol Borough can be viewed. A light lunch is offered for sale to the public from 11 to 2 PM. Don't miss artist Joseph Sagolla's studio, open to the public at 1505 Wilson Ave. A ham dinner is offered for sale to the public at the Zion Lutheran Church (301 Jefferson) from 3 to 7 PM



Above: Gail Nocito shows a potential raffle ticket buyer the Sagolla watercolor being chanced off on Historic Bristol Day.

Right: Debbie Pinney (left) assists customers with BCHF sale items.



Raffle Returns, Please

The drawing for Bristol artist Joseph Sagolla's watercolor of the "old Harriman" scene will be held at the conclusion of Historic Bristol Day, Saturday, October 20. If you have not made your returns on the chancebook sent to you earlier in the year, we kindly ask you to do so before or on October 20.

By mail, returns should be directed to Helen Younglove, 717 Mansion Street, Bristol, PA 19007. On Historic Bristol Day, returns may be made at the Ways & Means table at the corner of Radcliffe & Mulberry Streets.

Thank you!

From Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **October 1912** issues of THE DAILY COURIER.

10/3 - - SCHOOL BOARD HAS MONTHLY MEETING. Fear of Vaccination Bars Children. Twelve Pupils Refuse to Be Inoculated and Are Turned Away.

HELP WANTED. Boys and Girls. Apply Gledhill Wall Paper Co., Bristol.

"RUSSI, 242 Mill Street . . . Fall and Winter Underwear. You can pick from several weights from the gauze wool to the double-breasted fleece-lined, in two piece or unionsuits. Prices 25¢ to \$2.50 the garment. Sweaters - 50¢ to \$5.50. Clothing made-to-measure; suits and overcoats - \$13.50 and up to \$40.00."

10/5 - - "Attention! Fifth Ward Republicans. A Club Will Be Organized by the Fifth Ward Republicans on Monday Evening, October 7th, in the Store Property at the Corner of Jefferson Ave. & Chestnut St. All Republicans Are Invited to Be Present, and to Participate in the Organization."

T.B.&P. CARS BEING OVERHAULED. Car number 15 of the upper division of the Trenton, Bristol and Philadelphia Street Railway appeared in service yesterday newly painted and gilded and equipped with new rattan-covered seats of the latest design, with handles to turn them over. The rolling stock of this line is steadily being improved for the comfort and convenience of the traveling public.

"THE RIVERSIDE THEATRE . . . Saturday Night. 3 Acts - Best Vaudeville. 5 Reels - Best Photo-plays. Admission 10¢. Children 5¢."

10/7 - - LOCUSTS DEFEAT BRISTOL PROFS. In the last game of the season, the Locusts club defeated the Bristol Professionals, better known as "Bob" Mulholland's nine, in a closely played game. Sharkey, Dugan and Roper starred at bat for the Locusts, while the fielding of F. Sagolla and Joyce was excellent. Wilson and Devlin were the stars of the Profs.

"Taxi Service. Seven-Passenger Peerless Limousine. All Occasions - All Hours. Weddings, Christenings, Funerals. All Trans Met. W.I. MURPHY, 336 Wood Street."

10/10 - - BRISTOL GREEKS TO FIGHT THE TURKS. Pappajion Will Give Away His Store in Return. Proprietor of Bristol Confectionery Wishes to Battle with Hated Ottoman and Will Place Business in Any Man's Hands. 45 Bristol Greeks Leave for Front.

"MULLIGAN'S, 227-229 Buckley St. . . . You Know Us on Meats. We Have Only the Best! 50 Blue Stamps with Each Dollar's Worth of Fresh Meats. Our Saturday Table Bargains Are Making a Hit."

10/11 - - OX ROAST IS GREAT SUCCESS. Close to 1,000 people saw the Rev. J. V. Peyton of the Bristol A.M.E. Church conduct the novel ox roast at Pythian Hall on Thursday evening. From three in the afternoon 'til late at night, the hall was crowded with colored people from Bristol and surrounding towns. The church's pastor is "champion of America" when it comes to reducing a whole ox to a palatable state before an open fire.

"Horseshoeing. General Blacksmithing. Place and Care for Sick Horses. FRANK LENTENI, Logan and Pear Sts., Bristol."

10/12 - - HOLY NAME SOCIETY IN GRAND PARADE. The Holy Name Society of St. Mark's parish will participate in a monster demonstration against the abuse of the holy name of Jesus, in Trenton, N.J., on Sunday afternoon. Maurice Keating will officiate as chief marshal and his aides will be William Haney, Neal J. McIlvaine, Eugene A. Barrett, Patrick J. McGee, Owen Silk, Joseph Mazur, Joseph Fox, Benjamin B. Skinn and Louis Russi.

"BRADY'S, Jefferson Ave. & Wood St. . . . Special Cut Prices for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 12 Lb. Bag Pillsbury's Best Flour - 41¢. 1 Lb. Brady's Assorted Chocolates - 13¢. Can String Beans - 10¢. Long or Elbow Macaroni - 10¢. Bottle Vanilla Extract - 10¢. Best Chuck Roast - 14¢ Lb. Best Home-made Scramble - 6¢."

10/16 - - ST. JAMES WILL HAVE A RECTOR. The parish-ioners and vestry of St. James Church met with the Rev. W. C. Emhardt of Newtown on Monday evening to consider the question of obtaining a rector for the local church.

A number of Bristol passengers on the steamer "Bristol" were somewhat frightened on Tuesday when an accident occurred to the boat at the Burlington wharf. The "Bristol" and the "Springfield" jammed together and caused the mishap.

10/22 - - SWASTIKA WILL GIVE PRIVATE PRODUCTION. The Swastika society of the Bristol High School, this evening at a private meeting in assembly hall, will present an amateur musical comedy entitled "Madame Sherry," under the direction of Erwyn Horn. Cast members include: Betty Smith, Erwyn Horn, Harold Vandegrift, Gilbert Lovett, Lillian Adams and George Musnuff.

"Homes for Rent on Jefferson Avenue. All modern conveniences, hot water heater, range, bath room with washstand and toilet, gas. In first-class condition and will be kept that way. Rent \$16 per month. E. Ratcliffe, Agent."

10/23 - - CLUBS WILL UNITE FOR HUGE PARADE. The first joint meeting of the five ward committees was held on Tuesday evening in the headquarters of the First Ward Club to perfect arrangements for the big smoker and parade to be held on Thursday night. With music and red fire, the procession will proceed to Pythian Hall where prominent speakers from Philadelphia and other points will address the amalgamated clubs. A smoker and luncheon will round out the evening.

"Citrates of Magnesia. Fresh Made. A cooling laxative draught pleasantly flavored to suit the most sensitive stomachs. Helps break up a cold. H. H. HEADLEY, Pharmacist, Wood and Washington Sts."

10/28 - - "GRAND REPUBLICAN RALLY. Wednesday Evening, October 30th, Colonial Theatre, Bristol. Come and Hear How Much the Party of Protection Means to Your Prosperity! Ladies are Invited."

Winterstein's has sent out invitations to another Victrola recital Tuesday evening. A great many notable selections have been added to their stock of records since the first recital held a few weeks ago.

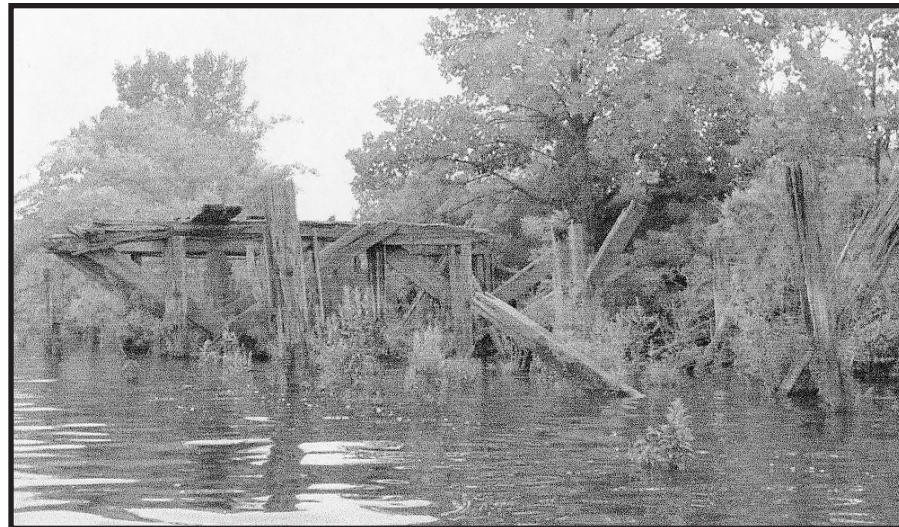
"At the FAMILY. Quality Not Quantity. Tonight! See our Big Amateur Show. Also, last Thursday's Pathe's Weekly of Current Events. "The Bugler of Battery B" (a Civil War drama based on an historical incident). "She Cried" (Miss Turner proves herself "the boss weeper" - to see it is to laugh!). Admission 5¢."

10/31 - - "Goodies for Hallowe'en. If you're looking for a luscious bit of confectionery for your Hallowe'en party, see our window for suggestions. Bulk goods, mixed creams and nuts, chocolate crackers, chocolate pineapples, caramels, Dorothy Kisses and marshmallows. Something for the little ones - Hallowe'en novelties, lime mints, chocolate mints, etc. FABIAN'S PHARMACY, cor. Radcliffe and Mulberry Sts."

"COLONIAL THEATRE. One Night Only - Monday, November 4th. "A Western Girl," introducing with magnetic soubrette, Miss Trixie Nelson Stanley in the title role, and a selected company of comedians, singers and dancers. Accompanied by Cole's concert band and orchestra. High-class Vaudeville Acts. Prices 10¢, 25¢ and 35¢."

Waterfront Views of Harriman

Thanks to BCHF member and photographer, David McGlynn, he was able to photograph part of the former docking area at the Harriman Merchant Shipyard that remains while in his kayak. The wood showing in these images once supported part of the dock that was located along the shipyard waterfront used to secure ships after they came down the shipways into the river. Workers would then complete the items required on the decks and below the decks to ready the ships for use in transporting products to Europe in World War One. This dock area is located beyond the present parking lot area behind the historic building that houses offices of Lenox China Corp. and others.



An Unusual Aquatic Trip

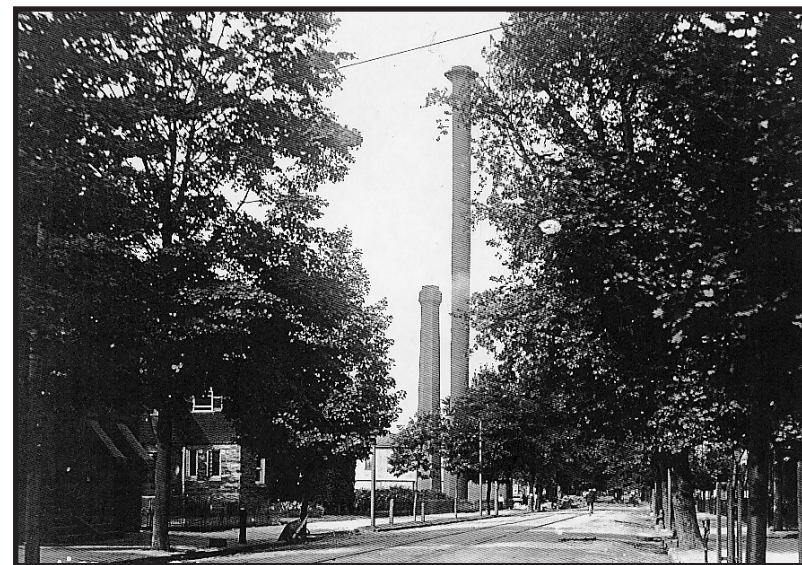
In May of 1918, it was decided that the Bristol Water Works would begin to demolish the standpipe on Radcliffe St. to make room for the new electrically driven pumps. The newly-created community of

an inch in thickness. All together, the structure weighed approximately twenty-five to thirty tons and consisted of thirty-two sheets of steel. They were six feet in diameter and were firmly riveted together.

It was decided that if acetylene were used the iron would become junk and not easily sold; however if the workmen were able to separate the pipe at the junctures of the sections where the rivets were located, the material could possibly be sold. It was decided to cut off the rivets at each juncture leaving the material undamaged.

On the morning of May 15, 1918, workers borrowed from the Harriman Shipyard began to dismantle the standpipe. Their first task was to empty the pipe. Once it was free of water, they opened the manhole at the bottom and a worker entered. Lumber was passed to the person inside and he assembled a wooden staging (small frame to be used at the top of the pipe to hold ropes required to hoist workers up the outside of the standpipe.) When that task was completed, the manhole was closed and water began to fill the standpipe. The worker remained inside and he and the wooden frame then floated to the top. This procedure took approximately one-half hour.

Upon reaching the top, the worker climbed out of the pipe and attached the wooden frame. He then descended the pipe on the outside. From that point, other workers could be hoisted to the top on the outside and begin the arduous work of dismantling the structure. Fortunately the worker that traveled inside the pipe floating in the water had no reported ill effects.



Harriman was also being supplied with water from the borough water facility at Radcliffe and Walnut Streets. The Bristol Water Plant had been incorporated in 1874 and the first standpipe erected was 140 feet high. By 1895, the first standpipe was removed and a new one, 152 feet high was erected. The standpipe helped add pressure to the pumping of water through the system.

The 152 foot standpipe to be removed had been constructed of sheets of metal. At the top, the thickness of the metal was one quarter of an inch and they gradually became thicker until the bottom was five-eighths of

BCHF Election in November

At the "Annual Meeting" scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM in our headquarters, 321 Cedar St., Bristol, a brief business meeting will be held to elect members of the Board of Directors. Only members of the organization with dues paid for 2012 may vote in this meeting. Membership dues follow the CALENDAR YEAR, January through December.

Letters of Self-Nomination are required for any one wishing to be considered as a member of the Board of Directors of B.C.H.F. These letters should be addressed to B.C.H.F., P.O. Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007 and marked for the attention of the "Nomination Committee". The letters of self-nomination for the Board of Directors are due not later than Thursday, November 1, 2012.

Following the election, a free program open to the public will be presented followed by refreshments. The program will be presented by the Roebling Museum of Roebling, NJ. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE BCHF ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012 AT 7:00 PM.



IT'S NOT RINGING!

In last month's GAZETTE, we issued a plea to our members - - male & female alike - - to lend a hand on Historic Bristol Day. It's very disappointing that we've received only one phone call in response!

Still needed are males and drivers with utility vehicles to transport, set up and remove signs, tables and chairs, and other materials prior to and at the end of the event. If you expect to be free from about 7 to 9:00 a.m. and/or around 4 pm on Saturday, October 20, **please** contact HBD grounds chairman Gerry McCarry at 267 980-8341 or 215 788-5631.

Volunteers for work of a less strenuous nature; i.e., staffing the private homes, selling HBD tickets, etc. are also needed. Please call Mary McIlvaine at 215 788-5232 or Ellanna Delaney at 215 788-4138 if you can spare two hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Any assistance we receive that day will be very helpful and greatly appreciated!

Harriman and the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation: The Rise of a Community

The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library, 680 Radcliffe Street, invites the public to the exhibit, Harriman and the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation: the Rise of a Community, commemorating the Harriman Shipyard and the town that grew with it. The WWI-era Harriman village is part of Bucks County's rich contribution to planned communities. The exhibit event begins Thursday, October 11th with an opening reception from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and continues through Saturday, November 3, 2012 during regular library hours. For further information, please visit the Grundy Library web page at www.grundylibrary.org, or call 215 788-7891 ext. 5 or ext. 6. BCHF member, Harold Mitchener will present a talk about Averell Harriman at the Grundy Library on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Call the library for seat reservations as space is limited (215 788-7891).

Trip Talk

Final information is not yet available on day trips to the Barnes Museum and the Moshulu in Philadelphia, being planned for next Spring; and to New York City, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 12, 2013. We expect to have confirmation and pricing for the January GAZETTE. Stay tuned!

As of this writing, two seats remain on the "Christmas at The Biltmore" bus trip. Dec. 9 - 13. Those who've already booked are reminded that the **balance of payment is due by Friday, October 19.**

At last check, inside cabin category IE (\$1,261 pp double) and outside cabin category)A (\$1,476) were still available on the Norwegian Pearl's Southern Caribbean cruise from New York City, Feb. 3 - 15.

Last - but far from least, as you could tell by reading the article which appeared in the Bucks County Courier Times' Travel section on September 2 - - in the Romantic Rhine river cruise from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam, Holland, October 5 - 13, 2013, on Avalon Waterways' brand new vessel, "Artistry II."

GREAT NEWS! We were recently notified that Avalon's early-booking discount of \$250 per person for the Romantic Rhine cruise has been extended, until November 23.

For info/flyer on any of the above, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

BCHF GOES TO MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN IN JUNE



Above & Left - - The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island



Left: BCHF travelers enjoy a sumptuous breakfast in the Grand Hotel Dining Room

Below: A carriage ride tour of the island



Above: A Barbecue Dinner on the Lake

Right: Mother and daughter enjoy the Nun Doll Museum at "Cross In The Woods"

One-Hundred Twenty Dollars

Approximately 200 years ago, the U.S. was engaged in the War of 1812 with Great Britain. It was a war that was fought when James Madison was our fourth President. He served from 1809 - 1817. It may be interesting to address several of the issues of that time.

When the "Framers of the U.S. Constitution" were writing it, the one subject that they did not want to especially deal with was the slavery issue. Manumission (slavery) had started long before the U.S. was born and entrenched as a way of life, especially in the agrarian South. Men like James Madison feared that if they were to get too involved arguing about the slavery issue, the Constitution may never have been written and adopted.

If we examine "slavery" with our first four Presidents (Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Madison), we find that the three from the South had slaves to operate their plantations. John Adams from Massachusetts had none.

Washington brought slaves with him to Philadelphia in the Executive House on Market St. as domestic servants. According to his will, the slaves at Mount Vernon, his Virginia home, were to be freed upon his death. Washington was careful to exchange slaves each time he went home to VA so that Pennsylvania laws did not become involved in his ownership of slaves in Philadelphia.

Jefferson owned slaves at Monticello. These slaves were not given their freedom when Jefferson died.

Madison owned slaves and brought slaves to the President's House in Washington, D.C. It was a personal servant of the President that helped save the portrait of President Washington as the British Army approached during the War of 1812. After Mr. Madison's death at his estate in Montpelier, Virginia, Dolley inherited the property and attempted to keep it financially stable. In need of more funds, she sold Montpelier. The slaves were very much concerned because they did not want to be separated. She had sold a few of the slaves to relatives or neighbors; the majority did not want to be divided. She was able to sell Montpelier and the slaves as one when she moved back to Washington, D.C. She brought with her a slave named Paul Jennings who had been the President's personal manservant. Paul Jennings had been with James Madison when he died in 1836. In Washington, she sold Paul to a person who in turn sold him to Massachusetts Senator Daniel Webster for \$120.00. Paul Jennings was allowed to purchase his freedom. Even after Jennings was free, he continued to be in contact with Dolley Madison and when her finances were very low, he would bring her food from Daniel Webster and also give her a few coins of his own personal money.

President James Madison and other people in the government believed that possibly the slaves would be best returned to the continent from which they had

originated. The American Colonization Society was formed and money was donated for this cause. After twenty years, there were fewer than 3,000 slaves transported to Africa. On the west coast of Africa a country was set up known as Liberia and its capital city was Monrovia, named for President James Monroe. Their flag and colors imitated the United States. The slavery population in the U.S. continued to increase about 60,000 per year.

As the country drifted toward settling the slavery issue with the American Civil War, slavery declined somewhat. With the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln and the ending of the War, slavery was abolished. The Abolitionists of the nation also exerted much pressure on emancipation.

This did not mean that all of the difficulties between the former slaves and those who were former owners were settled. Segregation became the new problem and continued into the 1960's which brought about Civil Rights marches and protests.

In Bristol in the early 1800's "Dick Shad" had his freedom purchased for him by members of the Society of Friends (Quakers). Shad had run away from his owners in Virginia and lived on Market Street. He also operated a taxi service and sold fish in the community.

The Underground Railroad (a secret movement for slaves to escape) had three known houses in Bristol on Radcliffe St. where slaves were hidden during the day. Because this was a "secret" organization, owners could not hang out signs that read "welcome slaves".

Bristol has a great statue of Harriet Tubman, the well-known slave who risked her life to see that hundreds of slaves were led to freedom. The statue is located in the park along the Delaware. Harriet Tubman never lived in Bristol but several families in Bristol are directly related to Harriet Tubman.

Since slavery was outlawed about 1831 in Great Britain, it became evident that the U.S. would soon have to face this issue. Visitors to the United States, especially from England, were writing negatively about slavery in the United States. When General Lafayette visited the U.S. for his "Farewell Tour of America" in 1824; one of the places he stopped was Montpelier. His comment at the time to James Madison was that "the rights that all men have without exception have to be liberty".

John Jay, George Clinton and Alexander Hamilton of New York State began a 42 year campaign toward emancipation in their state. "The slavery issue put slave owners in a paradoxical position. How could they be in the vanguard of liberty, when they held men and women in bondage?"

Old Records in Bucks County lists names of land owners and the number of slaves that lived at that address.

The amount of \$120 seems very "foreign" today when we think of what it represented 200 years ago.