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President's Corner

It is my great pleasure to welcome Robin Simmers-Butrey to the BCHF Board of Directors, filling the position left by the death of Mary McIlvain. Robin served on the board in the past and also served on the Historic Bristol Day Committee. She was instrumental in developing some of the signage we use today as well as helping research the history of the homes open on our tours during the event. Robin also served on the Ways and Means Committee, where her artistic skills developed some of the items we sell. She earned a B.S. degree in Art Education at Edinboro University. She continues to serve as a member of the HBD Committee.



Robin comes to us with many experiences which will

significantly enhance our organization.

Robin also graduated with a Historic Preservation Certificate from Bucks County Community College. She served as a member of the BCCC Foundation Tyler Restoration Committee, did volunteer work at the Tyler Gardens, and is a volunteer for the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor/Landmark Towns of Bucks County. She is currently the very successful Educator and Coordinator of Visitation Services at the Grundy Museum.

As you can see, we are fortunate to include Robin on our Board.

What are you thinking about in August?

Hot weather? No! It's peaches, of course.

Are you feelin' to do some peelin'? Come to BCHF at 321 Cedar Street on Sunday, August 8th at 11 a.m. Bring a paring knife, cutting board, and an apron and help a friendly crew of BCHF members to peel peaches for the Peach Social held at 2 p.m. that day.

Jan Ruano President



Peach Social is coming your way! Things may not look the same, but we are slowly trying to get back to our usual events. For the safety of our volunteers and participants, this year's Peach Social will be a **Take-Away event**. It will be held on **August 8th from 2 to 4** in front of our BCHF headquarters at 312 Cedar Street. For **\$5.00**, you will get angel food cake, peaches, and a container of vanilla ice cream, all individually packaged to-go. Plan a dessert night get-together with family or friends and none of the fuss!

The funds realized from this social will go toward the scholarships we award to the Bristol High School graduates each year. Please help us to ensure the success of this endeavor

Kathy Barniskis, Ways & Means

TWO FALL TRIPS - - by Helen Younglove

"Autumn Leaf" Excursion with Lunch at Chadds Ford Inn

BCHF invites you to join us on our Wednesday, October 20, bus trip. The trip features a 90-minute "Autumn Leaf" excursion on the Wilmington & Western Railroad's ten miles of track through Delaware's Red Clay Valley, an area rich in history and scenery.

The first stop on this bus trip will be at the Historic Chadds Ford Inn, referred to as ("the tavern at Chad's fording place" in the 1700s) where a 3-course luncheon awaits.

The Wilmington & Western Railroad was chartered in 1867 to move goods from the mills along the Red

Clay Creek to the Port of Wilmington and officially opened for freight and passenger service on Oct. 19, 1872. Much of the Line ran through the Red Clay Valley, bustling in the late 19th Century with farms, small villages, and water-powered mills. In the 1880s, B&P Railroad purchased the line. It became known as the "Landenberg Branch" and was, for a time, the most profitable branch line.



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Two Fall Trips . . . *continued*

When a resort opened in the late 1880s at Brandywine Springs, the passenger business flourished as people from the region came to the park to escape the summer heat. The park closed in 1923, and the passenger business ended on September 28, 1930, a victim of the Great Depression. The sharp decrease of freight traffic in the early 1940s shortened the Landenberg Branch Line. In the 1950s, the Line underwent shortening again. In the mid-1960s, Historic Red Clay Valley Inc. (HRCV) was formed and began leasing the tracks and operating steam-powered tourist trains on weekends. In August of 1982, Historic Red Clay Valley Inc. (HRCV) purchased the Landenberg Branch.

Hurricane Floyd (Sept. 1999) and Tropical Storm Henri (Sept. 2003) destroyed several wooden bridges spanning the Red Clay Creek. Volunteers from HRCV rebuilt each bridge, and on June 30, 2007, the Wilmington & Western was reborn.

The bus will depart from the Grundy Arena at 475 Beaver St., Bristol Borough, at 10 a.m. and return at approx. 6 p.m. Cost is \$115 for BCHF members and \$118 for non-members.

Reservations are being taken by Sue Watkins, 2289 Seabird Dr., Bristol 19007. For a detailed flier, call 215-781-8591 or print it from BCHF's website, www.bristolhistory.org

MOUNT HOPE HOLIDAY TRIP

We have canceled the trip to Lyndhurst Mansion in Tarrytown, NY, for the annual Holiday Tour this year. They have not decided whether to open the Mansion for their holiday tours and programs. Instead, the Ways & Means Committee has booked a bus trip to the Mount Hope Estate for their "Holidays at Mount Hope" on Monday, November 29. The estate is a National Register of Historic Places-listed property in Lancaster County, PA. We will travel to the Lancaster area to celebrate the merrymaking and good cheer of the holiday season at the Mount Hope Estate. Create new memories as we enjoy a sit-down luncheon, costumed carolers, and a holiday program in this festively decorated Mansion, constructed between 1800 and 1805.



The bus will leave from the Grundy Arena on Beaver Street at 10:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:30 p.m. All-inclusive cost is \$112 for BCHF members and \$115 for non-members.

For a detailed flyer/reservation form, contact Helen Younglove at 215-788-9408, or visit our website at www.bristolhistory.org.

I LOVE A (BRISTOL) PARADE

by Arthur Younglove

When you grow up in Bristol, you have to love a parade! I don't know how old I was when I first became aware of parades in Bristol – maybe five or six. My first recollection was of a parade that came over the Forgey Bridge and turned left onto Buckley Street. I can vividly picture two Bristol musical organizations marching past me as I stood curbside at the corner of Beaver and Buckley Streets. Smartly uniformed, with West Point style posture, were Bristol's-own two junior drum and bugle corps: first, the Chester W. Terchon VFW-sponsored cadet corps and then the Robert W. Bracken American Legion Cadets. I remember how impressed I was as they passed by.

As I grew older, I made it a point not to miss a town parade. There were the annual Memorial Day Parades through the Borough and out to the Bristol Cemetery on Route 13 and back. In these parades, the Bristol High School Band joined the two corps. I recall an Animal Parade sponsored by the Mill Street merchants. I won a pair of pajamas for having the smallest animal – a newly born kitten that I carried in an Easter basket. Later, the Bracken Cadets sponsored the Eastern States Championship Drum & Bugle Corps contests at the Bristol High School Field. All visiting corps paraded through town before the competition. Radio and TV per-

sonality Ted Mack exceed one of these events.

I don't recall July 4th parades, although I remember decorating my tricycle with red, white, and blue crepe paper wound through the wheel spokes.



The Mill Street Businessmen hired me to run several Christmas Parades, a couple of which featured Sally Starr and Captain and Mrs. Noah. I'm delighted that the Christmas Parades continue to be a Bristol tradition.

I organized a Halloween Parade for the Bristol Moose one year. And how could I forget a huge Firemen's Parade back in the early '50s?

I had the honor of organizing two Bristol Anniversary Parades. The first, initiated by Mayor John Rodgers, celebrated the Borough's 285th anniversary; the second celebrated its 300th year. Both of these parades culminated months of diversified, exciting activities held in the town.

That's it! I hope I didn't miss a Bristol Parade!!

2021 B.C.H.F. Membership

The following individuals, families and businesses have joined the Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation as members for the year 2021. If your name does not appear below, and you would like to continue to support the work of the Foundation, you may join now using the coupon at the bottom of this page. Additional members will be noted in our September newsletter.

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2021 Membership Form

2021 Membership Dues: _____ **Individual \$15.00** _____ **Family \$25.00** _____ **Business \$60.00**

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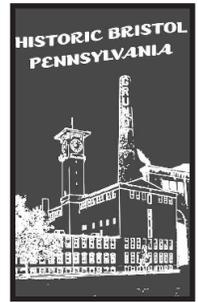
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Make check payable to B.C.H. F. Mail to: B.C.H.F., P.O. Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007



A Note From Ways & Means

The Ways and Means Committee is pleased to announce the first ever **Spring Sale has been so successful that we are extending it to the end of June!** We've reduced the prices of most of our items. Think of the events coming this spring and summer that might require a gift and choose one of our items! Think ahead to holiday gifts. To view the items, please log onto our website at: www.bristolhistory.org. The sale prices are for the following:



Bristol Garden Flag

Wooden hometown pieces - \$20.00 pieces will be \$15.00 and \$5.00 pieces will be \$3.00

Joseph Sagolla Book (a portfolio of paintings) - \$10.00

Garden Flags (both the Grundy Tower and Christmas flags) – now \$10.00

Lapel pins (suitable for caps, too) \$3.00

Brass ornament (great for a holiday tree) \$6.00

Small magnets - \$1.00

Bristol oval magnet - \$4.00

A limited edition print of the wharf commemorating the borough's 285th anniversary by Bea Berlin - \$20.00

A print of the Bristol wharf by Joseph Pavone, printed to commemorate the 1st Historic Bristol Day in 1986 - \$15.00

Bristol T-shirts (some Med., but mostly L, XL, & 2XL) - \$12.00

We hope you take advantage of these prices that will last until the end of June. Please call

me, Kathy Barniskis at 215-943-0258 or Helen Younglove at 215-788-9408 and leave your name and number. We will be glad to make arrangements for you to view and purchase the items at the BCHF Headquarters at 312 Cedar St.

Chairperson, Kathy Barniskis



Bristol Magnet



Rose Marie Strippoli

by Janice Rhodes

Rose Marie Strippoli was born, in Bristol Borough, PA. She attended grammar school at St. Ann's school in Bristol and graduated High School at St. Hubert's in Philadelphia.

After high school, she worked briefly at the Bucks County Courier Times and the Pennsylvania Unemployment Agency.



She married at age 20 in 1957, and within the next five years, had four children: Anthony, Pasquale, William, and Theresa. She currently has eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Throughout her children's early years, she worked from her home in Bristol Borough designing & altering evening wear and bridal gowns.

After her divorce in the early '70s, she continued her home business at night and worked during the days in a shoe store. Eventually, she extended her business and opened a small store in Bristol, where she designed and made bridal gowns. She moved to Penndel, PA, and added tuxedos to her bridal gown inventory. Later she moved to Levittown. Here she did some unique designs but mostly sold bridal gowns from New York City. During these years, she took classes at Bucks County Community College in art and business.

In 1987, she met Gino Strippoli again after many years. They had many friends in common and married two years later. After their marriage, they moved to Ohio, where Gino was a C.E.O. of a large corporation. Since she no longer had to work, she spent her time in art classes at Bowling Green University. She became actively involved in local Women's groups and art groups.

In 2004, Gino retired, and they moved back to Bristol Township. Since then, she has been extremely

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45th Historic BRISTOL DAY

rain or shine

**Saturday, October 16, 2021
from 10 am until 4 pm**

on Radcliffe Street and Riverfront Park
Bristol Borough, Pennsylvania

Entertainment, Car Show,
Antique Boat Display,
Annual Tea, Tours, Regatta,
Vendors, Tours of the
newly renovated Grundy Museum,
Children's Corner and Student Art
Show in the Grundy Library:
the official Visitor's Center of Bristol,
Food Court and much more...



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THE FIRST FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT

by Harold Mitchener

The answer for most people is McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, among others. My first experience with a fast-food establishment was at a Horn and Hardart restaurant at Broad Street in Philadelphia. I didn't have a burger or fries but a meatloaf dinner for 99 cents.

In the first half of the twentieth century, you may have had a meal at a Horn & Hardart restaurant when you went shopping in Philadelphia. The Automat in Philadelphia had its origin with two young men; one from Philadelphia and the other from New Orleans. Joe Horn came from a wealthy Philadelphia family. He aspired to own a restaurant even as a boy. He convinced his mother to give him the money for the venture, but he wasn't sure how to begin. Frank Hardart's family was poor. He worked, as a young man, at many restaurant jobs. He learned the art of making coffee using the French-drip method. Frank visited Philadelphia in 1876 to attend the Centennial Exposition. He was surprised by the coffee served in Philadelphia.

Horn put an ad in a newspaper in 1888 looking for a partner in the restaurant business. Hardart returned from New Orleans to Philadelphia to introduce better coffee to Philadelphia. He answered Horn's ad, and the two went into business together. Their first restaurant opened in 1888 and had 15 stools set around a counter. They served Hardart's French-drip coffee that their patrons enjoyed.

Germans invented the concept of a self-serve restaurant. The world's first automat opened in Berlin, Germany, in 1895. Automats were efficient vending machine-style restaurants that signaled to Frank Hardart that the future in dining had arrived. He sailed to Germany to see one and ultimately had one shipped to Philadelphia at the cost of \$3000,000.

They installed the first Automat at 1818 Chestnut Street in June of 1902. Patrons came into a wall of coin-operated cubbies that contained hot food and beverages behind a glass window. Thanks to waiter-less

service, they provided quick and delicious meals to hundreds of thousands of diners a day at low prices.

Customers exchanged dollar bills for handfuls of nickels from female cashiers behind glass booths. Then they fed their change into vending machines, turned the knobs, extracted plates of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and cherry pie, among hundreds of other menu items. Behind the Automat, hidden workers cooked and replaced dishes, rushing to keep up with the demand. Workers went around whipping off the tables as diners finished eating. Plates, cups, and silverware were disposed of in containers by the customers, not the staff. The growing sanitation



movement satisfied the medical community since a wall separated the customer from the food preparation area.

In 1912, the partners opened restaurants in other locations in Philadelphia. That same year they opened one in New York City. They opened a second location in Times Square and deemed it "the new method of lunching." In 1932, there were more than 46 in Philadelphia. By the 1950s, Horn and Hardart operated over 100 locations in New York City alone. Over 800,000 people ate at a Horn and Hardart Automat each day during its heyday, making it the world's largest restaurant chain.

Philadelphia's Horn & Hardart Baking Co. filed for bankruptcy in 1990. The last Pennsylvania Automat closed in Bala Cynwyd. Today, the only place you can see what Horn & Hardart looked like is in the Smithsonian Institution, which harbors a 35-foot-long chunk of the original 1902 restaurant.

I once took students on a walking tour in the historic area of Philadelphia, where we ate in the Horn & Hardart on Chestnut Street. The students commented that it was a "really cool" experience.

I wonder how many of our readers ever ate at an Automat? And how many of our younger readers had ever even heard of one?

Strippoli

active in many Bucks County and Philadelphia art organizations: Artists of Bristol, Artists of Yardley, Artsbridge, Phillips Mill, Philadelphia Sketch Club, Pa. Watercolor Society (International), and the Ohio Watercolor Society. Rose Marie has taught art at many local venues. She is currently teaching watercolor *free* to Veterans at Bucks County

Community College. She has been in many juried shows and received numerous awards from such organizations as Bristol Center for the Arts, Artsbridge, Philadelphia Sketch Club, Ohio Watercolor Society, Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, and Phillips Mill. Her artwork is in many private collections in both the U.S. and Europe.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **June 1951** issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER.

6/1 – TO GRADUATE 164 FROM BRISTOL H.S. TUESDAY EVENING. At Grand Theatre. The following courses are listed: Academic, 37; Commercial, 60; Industrial, 58; General, 8; Equivalent Diploma, 1.

TWO DELAWARE SPANS REGISTER BIG GAINS. Burlington-Bristol Bridge Leads All Other New Jersey Crossings.

6/4 – FIFTH WARD SPORTING CLUB DEDICATES NEW BUILDING WHICH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CONSTRUCTED WITH OWN HANDS. Structure a Monument to Four Members of Organization Who Paid Supreme Sacrifice in World War II.

GOODWILL FIREMEN DEDICATE NEW FIRE STATION; Unveil Plaques And Unfurl Flag Before Large Audience

MILITARY HONORS TO BE ACCORDED HOLDEN. Soldier Who Met Death in Korea to Be Buried Here Saturday.

6/6 – AWARDS MADE AT COMMENCEMENT OF BRISTOL HIGH. Announcement was made of a \$1600 scholarship at New Jersey College for Women to Marie Pierro, a \$1600 scholarship and grants at Juniata College to Marjorie Mannherz, and a \$1800 scholarship at Rider College to Daniel McDevitt.

“Announcement.....We have now added HOT PLATTERS to our menu. Served daily from 11 to 2 and from 5 to 8. Sundays from noon to 8 P.M. O’BOYLE’S ICE CREAM.”

6/7 – CPL. JOSEPH L. DEWSNAP, 24, EDGELY, ONE OF NINE KILLED IN MILITARY ‘PLANE CRASH In Take-Off At Kelly Field, Texas; Was Veteran Of World War II. Former BHS Student Had Been Employed by Thomas L. Leedom Co. Here before Being Called back into Service.

“HARRIMAN FOOD CENTRE, 1504 Farragut Ave.....U.S. Choice Boneless Veal - 89c Lb. Meaty Rib Pork Chops - 39c Lb. Mrs. Paul’s Deviled Crab Cakes - 43c Pkg. Fresh Creamery Butter - 73c Lb. Heinz Baby Food - 10 Jars, 95c. Scott Tissue - 10c Roll. Astor Coffee - 83c Lb.”

6/9 – SEVEN COMPLETE THE COMMERCIAL COURSE, ST. MARK’S. The graduates are: John Peter Wilson, Elizabeth Anne Elmer, Irene Barbara Monti, Dolores Marie Wildman, Anne Marie Dunn, Mary Patricia Dugan and Florence Marie Ferry.

6/13 – SCHOOL BOARD TO UNDERWRITE PLAY-GROUNDS. Board Votes \$1800 To Open School Yards And Conduct Program.

“This Bank Closed All Day, Thursday, Flag Day. FARMERS NATIONAL BANK OF BUCKS COUNTY, 244 Radcliffe Street.”

6/15 – ROTARIANS HONOR “CITIZEN OF THE YEAR”. George Ardrey Given Testimonial Dinner by Bristol Rotary Club.

“PREVIEW! BRISTOL TWP. RANCH TYPE BRICK HOMES. Margo Gardens. \$10,250. Monthly Payment \$51.88, Plus Taxes. F.H.A. Approved.”

“GILARDI’S MENS STORE for Gifts for Dad. Polo Shirts - \$1.50 to \$3.95. Mayfair Slacks at \$7.95 to \$12.95. Palm Beach Ties, Frosted with Nylon - \$1.50. 322 Mill Street.”

“POPKIN’S SHOES, Mill & Pond Sts.....Florsheim Shoes for Father’s Day - \$19.95. Other Florsheims to \$22.95.”

6/18 – DE LONG-KELLY CEREMONY IS A SUNDAY EVENT. The ceremony which united Miss Helen Kelly and Pfc. Donald DeLong in marriage yesterday was solemnized in

St. James Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Seventy guests were invited to the reception at the DeLong residence. Pfc. and Mrs. DeLong are spending a week at Ocean City, N.J.

“SARA C. GRANZOW Presents “Talk of the Town”. 16th Annual Dance Revue Given by Her Pupils, at the Grand Theatre, Friday, June 22, 8 P.M.”

“Summer Casuals and Dress-Ups at a New Low \$8.95. MARY MALONE DRESS SHOP, 236 Otter Street.”

6/20 – MOTOR, SAIL RACES ATTRACT BIG CROWD. Bristol Yacht Club had its official opening season Sunday. There was a good turnout to watch the afternoon’s events, including a water ski exhibition.

ASK BIDS FOR CONTRACT POST OFFICE. Bids for the conduct of a contract post office station, located on the Mill Street area, will be accepted at the post office building, Beaver and Prospect Street, through July 5.

6/21 – D.V.B.S. ENROLLMENTS HIGHER THAN IN 1950. Daily Vacation Bible Schools are being conducted in this area now.

“SCHIFFER’S, 230 Mill Street.....20%-30% Reduction on All Materials. Seersuckers, Dotted Swiss, Cotton Piques, Organdies, and More.”

6/22 – HEARINGS CONTINUE INTO NEED FOR INCREASED BUS SERVICE IN THE BRISTOL AREA To Properly Serve The Population Influx Expected by Location Of U.S. Steel Plant In Area. Neibauer Bus Co. Opposes Granting Franchise to The Larrisey Lines.

“Effective Monday, June 25, the following Bristol Barbers will close every night at 7 p.m. (except Fridays – open to 9 p.m.). Closed all day Wednesday. D. A. NOCITO, HOLLYWOOD BARBER SHOP, NICK MANNHERZ, JOHN NOCITO, JOSEPH BORNICE, JAMES WHYNO, FRANK DELIA.”

6/25 – BRACKEN POST CORPS WINS FIRST HONORS. Bristol Group Places First in Competition at Reading. Gets Several Awards.

“ST. JOHN TERRELL’S MUSIC CIRCUS, Lambertville, New Jersey. June 26 through July 1. “Die Fledermaus” (new Metropolitan Opera version). Tickets 90c to \$3.60, incl. tax.”

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Memories to the Editor

by Lillian Mitchener Bauserman, Bristol High Class of '48

I recall in the 1940s that we commemorated "Declaration Day (Memorial Day). There was a small parade with a marching band that wove through town to the Bristol Cemetery! My Dad, my brother, and I, along with many others, would follow behind. After a Patriotic Ceremony

honoring veterans, we placed geraniums on our departed relative's grave to show respect and remember them. We observed Declaration Day annually in those days. I don't know if Memorial Day is quite the ritual it was once upon a time. If it isn't, I think it is really kind of sad.

OUT OF THE PAST . . . CONTINUED

6/27 – AEROMODELEERS WIN FIVE MAJOR EVENTS. Bristol Aeromodeleers competed Sunday at a large model aircraft speed and stunt contest at Wilmington, Delaware. Among other awards, James VanSant won first place in the Class A senior speed event.

6/29 – S.P.C.A. REPORTS ON ITS RECENT ACTIVITIES. The Bristol branch of the Bucks County S.P.C.A. met at the residence of Mrs. William Harding, 905 Garden Street, and heard reports of the work of the Branch. 9 Dogs, 16 cats and 2 raccoons were destroyed. 7 Dogs and 15 cats were taken to the shelter at Lahaska.

THREE NEW AREAS TO BE INCLUDED IN DIRECTORY. Winder Village, Edgely and Bath Addition Will Be Added to the 1951-52 edition of the Bristol City Directory.

6/30 – "BLUE CROSS" OPENS BRANCH OFFICE HERE. A new branch office of the Associated Hospital Service of Philadelphia, Southeastern Pennsylvania's Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, was formally opened here Friday. A brief tape-cutting ceremony was held at the new office in the Grand Theatre building, Mill Street and Highway.

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