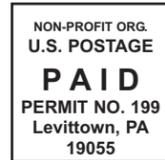




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BE SURE TO ATTEND HISTORIC BRISTOL DAY NUMBER 37

Celebrate Bristol! Join The Fun!

*Come rain or shine, plan to spend
Saturday, October 19th from 10 AM to 4 PM
in Bristol as your town celebrates the
37th Annual Historic Bristol Day!*

This year's event highlights Bristol's historic role in the Delaware Canal System. We've planned activities for the whole family - - from the energetic to, well . . . not so much! For energetic families, D&L Trail Towns of Bucks County, under the management of Barbara Swanda, is sponsoring two bike tours, with stops along the way to offer bikers not only a breather, but also canal-related information about that site. The 4-mile short route will include a portion of the D&L Canal Trail and a longer route will take the bikers out to Silver Lake Nature Center. Both will include stops at the town's beautiful canal lagoon area along Jefferson Avenue. For more information visit their website at: landmarktowns.com or info@landmarktowns.com.

For families that prefer to walk, Susan Taylor of Friend's of the Delaware Canal is offering two walking tours. One tour will start at 11:00 near the wharf and end at the lagoon along Jefferson Avenue. Another walking tour begins at the lagoon, starting at 2:15, and takes you back to the wharf and the river activities. Both tours will take about 45 minutes. These are docent-led tours packed with canal info.

Now, if your family likes to sit and absorb information, the place for you is at the Grundy Library. There will be a pictorial display featuring canal scenes compiled by the Grundy Library. Sarah Berg from the Delaware Canal State Park System will give two talks, at 11:00 and 1:00, that include a Power-Point presentation about the canal. Sarah is an Environmental Education Specialist with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and has a wealth of canal information.

Bernard Mazzocchi, owner of the Canal Works, has graciously made his building available for our event. His personal collection of canal pictures, along the building's corridors, is on display for the public. Be sure to look overhead for some surprises! The building is the home of many artists' and artisans' studios. Local artists and members of "Artists of Bristol", Gail Bracegirdle and Janice Rhodes, have arranged for many of the studios to

be open that day and have invited surrounding area artists to display their works. Artists' works will be available for purchase. Come tour the building and be inspired!

Canal songs are the order of the day performed by musical group Spiced Punch in an outdoor setting. Catch their music at 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00 in the 1st Canal Street Alcove. And near the Canal Works at the lagoon, Rich Pawling will be giving a first-person presentation of Canal Captain John Hummel at 1:30. (Both entertainments will be located inside the Canal Works should it rain.)

Rich Pawling comes to us as a speaker from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, Commonwealth Speakers program, a private non-profit organization that inspires individuals to enjoy and share a life of learning. PHC will fund Commonwealth Speaker programs throughout the state this year thanks to support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. In addition to the Commonwealth Speakers program, PHC supports other humanities projects like grants, book discussion programs and special media projects like [Humanities on the Road](#), which is broadcast to 3.3 million households across Pennsylvania through [Pennsylvania Cable Network](#). For more information visit www.pahumanities.org. BCHF is grateful for their support of our event.

Across from the Canal Works be sure to stop into the Snyder-Girotti School and go inside to find the Children's Corner. Youngsters of all ages can view replicas of toys, school books, and types of clothing worn by canal families. BRING YOUR CAMERA to take some fun shots of your little ones "dressed" in canal garb! The canal memorabilia in "The Traveling Trunk" will be on loan to BCHF from Dennis Scholl, Outreach Coordinator for the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor.

Car buffs should make their way to the parking area behind the school and follow the music to our Second Annual Car Show. Trophies that are awarded to the participants have been donated by the Radcliffe Cafe. Contact: [Bristol Day Car Show@gmail.com](mailto:BristolDayCarShow@gmail.com) for information about registering your car that day.

MORE INFORMATION ON
HISTORIC BRISTOL DAY
CONTINUED ON INSIDE PAGES

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2013

SEPTEMBER - Thurs., 9/12. Bus trip to NYC incl. 9/11 Memorial, free time and lunch in "Little Italy" for annual San Gennaro Festival, visit High Line Park. \$90/BCHF member; \$95/non-member. WAITING LIST BEING TAKEN AT 215 788-4138.

SEPTEMBER - Sat., 9/14 (rain date Sun., 9/15), noon to 8 p.m. BCHF sales & info table at Annual Italian Festival until 6 p.m. Event is sponsored by the Bristol Lions Club and held in Lions Park on the Bristol Waterfront. Free. For info, www.bristolhistory.org

OCTOBER - 10/5 - 13. Avalon Waterways' "Romantic Rhine" river cruise from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Holland. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

OCTOBER - Saturday, 10/19, 10 AM - 4 PM. 37th Annual Historic Bristol Day, spotlighting the Delaware Canal. Details in this issue of THE GAZETTE. Fee for house tour and tea.

NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/20, 7 p.m. BCHF'S annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members, followed by program and refreshments. BCHF headquarters. Free. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

DECEMBER - 12/6, Bus trip to Fairmount Park Holiday Houses + Belmont Mansion and sit-down lunch. \$90/BCHF member; \$93/non-member; \$25 pp deposit to book; balance due by 11/1. WAITING LIST BEING TAKEN AT 215 788-9408.

SEPTEMBER 14-18 2014 - 5 day/ 4 night bus trip to Cape Cod, visiting Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Historic Sandwich and Hyannis. 4 breakfasts & 4 dinners, lodging, all taxes; meal, guide & driver tips. \$655 pp, double occupancy. \$200 pp deposit upon booking. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer/reservations.

- 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 - 2013/2014 Season

"My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm Still in Therapy" - Sept. 17 thru Oct. 6, 2013
 "Pride & Prejudice" - Oct. 29 thru Nov. 24, 2013 / "Tuesdays With Morrie" - Jan. 28 thru Feb. 16, 2014
 "Laughter On The 23rd Floor" - March 18 thru April 13, 2014
 "Little Shop Of Horrors" - May 6 thru June 8, 2014 / "Winter Musicale" - Dec. 5 thru Dec. 15, 2013
 Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

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Historic Bristol Day's Radcliffe Street & Riverside Events

As always, Radcliffe Street is the setting for the many vendors that line the street from 10 to 4 for our yearly event. Don't miss our "10-minute talks" about the canal at the terminus area near the Bristol Wharf scheduled for 11:00, 1:00 & 3:00. Featured at **220 Radcliffe**, the office of Attorney William Salerno, will be a pictorial display of some of the archival canal photos compiled by the Grundy Library. Mr. Salerno's office was once the residence of the Superintendent of Canal Construction. Ralph Ratcliffe, known as "Mr. Canal", will be there to chat and share his wealth of information about the canal. The **Riverside Theatre** is opening its doors to the public, offering a theatre tour and selling gelato. Look for **BCHF's Bake Sale Table** and further along the street will be the **BCHF Salable and Raffle Table**. Local artist, Joseph Sagolla will have his works on display at the **National Penn Bank**.

FOR THE KIDS!

11:30 TO 2:30 - **Dusty & Patti Kakes**
(balloon sculpture and air tattooing)

12:00 to 3:00 - **Dick Rainer**,
stiltwalker, juggler, & unicyclist

10 to 4 - **Children's Corner at Snyder-Girotti School**
12:00 - **St. Mark school children will be portraying deceased Bristolians in the St. Mark Cemetery**

A variety of **food vendors** will be located **along the river**. Munch as you listen to the musical entertainment that will be showcased at the **Lions Park Gazebo** along the river.

FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE!

11:30 & 12:30 performances of
Bucks Mont Squires of Song
1:30 & 2:30 performances of
The Craig Satchell Quartet

A **Sailing Regatta**, organized and sponsored by the Anchor Yacht Club can be viewed while you eat. Weather and tides permitting, it should **start about 1:00 and finish around 3:00**. Awards will be presented at the Gazebo at the conclusion of the regatta. Regatta Outfitters of Lakewood, Colorado have donated the medals the winners will receive.

Bristol First United Methodist Church at 201 Mulberry Street will be open to the public to view their fantastic stained glass windows. They are hosting the Mothers and Others organization's beautiful quilt display. **The Bristol Borough Area Active Adult Center** on Wood Street will be open and host a performance by The Bracken Alumni Drum & Bugle Corp.

The **Quaker Meetinghouse** at the corner of Wood & Market Streets will be demonstrating colonial cooking.

Here's How To Join In!

An Historic Bristol Day ticket can be purchased that entitles the buyer to admittance to the homes graciously open on tour to the public that day, including the St. Mark Rectory, as well as admittance to our annual "Tea Along the River". (Tea is served from 11:00 to 3:00.)

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 event sale:

Adult: \$12.00 / Child 6 - 12: \$6.00

Sold at the Bristol Wharf and Snyder-Girotti School.

Continuous Free Shuttle Service

from the Bristol Wharf and the Canal Works Building and back again, with a stop and pick up at the tea for those needing a ride from that site.

Parking sites:

Railroad Station Parking Lot
Bristol Municipal Parking Lot
Canal Works (limited)
Snyder-Girotti School Parking Lot
(across from Canal Works)

Artist's Work Raffled On Historic Bristol Day

This year's Historic Bristol Day theme, "The Delaware Canal In Bristol" is perfect for artist Joseph Sagolla's choice of subject matter for this year's watercolor. Families skating and young people playing ice hockey on the icy lagoon capture the charm of a Bristol winter.

Don't miss a chance to be the lucky winner of this beautiful watercolor! BCHF members need to dig out the chances that were mailed to you, fill out the stubs, include a check to BCHF and mail them back to: BCHF, PO Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007. If you want more tickets, please call Jan Ruano at 215 788-2106.

In Sept., our organization will be participating in Italian Day. Look for us under the Bristol Wharf, view the watercolor up close and buy chances. Chances will also be sold the day of the event at the BCHF Salable Table on Radcliffe Street. So there are plenty of opportunities to get lucky!

As in the past, we will draw and notify the winner at the conclusion of **H i s t o r i c Bristol Day**.



Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **September 1913** issues of THE BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE.

9/5 - - THE MOOSE EXCURSION. Nearly 2,000 persons went on the excursion given by the Loyal Order of Moose last Sunday. the large steamer "Columbia" had been chartered to take them to Augustine Pier. Several Philadelphia and Trenton pickpockets were discovered among the crowd but were not allowed to work their nefarious games. The Irons' Band of Burlington and Grim's Orchestra furnished music throughout the trip.

RE-OPENING OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The several school grounds and buildings presented an animated appearance on Monday morning last when the schools were re-opened for the fall term. 957 children are enrolled.

"FOR RENT. 303 Walnut St. \$11.00 per month."

"Personally-conducted Excursion to Niagara Falls. September 19 and October 3. "10.25 Round Trip from Bristol. PENNSYLVANIA R.R."

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The members of St. Ann's Church will hold a block party on Friday and Saturday evenings of next week. Booths for the sale of fancy articles, candies, etc., will be erected along Dorrance Street from the old railroad to Pond Street, and along the church front on Pond Street.

9/12 - - THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY. Growth from Six Subscribers in 1883 to Seven Hundred Stations in 1913. September 15 next will mark the rounding out of thirty years of Bell Telephone service in Bristol. The first telephone office was opened in the Martin Building at 232 Mill Street, with George Callanan in charge.

DEMOCRATS' MASS MEETING. Hibernian Hall was filled to its searing capacity on Wednesday evening when a mass meeting was held under the auspices of the Wilson and Marshall Democratic Club. James McGinley, president of the club, presided.

LAST FRIDAY'S STORM. The storms of last Friday and again on Sunday evening were most disastrous to the farmers of Bristol Township. Hailstones the size of walnuts fell, cutting the corn as with a scythe, riddling rhubarb like bullets, ripping open the tomatoes and cutting lima beans from the poles, and ruining entire crops. One of the chimneys of the Jefferson Avenue school house was struck by lightning.

FIRST BABY BORN AT MAPLE BEACH. A bright baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sutcliff at Maple Beach, the new recreation resort on the riverfront south of Bristol.

"THE BELL STORE, Mill and Pond Sts . . . Sirloin Steak - 30¢ pound. Best Rib Roast - 2-¢ pound. Maryland Spring Lamb Chops - 22¢ pound."

9/19 - - SCHOOL NOTES. A short time ago the

Superintendent received word from the State School Department at Harrisburg that the Bristol High School is rated as first grade. Nearly all of the class of 1913 are continuing their studies.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The Bristol Manufacturing Company, which leased the room over Bell's Store at Pond and Mill Streets, began business the first of the week with about half of the number of hands they will employ. They expect to have their plant in full working order in about a week, when the music of fifty machines will be heard.

SPECIAL NOTICES:

Table Boarders Wanted. Reasonable. Mrs. Hanford, 829 Radcliffe Street

House to Rent. 303 Walnut St. \$11.00 per month.

Pepper Pot, 10 cents a quart. Other good things for sale at 11 a.m., Saturday morning. Call at 725 Radcliffe Street.

"OYSTERS, OYSTERS! Oyster boat will have oysters at Market St. wharf every Friday. \$1.00 per bushel. Capt. Arthur Windford."

9/26 - - BETTER POLICE PROTECTION NEEDED. Early on Monday morning miscreants took possession of Mill Street and, not only roused the residents of that section by their hilariousness, but destroyed property, tearing down signs, wresting bread boxes from their fastenings, and tearing porches and stoops from their places. The fact that such depredation could be done between the regular patrols of two officers shows the weakness of the system that is used by the Police Committee. Under the present Police Committee system, it is easy to evade the officers, and parts of the borough are entirely without police protection during the entire night.

SEPTEMBER WEDDING. One of the largest weddings in Bristol for a long while occurred yesterday at eleven o'clock in St. Ann's Church when Miss Jennie Petina, daughter of Dominick Petina, became the bride of Louis Galzerano, a prominent undertaker of Philadelphia. A reception was held at the home of the bride's father, corner of Brook and Cherry Streets, to which five hundred invitations had been issued.

"PLAYING AT THE RIVERSIDE & COLONIAL THEATRES. Saturday Night. 4 Big Acts of Vaudeville and 5 Reels of Best Photo-Plays. 10 cents to all!"

"CLARK'S RESTAURANT, 500 Bath Street . . . Confectionery, Ice Cream, Cigars, etc., etc. Oysters in season. Public waiting room for trolley patrons."

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The Arabian steed driven by Philip Jones, the local mail carrier, became tired on Monday and laid down to rest on the pavement in front of the post office. Assistant Postmaster Wright and some others disentangled him from his harness.

American Prisoners . . . continued from page 5

a disease-ridden prison ship just off the coast. This included men from the War of 1812 who were kept alongside French prisoners from the Napoleonic Wars. It is interesting to note that the Americans were treated worse than the French because the Americans were considered traitors to the British Crown. The Americans worked side-by-side with the French prisoners to build the church. The stained-glass East Window in the Gothic stone building pays tribute to the 19th Century American prisoners of war who died in captivity at Dartmoor Prison located near the church. Today it stands as a memorial to those who never had the chance to return home following the war.

School Students Help Harvest Local Asparagus

At a time when Bucks County had many "small farms", the annual asparagus crop relied on local school children (boys and girls) to help with the spring harvest. They were paid 40¢ to 45¢ per hour, depending on their experience. Larger farms relied on students from the George School in Newtown plus some from public schools. County superintendent of Schools, Dr. Charles H. Boehm reported that over 500 students were excused from the morning sessions in 1943. No "working papers" were required for the vacation farm employment and the asparagus harvest in spring was in this category. Normally students 14-16 years of age needed vacation permits for general employment when schools are not in session. This writer has talked with former students from the Aroostook Valley in

Maine where potatoes are the major crop and students were excused for this harvest. A former teacher who taught in the Bristol Township and Bensalem School districts had a similar experience in a valley in New York state where she was first employed. She was told she could either work in the fields during the tomato harvest or work in the local tomato canning factory. The schools briefly closed for the harvest.

Gone are most of the small farms from Bucks County, especially those in the southern portion. Please note that one of the largest commercial farms in the county was located where the U.S. Steel Plant was built between Tullytown and Morrisville. That farm was owned by former U.S. Congressman Karl King.

More Members Join BCHF

The following members have joined BCHF since the listing appeared in our June Gazette. If your name did not appear in June and is not listed below, won't you please join and support our organization by filling out the form below and mailing it, along with your check to BCHF at the address below.

Ginny DiMaggio	Dolores A. Lynam	Marilyn Milbourne	Edward Vansant
Helen Dmytryk	Margaret Lynn	Paul Murray	Jacquelyn L. Volk
Miss Mildred C. Hirsch	Dave McGlynn	Nicholas A. Rizzo	
Albert & Sharon Lalli	Ronald V. McGuckin	Joyce & Andrew Thompson	

2013 Membership Form

2013 Membership Dues: _____ Individual \$12.00 _____ Family \$24.00 _____ Business \$50.00

Name: _____ Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

SAVE THIS DATE . . . Sat., Oct. 19, 2013 . . . Historic Bristol Day!!

"Sold Out"

For the first time in the history of our annual Peach Social, formerly called the "Peach Festival" held in August each year, we had to post a sign on our door "SOLD OUT". This event is held annually to help raise funds which go toward providing four \$500.00 awards for graduating seniors of Bristol High School each June. Our first Peach Festival was held in 1993.

The weather was perfect for enjoying a plate with angel food cake, vanilla ice cream, many slices of peaches and a beverage. Originally we were to be serving from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. By 3:30 we had to post the sign "SOLD OUT". Also for sale at a bake table were assorted home-baked items many of which included peaches. At that same sale table were jars of home-made peach jam made by several members of our organization. The bake table was also "SOLD OUT". This was the first time the workers who staffed the event did not get to enjoy a plate of the delicious dessert at the end of the day.

It was good to help provide funds for the awards in the area of history, art, music and literature.

Thanks to Chairperson Deborah Pinney and the other volunteer workers for helping to make this event a success.

CONGRATULATIONS 2013 BRISTOL HIGH GRADUATES

The following Bristol High School Class of 2013 graduates received awards from Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation at their June commencement.

In keeping with our mission, we offered a \$500 award in each of the following areas: Literature - Derek Whitfield, Music - Deirdre French, Art - Nick Crosby and History - Dan Raab. We congratulate these students and all 2013 graduates.

Profits from our annual Peach Social in August is used to help provide the funds for these awards.

2nd Annual Historic Bristol Day Car Show

The 2nd Annual Historic Bristol Day Car Show will be held on October 19, 2013 at the Snyder-Girotti Elementary/Middle School located at 450 Beaver Street in historic Bristol Borough, PA. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM on October 19. The show will run from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A \$10.00 registration fee for participants will be collected at that time and will include a 5 x 7 inch photo of each participant's car taken by automotive photographer Marc Dubus. Participants can pre-register by going to our website www.bristoldaycarshow.com. No registration fee is required at the time of pre-registration since there is no rain date. We encourage participants to pre-register so that their windshield registration forms will be waiting for them when they arrive.

The show this year will be open to all years of American and foreign antique and classic cars as well as new Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs, T-Birds and Challengers. There is no admission fee for attendees. We are looking forward to a nice informal day with good weather where fellow car enthusiasts can enjoy each other's company before retiring their cars for the winter.



Show attendees can browse and reminisce about better times when cars were more like pieces of art. There will be four trophies provided by the Radcliffe Cafe. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place People's Choice trophy voted on by show attendees. There will also be a "Best of Show" trophy that will be judged. A DJ has been added to this year's venue to set the mood with songs from the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s.

The car show this year is centrally located between the activities at the Canal Works and the other Bristol Day activities on Radcliffe Street and at the wharf. Children's canal-related activities will be going on all day inside the Snyder-Girotti School. The car show will be accessible by using the shuttle bus.

We're Back!!

In the June GAZETTE we made a plea for **MANpower** for Historic Bristol Day. We're disappointed that the headquarters' phone hasn't been ringing with positive responses to that plea.

Historic Bristol Day is BCHF's biggest undertaking of the year and it can't be a success without "u" in it. Months of meetings, plenty of planning and considerable capital have been devoted to this major event, but all is for naught if we don't have the volunteers needed to make it run smoothly.

As mentioned previously, the Grounds Committee requires help with transporting and setting up tables, chairs, signs, trash receptacles, etc. Pick-up trucks, SUVs and other suitable vehicles, along with an able-bodied crew, are needed for this task. Everything has to be in place before 10 a.m. and cleared out promptly after the event ends at 4 p.m. Anyone willing to lend a hand is asked to contact Grounds Coordinator Gerry McCarry at

215 932-9441.

The female members of BCHF have always been generous with their time on Historic Bristol Day, and we're hoping that this year will be no exception. Volunteers - both male and female - are needed to staff the ticket tables, the open houses, the various exhibits, the shuttle buses, and various other sites. A minimum of 2 hours is all that's requested; more than that would be a tremendous help. And, if you could talk some family members and friends into volunteering, it would be greatly appreciated. Volunteer Coordinator Mary McIlvain (215 788-5232) will be delighted to hear from you!

Mary and Jodi Kehoe, who chair the Bake Table, are counting on our faithful bakers to make a favorite baked good to tempt the passersby at the usual Radcliffe Street site. The Kehoes can be reached at 215 788-5918.

Success is dependent on U!

The Bus Will Roll!

We're delighted to announce that the December 6 bus trip to Philadelphia for the Fairmount Park Holiday House Tour is a sellout! A waiting list is currently being taken by Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

In the June GAZETTE, the possibility of a 5 day/4 night bus trip to Cape Cod next September was mentioned. This New England getaway has now been booked. The date is Sunday, September 14 through Thursday, September 18,

2014. The itinerary includes escorted tours of Nantucket Island, Martha's Vineyard, Hyannis and Historic Sandwich. Price is \$655 pp double, \$635 pp triple, and \$825 single, which includes lodging, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners, and more. A \$200 pp deposit will secure your reservation, with the balance due by July 24, 2014. For a detailed flyer, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408. We hope many BCHF members and friends will be interested in this trip!

BUSY SUMMER

Over the past three months, the Ways & Means Committee has been active, manning a BCHF table at Annual Celtic Day on June 30 and at the Delaware Canal Festival on June 21. Unfortunately, it rained on the Celts' day, causing the activities to be curtailed in the early afternoon. However, the weather was perfect for the Canal Festival and we had a brisk sale of not only BCHF's raffle tickets and Bristol memorabilia, but also homemade cookies and other treats.

Our biggest event of the summer was the 19th Annual Peach Social, held at BCHF headquarters on Sunday afternoon, August 4. A record crowd showed up and, for the first time ever, our supply of fresh, sliced peaches was depleted before the stated closing time. We sincerely apologize to those who were turned away. We're delighted that this event has become a popular attraction and we will make every effort to take the increased attendance into consideration when placing next year's order. (see related article on Page 6)

Right: Part of the "peeling crew" for the Peach Social. left to right: Ellanna Delaney, Mary McIlvain, Sue Watkins, Anna Larrisey, Deborah Pinney, and Janice Rhodes.



Above: (Left to Right behind the table) Ceil Graff, Kathy Barniskis and Barbara Freer at the Canal Festival table.



Above: Jan Ruano serves a peachy dessert to two of the Peach Social attendees.



Right: "Kitchen crew," left to right, Ellanna Delaney, Pauline Michalski and Nick Rizzo, load the plates with angel food cake, sliced peaches and vanilla ice cream.

Royal Couple Passed Through Bristol At 4:40 AM

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain passed through Bristol at the early hour traveling by Pennsylvania Railroad between Washington, DC and New York on June 10, 1939. They had sailed to Canada landing at Quebec City on May 17th. While in Canada, they toured every Province including Newfoundland. They traveled across Canada by train visiting major cities all the way to Vancouver. They then came back to Niagara Falls where they crossed into the United States, at the invitation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

This was the first time that an English reigning monarch had ever visited Canada or the United States. Entering the U.S. at Niagara Falls, they passed through Buffalo and headed southward across central Pennsylvania through Maryland to the nation's capital city.

Canadian Prime Minister, Mackenzie King, escorted the Royal visitors. After touring Washington, DC and having a formal dinner at the White House, they departed the capital city. Their train headed north to New York and it was on this portion of the journey that they passed through Bristol at the early hour. A special pilot train

preceded their train and all of the way was guarded by police and soldiers. In Bristol, Chief of Police Jones secured the station area, all underpasses including the Green Lane underpass had guards. This same protection was provided all along their route.

Finally they enjoyed a picnic at the Hyde Park estate of President Roosevelt before heading to the Maritime Provinces. It was at that picnic overlooking the Hudson River that they were treated to hot dogs and other American picnic foods. Their departure by ship was from Halifax, Nova Scotia on June 15th and their vessel was escorted across the Atlantic by British Naval ships.

This was only months before the beginning of World War II and by making this trip, it was hoped that the United States would be favorable in providing aid to the British Isles. Canada had separated from Great Britain in 1867 but they remained within the Commonwealth of Nations.

King George VI died in 1952 and his oldest daughter Elizabeth became Elizabeth II and continues to serve as monarch. She has visited both the United States and Canada in her travels.

American Prisoners of War Helped Build A Church in England

The war of 1812 is one war that is not usually studied in too much detail by the average American. Most will remember that it is from this conflict that the President's House and Capitol were burned and from which we received the words for our National Anthem by Francis Scott Key. It is the war in which the U.S.S. Constitution was made famous. (That ship still floats in Boston Harbor and has members of the U.S. Navy stationed on it). It is also the war in which General Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans. (This

battle was actually fought after the war actually ended; however, due to slow transportation and communication, the battle was fought).

Across the Atlantic Ocean, at Dartmoor, England is The Church of St. Michael and All Angels that American prisoners of war helped build. It is located on one of the highest elevations of any church in England.

Nearby was where prisoners of war had been held on
(Continued on Page 7)

Thanks Extended

BCHF extends sincere thanks to all those who helped make our summer undertakings a success. Hopefully, the list below has not overlooked anyone. If by chance we missed your name, please accept our apology and know that we are very grateful for your support.

Andy Barniskis
Kathy Barniskis,
W&M Chairperson
Geri Cole
Ellanna Delaney
Sonia Fedoraro
Liz Fisher
Barbara Fordham
Barbara Freer
Mark Gesualdi
Mary Gesualdi
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Jodi Kehoe

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Robin Simmers-Butrey
Danielle Snyder
Susan Swift
Regina Vasey
Audrey Vogenberg
Bill Watkins
Sue Watkins
Helen Younglove.

A special acknowledgment is due to our faithful Ways & Means Committee member Regina Vasey for 19 years of procuring and delivering the New Jersey peaches for the Annual Peach Social!