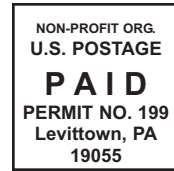




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Three Major Programs Help Begin Our 45th Year

In January a Holocaust survivor will be the guest speaker. February's program is our Annual Tea highlighting fashions of the 20th century. April's program is a 1st person portrayal of Alice Roosevelt Longworth. Members and friends should find all three very inter-

esting. Read the included article about the January 29th program and check the calendar on the back page of this issue for information about the dates and times of all the programs.

January 29 Program

Holocaust survivor David Tuck, of Levittown, will be the featured speaker at our **Sunday, January 29** program. His presentation will begin at 2 p.m. in BCHF headquarters. In lieu of an admission fee, donations will be accepted for the Holocaust Awareness Museum in Philadelphia.

The information on Mr. Tuck that appeared in the November GAZETTE was taken from a Bucks County Courier Times' article of August 13, 2009, announcing his speaking engagement at Wood River Retirement Village in Bensalem. We recently learned that there were some discrepancies in that article. According to a recent phone conversation with Mr. Tuck, he was first imprisoned at the age of ten in the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland and was later moved to a labor camp in Mauthausen, Austria, from which he was liberated.

Because of our building's limited seating capacity, we urge those interested in this program to arrive early. Light refreshment will be served following Mr. Tuck's presentation.

Beginning A New Year

The members of the Board of Directors of the Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation are pleased to begin the 45th year of our organization (1967 - 2012). We look forward to having you join us in membership and support for the year 2012. A membership letter will be mailed within the next month.

The members of the Board of Directors for the year 2012 are as follows: Russell Angerman, Kathy Barniskis, Mary Kehoe, Anna Larrisey, Nancy Maren, Catharine McCarry, Gerry McCarry, Mary McIlvain, Harold Mitchener, Debra Pinney, Jeanette Ruano, Robin Simmers-Butrey, and Helen Younglove. The officers from within the Board of Directors are Gerry McCarry - President, Jeanette Ruano - Vice President, Mary McIlvain - Corresponding Secretary, and Anna Larrisey - Treasurer. The Secretary of the Board is a non-elected position and is Ceil Graff.

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2012

JANUARY - Sun., 1/29, 2 PM, at BCHF. Presentation by Holocaust survivor David Tuck of Levittown. Light refreshment. In lieu of attendance fee, donations are requested for the Holocaust Awareness Museum of Philadelphia.

FEBRUARY - Sun., 2/12, 3 pm, At BCHF. Annual Tea. Theme: "A Fashionable Tea" highlighting dress styles popular in the 20th century. Traditional Tea fare. \$18 per ticket. Reservations at 215 788-9408, starting 9 a.m., Sat., **January 14**.

FEBRUARY - Wed., 2/29, 7 PM, at BCHF. Slide presentation and discussion of "Trains & Canyons of the Southwest" trip by rep. of Collette Vacations. RSVP planned attendance to 215 788-9408 by Mon., 2/27.

MARCH - Sun., 3/25 2 PM at BCHF. Program: 1st person portrayal of Alice Roosevelt Longworth by historical impersonator Kim Hanley, who has portrayed Abigail Adams and Annie Oakley at past BCHF programs. Light refreshment. Donation requested.

MARCH - Sat., 3/31, 9:20 AM at Phila. Museum of Art. Docent-led Tour of "Van Gogh Up Close" Exhibit. \$38 per BCHF member; \$40 for non-members. Reservation deadline: 2/24. Call 215 788-5232.

APRIL - Tues, 4/17. "Best of the Bronx" bus trip, incl. a riding tour, lunch & free time on Arthur Ave., "The Real Little Italy." \$86 for BCHF members; \$89 for non-members. **SOLD OUT**; call 215 788-4138 for wait list.

JUNE - 6/17 TO 22. Bus trip to Mackinac Island & Frankenmuth, MI. \$570 pp double; \$550 pp triple. Cancellation insurance available. \$200 pp deposit by 3/15; balance due 4/27. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer & trip insurance form.

AUGUST - Sun., 8/5 between 3 & 6 PM. Annual Peach Festival. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. takeouts available; bring container. Baked goods table. \$5 adult, \$3 under age 12. Benefits BCHF awards to Bristol High School Graduates.

SEPTEMBER - 9/29 TO 10/8. "Trains & Canyons of the Southwest" trip by Collette Vacations, featuring Scottsdale & Sedona, AZ, the Grand Canyon, Santa Fe, and the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Book by 3/29/12 for a \$100 per person savings. Call 215 788-9408 for detailed flyer.

OCTOBER - Sat., 10/20, 10 AM - 5 PM. 36th Annual Historic Bristol Day. Highlights will be announced at a later date.

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

FEBRUARY 2013 - 2/3 through 2/15. 13 day/12 night Southern Caribbean Cruise on the "Norwegian Pearl" from NYC. For cruise flyer call 215 788-9408.

- 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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THANK YOU AND WELCOME

Special THANKS to Donna Albright and Ronnie Walker for having served on the Board of Directors. They chose not to remain as members of the Board in 2012. The organization is especially pleased that Donna and Ronnie were able to serve as co-chair people of Historic Bristol Day 2011.

A welcome is extended to the newly elected member to the Board in 2012 - Robin Simmers-Butrey. The members of the Board look forward to having Robin as a Board Member.

Tea Ticket Reminder

As stated in the November GAZETTE, the starting date for reservations for BCHF's 17th Annual Tea (Sunday, Feb. 12, 3 p.m.) was **Saturday, January 14, at 9 a.m.** To check on ticket availability, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408, leaving your name, phone number, number of tickets desired, and any special seating requests. Helen will confirm reservations promptly. Please note that no refunds will be made unless the ticket(s) can be resold.

This year's theme is "A Fashionable Tea," spotlighting various clothing styles and designers popular in the 20th century. Attendees are encouraged to dress in a "trendy" style of that era.

A Fashionable Tea

Here are a few words from TEA chairperson, Carol Mitchener about the theme of our annual TEA on Sunday, February 12, 2012.

We've seen many changes in fashion during our lifetime. What has happened to the dress, the skirt or the pants during the past century? What influenced the styles? Did the latest "hip" or "cool" styles influence you when purchasing your wardrobe?

At the beginning of the 20th Century, women were adorned in hip-hugging skirts which fanned to the floor, long narrow sleeves, and high stand-up collars; they wore overly-decorated hats.

In the 1920's fashion went along with a more permissive society. Flowing fabrics were on the female figure; they wore fringed dance dresses with long strands of beads.

During the next decade, the emphasis was showing broad shoulders (remember those shoulder pads?). Fabric was rationed during the war years, so dresses were shortened. Women also wore jackets and pants; these became the preferred uniform of the female factory workers. To embellish the unadorned look of this clothing, women resorted to costume jewelry.

After the war, material was folded, draped and gathered on the body. Hollywood actresses set trends and America began to dominate the fashion scene, even replacing Paris.

The "cocktail dress" came into existence in the late 40's after a yearning for luxury; it was an effort to find an appropriate frock for "dress-up" occasions.

The "little black dress" was another cultural milestone of the 20th century. The idea was first used in Paris by Jean Patou and Coco Chanel.

During the 50's the term "youth culture" emerged when the youth wanted to differentiate themselves from their parents. Young Hollywood actors influenced the rebellious teenagers; they began to wear the clothing of laborers, farmers and soldiers. For the first time denim jeans became the prime article for teen dress. T-shirts (previously made only as undergarments) were manufactured as outerwear. Today T-shirts and jeans (elements of a formerly rebellious look) are the treasured articles of clothing worn around the world from babies to senior citizens.

In the 1950's British designer Mary Quant started sewing clothes using the idea of a Roman tunic, a comfortable, loose smock. The result was the super short mini-skirt.

During the 60's street style influenced fashion. "Pop" culture gave us the Beatnik, Mod and Hippie style.

The demand for athletic fashions began in the 70's. As various fabrics were developed, a wide variety of styles developed for sports.

So join us for a "fun" afternoon, a reminiscing about the many styles. Meanwhile, you can enjoy refreshing tea, savory sandwiches, scrumptious scones and delicious desserts. Wear a style of your own choosing. You are invited to bring an item for display.

The Famous Delaware River Scene

In 1851, German artist Emanuel Leutze (1816 - 1868) painted one of the most patriotic scenes in American history. It is the well recognized one of General George Washington leading the "Crossing of the Delaware River" on Christmas night 1776. He was leading a "surprise attack" on the British outpost at Trenton where Hessian mercenaries were stationed. Being winter, the scene becomes even more dramatic.

Leutze was born in Germany but was raised in the U.S. He returned to Germany in his adult life. He was very inspired by the 1776 event and decided to record it on canvas. At the time, "large oils on canvas" were very much in vogue.

Leutze was in Dusseldorf, Germany along the Rhine River. It was here in an artists' studio that he executed the painting. It is the one scene in American History that appears in most school history textbooks.

The painting was exhibited in the U.S. and sold for \$10,000. At that time it was considered a lot of money. In 1952 it was exhibited on loan in the Washington Crossing Methodist Church which is very near the crossing site. Before it was returned to the New York museum, an exact copy was made and hangs in the museum at the Washington Crossing Park.

Eventually it was returned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City which owns the painting.



From Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **January 1922** issues of the BRISTOL COURIER.

1/3 - - DR. JOSEPH deB. ABBOTT IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF NEW COUNCIL; BODY ORGANIZES. Henry H.H. Poole Re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer of the Borough. Clifford L. Anderson Sworn in as Chief Burgess.

BRISTOL GREET'S NEW YEAR. The new year was accorded a noisy greeting on Saturday at midnight in Bristol. Whistles blew and fire bells rang as the new year dawned. Watch night services were held in some of the churches.

"1922 Christmas Club Now Open. Everybody welcome to join - no charge - just pick your size: 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00 and \$2.00 a week. THE BRISTOL TRUST CO."

1/4 - - FERRYBOAT DORAN RUNNING DESPITE MUCH ICE IN RIVER. The ferryboat William E. Doran is plowing its way through the ice-choked Delaware and maintaining its schedule. The staunch little ferry is fighting her way in and out of the slip in Burlington and making a gallant fight to run on schedule.

1/5 - - BAKERS AND MILK MEN TO WAGE A CAMPAIGN ON NOT ENOUGH CONSUMED. Bakers and some of the milk dealers of Bristol are planning an intensive campaign to be conducted in the week beginning January 15th. It will be known as "Bread and Milk Week." The purpose is to educate the people of Bristol and vicinity in the nutritive value of both bread and milk, when eaten separately or when eaten with the little folks.

KEYSTONE DAIRY WILL SOON MOVE INTO ITS NEW PLANT. The Keystone Dairy Company is preparing to move its present quarters in the plant of the Artesian Ice and Coal Company into the newly erected plant on the east side of Pond Street, between Washington and Lafayette Streets. The new building is built according to modern and sanitary plans.

1/7 - - TOWNSITE FOLKS FORM B.&L. ASSOCIATION. Harriman Residents Organize Home-owning Body among Themselves. Subscribe 200 Shares.

SHOEMAKER WILL SHOE SOME OF THE SHOELess CHILDREN. Small children in Bristol who are without shoes will be supplied free of charge, as long as 12 or 15 pairs last, upon application to Thomas Profy of Mill Street. Mr. Profy informs the Courier that he has a number of pairs of children's shoes which have been left at his place of business to be repaired and remain unclaimed. "I'll give them to the children who are without shoes," he said today.

1/9 - - EDGELY STATION IS TO BE RE-OPENED. The Edgely Station is to be re-opened and trains will stop there. This re-opening will occur as soon as the Pennsylvania Railroad can get the station in condition and arrange a train schedule to suit.

"DOWN GO RENTS! Beginning February 1st, all these fine brick houses will be reduced in rent (both the occupied and unoccupied ones). Jefferson Avenue - now renting for \$32 & \$35 per month will be \$25 per month. Mansion Street - now renting for \$28 per month will be \$25 per month. Beaver Street - now renting for \$32 per month will be \$25 per month. To rent by the month, payment in advance. Apply Angelo DiRenzo."

1/12 - - LOCAL MOVIE SHOWN HERE FOR FIRST TIME LAST NIGHT. "The Long Lan That Has No Turn," which is the name finally given to the moving picture filmed in Bristol and in which the cast is made up of local people, was put on the screen for the first time last night at the Forrest Theatre. Miss Mary Breslin and John Lynch play the leading parts, with Mrs.

Robert Rue taking the character of Miss Breslin's mother. Several local scenes are shown and the pictures show both the industrial and residential sections of the town.

"AMERICAN STORES CO Asco Coffee - 25¢ lb. Kellogg's Corn Flakes - 8¢ pkg. Meat Specials: All Cuts Round Steak or Roast - 18¢ lb. Best Standing Rib Roast - 25¢ lb. City Dressed Pork Chops - 20¢ lb."

1/14 - - "When you first got your car, you took the family out pretty often on Saturday and Sunday. Driving downtown and back every day makes you less inclined to take them out when you are free to do so. Use the streetcar to go to your business and you'll enjoy taking the family out for weekend trips. Fare 8 cents. TRENTON, BRISTOL & PHILA. STREET RAILWAY COMPANY."

UNIQUE DANCE AFFAIR PLANNED. A "Farmers and Milkmaid Dance" is being planned, to be given under the auspices of the Harriman Welfare Auxiliary. It will be held on Friday evening, January 27, in the Harriman school auditorium. Delia's jazz orchestra is to furnish the music for dancing. The admission has been set at 50¢ a person.

1/16 - - "THE HOME IS THE KEYSTONE OF ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION." Rev. Mr. Hartmann Ends His Series of Sermons in the Presbyterian Church with Sentences Rich in Food for Parental Thought.

JOB SEEKERS AGAIN THROUGh MERCHANTS SHIPYARD GATES. The shipyard at Harriman continues to be a Mecca for men seeking employment. The men are attracted by the rumors circulated in Bristol and nearby towns that there is work to be had in dismantling the plant.

THREE THOUSAND BODIES NOW IN BRISTOL CEMETERY. The three thousandth interment was made yesterday in the Bristol cemetery. The body interred was that of the late David Williams, a former resident of Bristol who died in Norristown. The plot, now known as the Bristol cemetery, was opened for the burial of the dead forty years ago. It is a local company which owns the plot and it was financed entirely by local capital.

"Harriman Homes for Sale. Bungalows and Houses. Prices Range from \$1,000 up. Inquire L.C. Spring."

1/25 - - MONEY SEEMS AS PLENTY IN BRISTOL AS IT WAS DURING PRE-WAR PERIOD. Courier's Investigation Shows People to Be Meeting Their Obligations. Industries at Normal. Taxes and Water Rates Furnish Barometer which Gives Proof. Wage Rate Is Higher. Banks Report Considerable Increase in Deposits over Pre-war Time.

1/30 - - BRISTOL EMERGING FROM STORM ISOLATION; NORMAL TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AGAIN. Bristol and other sections of Bucks County are gradually recovering from the isolation caused by the severe storm which enveloped this section beginning Saturday at noon. Train service is now normal, trolley transit is almost normal, boat service between Bristol and Burlington is at a standstill. The snow storm of blizzard-like proportions struck Bristol about noon time on Saturday. Traffic locally was practically suspended. The blizzard is said to be the worst since March 1914.

"Playing Cards, Steamboat Quality. For one week only, 25¢ deck. HARRY STRAUS, 110 Pond Street, near Mill."

"Well, We Are Here Again! Fancy Fruit, Delicatessen, Etc. ALEXANDER BROTHERS, 134 Mill Street, opposite Wright's Drug Store, Bristol."

Horrible Weather . . . continued from page 3

order given by those Hessians who fled via the back windows. This act of bravery on the part of the two Americans helped to delay the Hessians reaching the main barracks in the town.

It is very difficult to imagine men who did not have enough clothing or shoes. One man found a soldier without any clothing other than a blanket for covering who was actually his brother whom he did not recognize. Men who were very hungry and some that were sick or wounded, attempted to “participate in a surprise attack” in the middle of the night in snowy and sleeting conditions.

Fortunately for Washington, he had Colonel Glover’s Marblehead fishermen from New England to guide the boats across the river. Their familiarity with the water transport helped the army across a swift flowing river filled with ice making it possible to move large numbers of men, equipment and horses to their objective without detection.

Since Washington was not sure what was happening with the other two portions of his army (the one at Bristol and the other at Morrisville) he made the decision not to immediately proceed to Princeton where there were additional enemy troops. He now had to lead the extremely exhausted and fatigued men (some were actually falling asleep on their spots in the streets) back across the river. Only this time he also had many prisoners to transport across the river too. Once they reached Bucks County, he

then had to deal with keeping the prisoners under control. Fortunately for the Americans none of their men were killed in the Battle of Trenton. Two were slightly wounded, one being Lieutenant James Monroe. One man did die in the boat on the way back to Pennsylvania; he froze to death.

On the return crossing, Washington had over 900 prisoners of war, a number of cannons, 3 ammunition wagons and assorted arms, 12 drums and musical instruments (the Germans were very much in favor of having marching music), all of the flags of the 73 Hessian regiments. (this to the Germans was a tragic thing to lose these), many woolen blankets, linens, coats and boots and very precious - food. For the Americans the supplies were outstanding and could help them survive the cold weather.

Take time to reflect on this event 235 years ago along the Delaware River. Had this victory not been achieved, would the new United States of America only been a failed attempt?

For students of American History, the surprise Battle at Princeton, which soon followed Trenton (once the Continental Army had a chance to recover) added to the victory. This topic will be briefly covered in the next edition of THE GAZETTE.

Information for this article was obtained from two books The Crossing by Harry Fast and The Winter Soldier by Richard M. Ketchum.

Horrible Weather and How Our Nation Was Saved

Much has been written about the “Crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas Night, 1776”. Bristol was definitely involved in this daring attempt to save the new nation. One of the three groups of troops which Washington was relying on was stationed at Bristol. There were approximately 3000 men here and at Dunks Ferry in Bensalem. The smaller group in Bensalem made the crossing but could not bring their armaments across the ice near the shore, they returned to Pennsylvania and joined the others at Bristol to cross the next day. It has been said “that perhaps if they had actually crossed the river and marched toward Trenton on Christmas night, this may have given the “element of surprise” away before Washington’s main army crossed above Trenton.

Washington seemed to have much going against him: officers who were envious and wanting to rid the army of the commander, Loyalist or Tories who covertly worked against the Continental Army, winter weather conditions that were very severe, soldiers who would soon be leaving the army (their commitment being finished in January), lack of proper clothing for the troops, lack of food and equipment, small numbers of soldiers available, lack of good communication and a British army that was one of the most powerful in the world (along with mercenaries from Germany who were fierce fighters.) The Congress did not seem to have a good understanding of the situation and certainly was not able to provide proper funding for the war. These were some of the obstacles facing Washington for the ending of 1776 and the beginning of the new year 1777.

It all seemed to come down to this final attempt to surprise the British. Washington even selected “Victory or Death” for his motto; he had Thomas Paine’s writings about patriotism read to all of the troops before their crossing to help inspire the men.

Fortunately some of the things that were most negative for the Continental Army turned out to work in a positive way for the Americans. The British (feeling superior) said that it was only a matter of time and they would completely defeat the rebels and that could wait until spring. Those stationed at Trenton (mostly Hessian Germans) were not very interested in crossing the river in winter; they also wanted to enjoy some of the Christmas holiday. The British never really anticipated the surprise attack.

There were spies all over the place and one of the men who served in this capacity was John Honeyman, a butcher. He would cross the Delaware River and allow himself to be captured by the Continentals and be brought before Washington where the commander would privately interrogate him and then allow him to escape to NJ where he would infiltrate the Hessian and British troops with his meat products to learn more of their plans.

Sometime before Washington’s army actually arrived at Trenton, there was a group of men (most likely farmers) who came out of the woods and quickly attacked a sentry post killing three Hessians and wounding three. They then fled into the dark woods and were never caught. “Coming as they did so suddenly out of the darkness, the Americans appeared to be far more formidable than they actually were”. This action only lasted two or three minutes as snow kept falling. This triggered the entire Hessian encampment into alertness. Even General Rahl rode to the outpost to investigate. The Hessian men at the outpost claimed that they had inflicted heavy losses on the Continentals but when ordered into the woods to find bodies, they returned empty-handed. General Rahl had a very low opinion of the Continentals. This made him think that the American attack on Trenton had been so wretched in character and courage that they were easily beaten off. “The major flaw in Rahl’s character was his inability to understand the mentality of men who were so different from the Hessian mercenaries he led. This proved his eventual undoing and led to his death”.

To this day, no one knows the identity of the band of Americans who assaulted the outpost. No one came forth to claim credit or determine who made the attack.

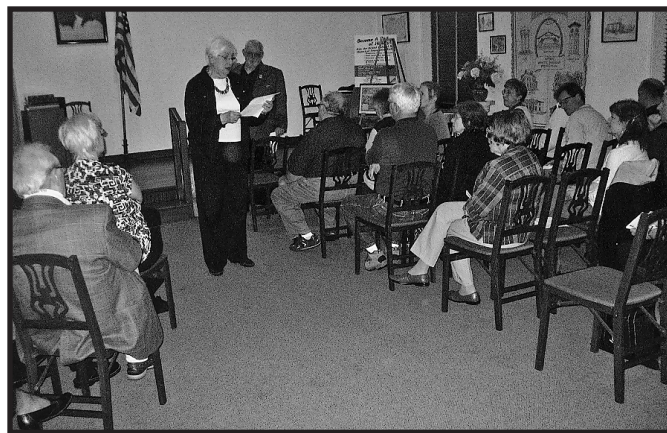
When the German General Rahl was wounded and died, a note was found on his person telling him about the impending attack. He had been too busy celebrating Christmas at a ball in Trenton. He had too much confidence in his men, so he ignored the warning.

It is interesting that General Green thought it proper for Washington to go to the Potts house in Trenton (they were Quakers) and make a call on General Rahl who was very near death. Washington, it is reported, was not totally in favor of the suggestion but went with General Green. They entered and were taken to the dying German General’s bedside. Washington said nothing it is reported, but the German General’s statement to Washington was “Meine Manner sind gute tapfere Manner. Berauben Sie sie nicht Nehmen sie ihre Waffen, aber lassen Sie ihnen ihr Geld und ihre Wurde” (translated: My men are good brave men. Don’t rob them. Take their arms but leave them their money and their dignity.)

The actual Battle of Trenton started a few minutes past 8:00 AM and is said to have begun when two brave young Americans, Lieutenant James Monroe (who would later become our 5th U.S. President) and Captain William Washington took it upon themselves to draw their sabers and dash toward the Howell family house (Howell was a cooper and box maker). They cut down the outside sentry enabling them to smash the door and enter the house before the Hessians in the house could get to their arms which were propped just inside of the door and ready for use. “Der Feing ! Der Feing Heraus ! Heraus” (The Enemy, The Enemy Out, Out) was the

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Annual Meeting, November 16, 2011



BCHF Treasurer, Anna Larrisey, reads the Foundation’s financial report, as President Gerry McCarry (rt.) looks on



Featured speaker Ron Zanoni in the persona of Civil War Colonel William McCandless

CLARIFICATION

There appears to be a misunderstanding about who is covered under a BCHF individual membership when “member” and “non-member” prices are listed for trips and other activities.

An individual membership covers only the person enrolled in BCHF. The spouse/guest of someone holding an individual membership is expected to pay the non-member price.

Van Gogh Up Close

The Ways & Means Committee has made arrangements for a private, docent-led tour of the "Van Gogh Up Close" exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on **Saturday, March 31 at 9:20 a.m.** Cost is \$38 for BCHF members and \$40 for non-members. Reservations are being accepted by Mary McIlvain at 215 788-5232. Deadline is February 24.

This exhibition, organized by The National Gallery of Canada, will feature forty-five paintings that demonstrate Van Gogh's new approach to landscape painting, in which he experimented with depth of field

and focus, closing in on his subject or providing shifting perspectives on, for example, a field or the corner of a garden. No other venue in the United States will stage this exhibit.

Please note that transportation is not being provided. However, as in the past, several BCHF members will be using SEPTA'S Regional Train service and sharing a taxi from 30th Street Station. At present, there is a train departing Levittown at 8:09 a.m., Bristol at 8:13, Croydon at 8:17, Cornwells Hgts. at 8:20, arriving at 30th Street Station at 8:46 a.m.

On The Move

During 2012 and into early 2013, BCHF members and friends will have the opportunity of traveling by bus, plane, train and ship as detailed below.

6-Day/5-Night Bus Trip to Mackinac Island and Frankenmuth, Michigan, June 17 - 22. Price is \$570 pp double occupancy, \$550 pp triple and \$740 single, and is based on a minimum of 35 paid passengers. The package includes: round-trip motorcoach transportation from Bristol, 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts including **breakfast at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island**, 3 dinners including **family-style dinner at Zehnder's Restaurant in Frankenmuth**, a visit to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, free time in Frankenmuth (Michigan's "Little Bavaria"), hydro-jet ferry ride from mainland to Mackinac Island, horse-drawn carriage tour of Mackinac Island, visit to Kewadin Shores Casino (optional), luggage handling in Michigan, taxes and meal gratuities, and gratuities to bus driver and Mackinac Island carriage tour guide. This trip has been arranged by White Star Tours of Reading, PA. National Tour Association trip insurance is available upon request. A deposit of \$200 per person is due by **March 15**, with the balance due by **April 27**.

Collette Vacations' **10-Day/9-Night "Trains and Canyons of the Southwest," September 29 - October 8.** Rates per person are: \$3,199 double, \$3,169 triple, and \$4,199 single. A savings of \$100 per person is being offered to those who book by March 29. Included in the price are: round-trip transportation between Bristol and Phila. Airport, round-trip air, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, 9 breakfasts and 5 dinners, and sightseeing as outlined in the trip brochure. Highlights of the trip include: a

round-trip ride from Clarkdale to Perkinsville, AZ, aboard the Verde Canyon Railroad, a Grand Canyon Railway excursion from Williams, AZ, to the south rim of the Grand Canyon, motorcoach travel through the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest National Park, and attendance at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Cancellation waiver and insurance of \$165 per person is available.

PLEASE NOTE: A representative of Collette Vacations will be at BCHF headquarters at 7 p.m., **Wednesday, February 29**, to show slides and discuss this trip in detail. **RSVP your planned attendance to Helen Younglove, 215 788-9408, no later than Monday, February 27.**

Norwegian Cruise Line's 13-Day/12-Night Southern Caribbean Cruise aboard the "Norwegian Pearl," February 3-15, 2013. The "Pearl" will sail from New York City, stopping at San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, St. Lucia, Barbados and Antigua. Rates per person, double occupancy, including port charges and government fees, are: \$1,261 inside cabin category IE, \$1,476 outside cabin category OA, \$1,776 balcony cabin category BB, and \$1,786 balcony cabin category BA. Keep in mind that those who book early get the best prices and the best cabin locations.

For detailed information/reservation form on any of the above, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

The **"Sights & Sounds of Salem"** bus trip in October has been cancelled due to the uncertainty of the availability of The House of Seven Gables to tour groups.

SOLD OUT!

Ways & Means committee member Ellanna Delaney reports that the April 17th "Best of Bronx" bus trip is sold out and a waiting list is being taken. To get on the list, contact Ellanna at 215 788-4138.

"Brooklyn Christmas Lights" Bus Trip, December 13, 2011



A four-course Italian dinner was served at Tommaso's Restaurant on 86th Street.



BCHF Vice President, Jan Ruano, whispers her Christmas wish list in Santa's ear.



A sampling of the festively-decorated private homes in the Dyker Heights and Bay Ridge sections of Brooklyn



Bristol Riverside Theater - 2012

"A Raw Space" - - January 31 - February 19, 2012
 "Steel Magnolias" - - March 20 - April 8, 2012 / "Rent" - - May 8 - June 3, 2012
 Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.
 25th Anniversary - Congratulations, Bristol Riverside Theatre