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Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sept. 17 – 3rd Saturday Program

Oct. 1 – Keim Music Fest

Oct. 14 – Mouns Jones 300th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Oct. 15 – Mouns Jones 300th Anniversary Living History Festival

Dec. 7 – Christmas Tea

Mouns Jones 300th Anniversary Celebration!

These wonderful events are just around the corner and we have some great updates to share with you!

Mouns Jones 300th Anniversary Gala Dinner at the Reading Public Museum Friday, October 14, 2016 • 6-9pm

We are excited to announce our featured speaker, Rev. Michael Barnett, who will present his discussion “Creating Amity in New Sweden Colony and Morlatton Village: The Native Legacy of Sven Gunnarrson, Gertrude Svensdotter and Jonas Nilsson, and Mouns Jones and Ingeborg Lycon.” He will be joined by artist Ted Hallman, a descendent of Mouns Jones. Invitations went out in late August. If you did not receive an invitation and wish to attend, please contact us and one will be sent to you! Tickets are \$60 HPT members, \$70 non-members and include dinner, 2 drinks, and a Trust wine glass.



Mouns Jones 300th Anniversary Living History Festival at Morlatton Village

Saturday, October 15, 2016 • 10am-4pm

Featured activities & demonstrations include: Amity Colonial Dancers, leatherworking, textile processing, gun building presentation, open hearth cooking, complimentary wine tastings, Mouns Jones presentation, building tours, and pumpkin & face painting! Food will be available for purchase.

Sponsorship opportunities are available – please contact us for details!

More Upcoming Events

3rd Saturday Programs at Morlatton Village

In addition to the 300th Mouns Jones events, we are happy to announce a new series of programs: The 3rd Saturday Program at Morlatton Village. These programs will fall on the third Saturday of the month – April-October, beginning in August 2016. These site-wide programs will include various formats and topics including exhibits, demonstrations, interactive sessions, and oral and graphic presentations.

Sept. 17 – Architecture of Morlatton Village

Oct. 15 (This is the 300th Living History Event)

Keim Music Fest at the Keim Homestead

Saturday, October 1, 2016 • 11am-5pm

A benefit for the restoration of the Keim Homestead



Tickets available day of event - \$10 donation, under 10 free

2 Music Stages Including a Kid & Family Stage

Activities for Children

Food available for purchase

Bring instruments, lawn chairs, blankets

More info at www.keimfest.com

Ghosts Along the Schuylkill with Charlie Adams

Sunday, October 16, 2016 • 6-8pm

This event is a joint event with multiple sites along the Schuylkill River and will take place at the White Horse Inn, the Beidler House, and Ridgewood Winery. Charlie Adams, Berks County's local celebrity ghost hunter, will take you back in history and give guests insight on the historic events that happened at each of these locations. He will also share the current residents that still haunt these locations today. Light refreshments will be served and wine will be available for purchase. Seats are limited. To purchase tickets, please visit our website.

Christmas Tea (location TBD)

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

The Annual Christmas Tea is held on a Wednesday in early December. Every year the Tea is held at a different historic home in Berks County, featuring exquisite architecture and decorating. We have hit a little snag with the location, which may no longer be at the Bern Farm as previously announced. Invitations will be sent in November. If you wish to attend and don't receive an invitation, please contact us.



For more information about our events, and to stay up-to-date on all Trust happenings, please check our website and Facebook page.

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Fall Hours for Morlatton Village

Friday 1-4pm

Saturday 9am-12pm

We may be expanding our hours so stay tuned!

Feel free to stop by and look around as well as visiting the other historic buildings in Morlatton during open hours or by appointment for tours or visits. For details and changes please check the Trust's Facebook page or website.

White Horse Rentals

From weddings and birthday parties to small meetings and gatherings, the White Horse Inn is the perfect setting for your special occasion. Located in historic Morlatton Village, Douglassville, the White Horse has a modern kitchen and seating for up to 50 guests. For more information about renting this fully restored eighteenth century building, please contact the Trust's office at 610-385-4762 or info@historicpreservationtrust.org.



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V o L u N t E e R !

None of these great events would be possible without our dedicated volunteers! The Trust is always in need of help and even if you are not a history buff or interested in historic preservation, we've still got a job for you! We can use help with outdoor clean-up, ticket sales & parking for events, as well as historic demonstrators & tour guides. We can even use help cleaning the buildings and setting up for events. We are still especially in need of volunteers for the Keim Music Fest and our 300th Living History Festival.

Or, are you, or do you know a Boy Scout or Girl Scout who is looking for community service hours or to do an Eagle Scout project? You can help preserve the local history while earning hours, a badge, or even your Eagle Scout award. This also applies to civil service groups and students who need service hours. Why not learn and help preserve history while having fun?

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at one of our events or if they are interested in working on projects at one of our historic buildings please contact us at (610) 385-4762 or info@historicpreservationtrust.org.

Short Note from the Administrator

It has been a busy couple of months at the Trust as we excitedly prepare for our Mouns Jones 300th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, October 14 & 15. Plans are well underway for our gala fundraising dinner and our living history festival. We are still in need of sponsorships for these events, including items for our silent auction. Please let us know if you are willing to donate!



Mouns Jones descendants enjoying their tour of Morlatton Village.

The Trust has also hosted a number of tours of their buildings this summer, including the Keim House and Morlatton Village. Interestingly enough, many of these tours were to direct family descendants of the Keim, Douglass, and Jones families. Our Mouns and Ingabo Jones descendants came all the way from Colorado! The Trust provided a lovely catered lunch to several of these tour groups as well. We want to thank Larry Ward for coordinating and providing these wonderful tours that showcase our fantastic buildings.

Amanda Machik, Administrator

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser

The Trust is selling \$5 shopping passes, entitling the bearer to 25% off your purchase at Boscovs on October 18 (some restrictions apply). You can contact the Trust to purchase one. We will also have them available at our events & programs in the coming months. Proceeds benefit the Trust's events and programs and the preservation and restoration of our historic buildings.

Help the Trust 'go green.' If you have an email address and would not mind getting electronic communications from us, please make sure to provide it on your next dues renewal or just send us an email.

Sites & Structures Update – Mouns Jones Restoration & Archaeology “Dig” Update

Reconstruction of the displaced river-side wall of the 1716 house built for Mouns and Ingabo Jones has progressed to the transition from the first to the second story. The re-laid stone piers have re-established the two window openings flanking the central doorway, now in its original alignment under the site of the preserved date-stone. The next stage will include removal of the non-original floor boards and joists at the second floor level, after installation of a post-and-lintel system to support the attic floor above. The original white oak joist plate survives in the opposite wall and provides a template and dimensions for the replacement timber in the restored wall. The proportions and jamb construction of all three openings were passed on compelling evidence found in the stonework under the modern plaster coatings. After the construction of the wide-board, random width second floor, the second story wall ranges will be raised to the rafter-planks supporting the roof.



Every Wednesday and Saturday morning (weather permitting), volunteers from the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Chapter 21, work diligently in the excavation, preservation, cataloguing, and interpretation of features and artifacts unearthed at the site of the Mouns Jones House, plantation, and Indian trading facility. This summer, the “dig” has concentrated on an area which features extensive sub-grade masonry that possibly includes a barrel-vaulted “root-cellar” consistent with the arch-form stonework that possibly delineated the entry-way into the food storage vault in a 1960 photograph taken by Harry Stauffer. Visitors and volunteer “diggers” are welcome by pre-arrangement with Chapter 21 or by contacting the Trust’s administrator.

Committee Chair, Laurence Ward

Matching Grant Opportunity!

The stonework now underway on the Mouns Jones House is fully funded. However, completion of the restoration campaign depends on obtaining funds for replacement of the door and windows in the riverside wall, and second floor joists with old white-oak timbers, which are rare and expensive. A local foundation has pledged to match **100% of every dollar** donated toward these components, which will cost more than \$5,000.

Fortunately, old floor boards had been donated by Donald and Esther Shelley, saving the Trust a considerable amount. Your support for this work would be greatly appreciated, and your dedicated donation will be **DOUBLED BY THE MATCHING GRANT.**