

HISTORIC INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY DOUBLE RETURN GUARANTEED



Contractors and consultants reviewing the conditions with Trust staff

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST OF BERKS COUNTY

is beginning restoration and stabilization of The Bridgekeeper's House, the smallest of four early stone buildings comprising Amity's historic Morlatton Village. This important contributing structure is evocative of daily life in the first European community in the county. Our research has identified the first bridge tender (named Fulp) and we are hoping to learn more about the family.

The Bridgekeeper's House has been flooded over the years, as has the nearby Mouns Jones House, the oldest structure extant in Berks County. The foundation has begun to fail and stabilization was begun this Fall. The fireplace where numerous school groups have learned about open hearth cooking will be rebuilt.

The Trust has secured a grant which will match your gift with **\$2 for each \$1 you contribute** i.e. \$50 becomes \$150, \$250 becomes \$750, \$500 becomes \$1,500 etc

To invest in one of the defining assets of your community, visit the website:

www.historicpreservationtrust.org or send a check to:

Historic Preservation Trust (bridgekeeper)

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Doulassville, PA 19518

Call with questions: 610-385-4762

HISTORY'S SAVING RACE

The Trust's first annual 5K race was a success with 38 runners lacing up their racing shoes and heading to the starting line on Sunday morning of the Old Morlatton Fair. The rain held off and it was perfect running weather. The race attracted some new faces to the fair and several stayed after the race to learn more about the village.

Grand prize winners were Russell Burns and Jane Higgins. Russell finished the race in 17.54 minutes which calculates to an amazing 5 minutes and 45 seconds per mile. All racers received T-shirts to commemorate the run.



Thanks to Chief Kenneth Shuebrook of the Amity Police Department for leading the runners on the course and to all of our members who helped staff the event.

Special thanks to our sponsors who donated prizes and refreshments:

- Douglassville Hotel
- Nikka's Kitchen Café –Douglassville
- Alsace Ales –Fleetwood
- Soccer Stop –Wyomissing
- Wanner's Landscaping and Garden Center
Douglassville
- Boyer's Market –Douglassville
- Redner's Warehouse Market
- Road ID

We look forward to our 2nd Annual 5K in 2011 so start training! If you are interested in sponsoring the run, please contact Becky Gottschall via email at beckyjo321@gmail.com



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MEET MICHELLE LYNCH New Board Member

Michelle Lynch is a native of Berks County and a descendant of the Oley Valley pioneer families of Yoder, Keim, Hoch, Weidner, Oyster, and Beyer among others. She has been passionately interested in history and heritage (particularly as expressed in the built environment) of Berks County since her youth.

Michelle graduated with a BA from Roger Williams College in Bristol, RI where she majored in American studies and historic preservation. She held the position of historic preservation specialist for the city of Reading from 1989 to 1997. She serves as a trustee of the Historical Society of Berks County and is currently editor of the society's quarterly magazine The Historical Review.

In addition to historic preservation, local history and heritage, Michelle is also deeply interested in genealogy, amusement park/amusement device history, and historic graveyards and tombstones. She belongs to numerous organizations reflecting those interests.

Michelle is married and has two sons.

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Trust Members and Friends,

This is my final issue of the Morlatton Messenger as editor. I want to thank the board members for their supply of information and photos and for the kind words and suggestions from you the readers.

The newsletter was begun in 1992 with Vivian Bellairs (who has since moved to NC) and me as co-editors. Over the years it evolved from a cut and paste, photo copied edition to being computer generated and commercially printed. It has been a fun and challenging experience.

I'm looking forward to reading the next issue!

Priscilla Walsky