

Oley Valley Heritage Association NEWSLETTER



March, 2012

The History of POW-WOW or Faith Healing

A program sponsored by
The Oley Valley Heritage Association

*Learn the history, how it originated in Germany and how our
ancestors used it in this area.*

See a demonstration on healing through Pow-Wow.



Keith Schaffer, also known for his dowsing ability in Berks County, will educate us on the practice of Pow-Wow.

Mr. Schaffer's credentials include:

- First Vice President of the Berks County Association for Graveyard Preservation
- Member of the Board of Trustees of The American Society of Dowsers, Inc.
- President of the Berks County Chapter of The American Society of Dowsers, Inc.
- A skilled stonemason

Everyone is invited to attend!

The program is FREE and membership is not required.

When: Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Oley Fair Centre Building
26 Jefferson Street, Oley, PA

Complimentary light refreshments will be provided after the program.

Membership

Thank you for maintaining your membership with the Oley Valley Heritage Association. If you received this newsletter, you are a 2012 member. Our membership is growing. If you know of someone who would like to join, please invite them to our March program or let us know and a membership envelope will be mailed to them. We enjoy getting new members!

Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting was held on Nov. 28, 2011 prior to the Mountain Mary program. Two items were on the agenda. One item was the approval of the updated the OVHA By-Laws and the other was the election of five Directors for a term of three years. Those Directors include: Steve Fisher, Doris Lorah, Mary Williams, Richard Shaner and Doug Wegman. The updated By-Laws and the election of Directors were both unanimously approved.

OVHA Officers

At the February 20, 2012 OVHA board meeting, the following officers were elected to serve another term:

Darlene Dillon, *President*
Steve Fisher, *Vice President*
Judith Merkel, *Secretary*
Nicola Miller, *Treasurer*

Mountain Mary Program



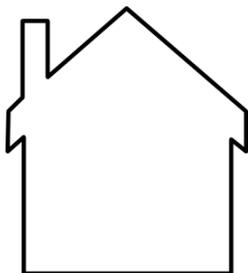
The program held on November 28, 2011 was very well attended. We estimate 113 people of all ages attended. Tracy Toth, an actress and small-scale farmer from Pike Township, shared information about Mountain Mary and then portrayed her life.



We received many compliments on this program some of which were:

“She was so realistic that I actually felt like I was listening to Mountain Mary.”
“This was a wonderful learning experience for our children.”
“Thank you for doing this. I really enjoyed it.”

Home for OVHA



In our previous newsletter, we announced that the OVHA is looking for a home. We asked you for suggestions but only received a few. Please help us find a home. Do you have a building we could use? Do you have a building you'd like to donate to us? Or, do you have an idea? We are eager to hear from you!

Why do we want a home? Currently, we have our board meetings at the Oley Township Municipal Building and have artifacts and other items stored elsewhere. Our goal is to have a place where we could hold board meetings and programs for the public, to have a place where people can donate antique Oley Valley items, and to create a museum to display these antique Oley Valley items. The Oley Valley has so much history, and we'd like to save these treasures.

Coming in 2013!



The Oley Valley Heritage Association will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary in 2013. A committee has been formed to coordinate the celebration. Events will be announced in future newsletters. Please plan to join us in celebrating this special occasion!



Vintage Photos

We're collecting photos to possibly create another photographic book and for our archives. Do you have any photos of the Oley Valley from the 1950s and earlier? We're looking for photos taken in Oley Township, Ruscombmanor Township, Alsace Township and Pike Township.

We will scan your photos, save them for our photo archives, and possibly use them in a second book. Your photos will be returned to you. If you'd be interested in sharing your photos with our organization, please contact Mary Ellen Lash at (610) 987-6414, Doug Wegman at (610) 944-8437, or Doris Lorah at (610) 987-6167.

Oley Township Building Display

If you happen to be at the Oley Township building, please take a look at our new display on "Barns of the Oley Valley" located in our glass cabinets in the large meeting room. It's quite colorful. These photos were previously on display in our booth at the 2011 Oley Fair. If you aren't there for a public meeting, just check in at the office before entering to let the secretary know you are there.



Thank you to Glick's

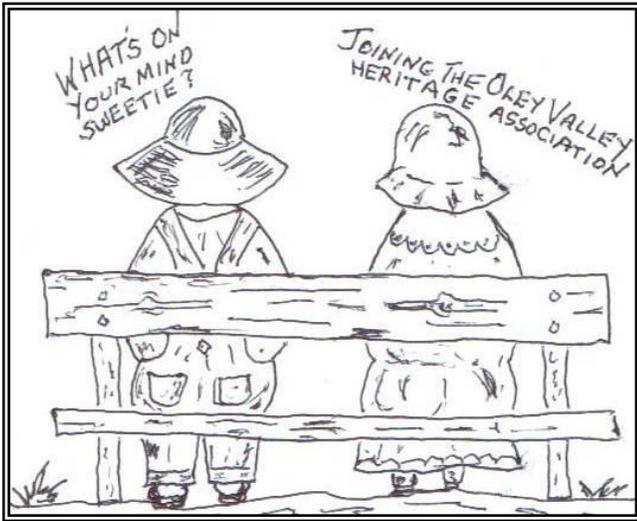
For a second year, Glick's Greenhouse kindly provided a space at their Poinsettia Show for us to promote the Oley Valley Heritage Association and sell our items. We thank them for this wonderful opportunity.

New Collectible

Have you seen our new collectible? Here it is. It's the Hunter Bank Barn. This collectible, as well as five others, can be purchased for \$15 at Christa's Creations located at the intersection of Water Street and Stitzer Road in Oley Township. To place an order and have it mailed to you, please see our website at www.oleyvalleyheritage.org.



Lesko's Corner...



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