



# **Dingmans Ferry – Delaware Township Historical Society Newsletter**

## **Summer, 2024**

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Well, summer is here! Our museum season was off to a slow start as the opening of the museum had to be delayed due to Township construction projects at Akenac Park. We did begin opening the museum on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Museum displays have been enhanced. Additionally, we have been painting as well as adding a new display honoring our Korean War Veterans. This display depicts the interior of the Korean war military tent of Hawkeye and Trapper in the M\*A\*S\*H TV series.

The creation of our public research room is well underway. Hoping to open this season, you will be able to research local families, properties and events. Access will be available during times our museum is open or by special request. Access to records, maps and news articles will be available, as well as some computer cataloged files. A research table and chairs are in the research room for your comfort, as well as the availability to copy material of importance.

Our presentation schedule started, as scheduled, and the programs presented so far have been a great success with a large and enthusiastic attendance. Abe Lincoln's visit was most enlightening as well as very entertaining. The presenter, Lou DelBianco, was excellent; we hope to have him back in the future. Jonathan Kruk portrayed a colonial resident of the area and, as always, was informative while being extremely entertaining. Our schedule continued with the second stage of information on the National Recreational Area vs. National Park designation issue. This included updates on recent events by Sandy Hull and me. Remaining 2024 programs will include Kyle Jenks portraying a Continental Soldier and Bill Streeter with "Close Encounters of Birds of Prey." We will not be presenting a September program due to a very special event scheduled in October. We are extremely excited to announce a two day, Living History, Civil War encampment, here at the Park. This will be held on **October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**. It will include the encampment, musket fire, cannon fire, drilling, hospital demonstrations and more. We will have a food tent with light food and soft drinks available as well. The museum will be open both days. Both the Living History event and the museum will be free of charge and presented rain or shine.

**I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!! Tim Singleton**

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- Our new M\*A\*S\*H Room

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#### **New Email Address:**

We have a new email address. Be sure to add this to your address book so our emails to you won't be marked as spam:



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## Dingmans Ferry Historical Society Museum at Akenac

### 2024 Programs: July-October

- Watch for our banner announcing open days.
- Free with 8 rooms of over 3,000 artifacts
- Open from 11am-3pm on 7/13, 7/28, 8/10, 8/25, 9/14, 9/22, 10/12, 10/27, 11/9 and 11/24.
- Self-guided tour with Audio Recording
- Featured in the Fall issue of the Journal (formally called Milford Journal.) on pages 20-22.
- [https://issuu.com/publisher-milfordjournal/docs/the\\_journal\\_early\\_fall\\_2023\\_issue](https://issuu.com/publisher-milfordjournal/docs/the_journal_early_fall_2023_issue)

- **July 18 at 7pm: Colonial Revolutionary Soldier.** Kyle Jenks, Historical Interpreter
- **August 11 at 2pm: Close Encounters with Birds of Prey.** Delaware Valley Raptor Center
- **October 12-13: Civil War Encampment at the Museum.** FREE From 10-5pm on Sat and from 10-3pm Sunday. Living History including: encampment, musket fire, cannon fire, drilling, hospital demonstrations and more. We will also have a food tent.



In the Fall 2023 issue, Tim Singleton was recognized by **Lifestyles Magazine of Northeastern PA** for giving back to the community. Tim’s leadership and work with the Dingmans Ferry Delaware Township Historical Society is greatly appreciated.

### **July 18 at 7pm:**

### ***The Colonial Revolutionary Soldier***



We welcome back Kyle Jenks, who presented a wonderful program on James Madison last year. Kyle will be presenting the “**Revolutionary Reminiscences of Patriot Soldier Douglas McKenna.**” McKenna is an historically inspired

character and Kyle will recount his war experiences in and around the vicinity of the Battle of Conashaugh and other events that led up to it, including Valley Forge.

### **Executive Board**

- President: Tim Singleton
- Vice Pres: Skip Meyerhoff
- Treasurer: Diane Meyerhoff
- Recording Secretary: Patrice Singleton
- Corresponding Sec: Robert Gibbons

### **Aug 11 at 2pm: Close Encounters with Birds of Prey**

Here’s your chance to see birds of prey up close and learn about them in a safe environment. Bill Streeter, Delaware Valley Raptor Center, will be bringing an assortment of birds for his presentation. The Raptor Center, located in Milford, PA, is a private, not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey (hawks, eagles, owls, falcons, and vultures). They provide a home for our retired education ambassadors and foster parents that were unreleasable due to their injuries.

### **Board Meetings**

Board meetings are held monthly. Join us the **first Saturday** of each month at **10am** at the museum. These meeting are open to all and we encourage your feedback and participation.

# IN LOVING Memory

Judy Brumbaugh, one of our original members, passed away peacefully in March. She was a faithful wife to Bob, who preceded her in death last year. Judy was very active in the Historical Society, the DF United Methodist Church, the Milford Quilting Club and many other local organizations.



## Call for Volunteers:

We need your support and involvement to allow the Dingmans Ferry - Delaware Township Historical Society to continue to grow and flourish. We cannot do this without **YOU!**

Can you help with:

- Programs and Membership
- Museum and Maintenance
- Advisory Board Nominations
- Anything??

## Past Presentation Summaries.

*Our programs are now videotaped and you can view the programs at the Museum.*

**April 14:**

### ***Lincoln - Rail Splitter to President***



In this interactive dramatic program, actor-storyteller Lou Del Bianco portrayed Lincoln as Civil War President, frontiersman and storyteller. Lincoln's values... honesty, love of family, thirst for education, sense of justice and perseverance shined through this dynamic presentation. We learned about Lincoln's struggles as President, from his suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus to his stand on Slavery. This show was endorsed by the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

**May 19:**

### ***Tales of Quakers & Dutchers in Colonial PA***



Jonathan Kruk, one of our most popular speakers, joined us for another fun program in

May. Jonathan appeared in period garb, enchanting all with his tales about the revolutionary "Friends," the Penn family. He also spoke about the Dutch, German, Scottish and Irish settlers. In addition, Jonathan provided vignettes on Colonial customs and expressions.

**June 9:**

### ***We the People Part 2 -Then and Now: Tocks Island & National Park***

Sandy Hull and our President, Tim Singleton presented Part 2 of their program on Tocks Island and the National Park. "No National Park" is a grassroots movement of citizens concerned about the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA) and the proposal to expand and change its designation to a National Park. We all need to prevent another Tocks Island tragedy happening again.



## 2024 Membership:

Membership begins annually **each January** and is \$10 for an individual and \$20 for family membership. Be a supporter of local history and join. The Membership form is on our website and on last page of this newsletter.

Your member benefits include:

- Member only presentations
- Annual meeting & luncheon
- Private tours of our Museum

## Our Mission:

The Dingmans Ferry -Delaware Township Historical Society, Inc. was founded in 1994 to preserve the rich history of our area.

The Historical Society is dedicated to preservation of the records of the early settlers, and to the commemoration and preservation of artifacts, institutions and landmarks that constitute the history of our area.

The repository for the artifacts, books and files is the Society's Headquarters and Museum located at Akenac Park, Route 739 in Dingmans Ferry, PA



## Korean War Display

Be sure to check out our newest display honoring our Korean War veterans. We have recreated “The Swamp,” made famous by the movie and TV Show M\*A\*S\*H.



**M\*A\*S\*H (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital)** was a television series that aired for 11 seasons on CBS from 1972 to 1983. The series, follows a team of doctors, nurses and support staff stationed at the "4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital" in Uijeongbu, South Korea, during the Korean War (1950–53). The Swamp is the tent which served as the living quarters for the senior surgical staff of the 4077th M\*A\*S\*H.



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# 2024 Membership Application



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<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Member(s)
<b>Membership Type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual - \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Family - \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Org - \$25
<b>Name(s)</b>	
<b>Street:</b>	
<b>City, ST ZIP</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Please select your Committee Interest(s) and we will follow up with more information on how you can help!</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>See reverse side for Committee Descriptions</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Program <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Library <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality <input type="checkbox"/> Ways/Means (Fundraising) <input type="checkbox"/> Historian <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy <input type="checkbox"/> Appointments as Needed for Audit, Budget, Bylaws and Nominating Committees <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <hr/>
<b>Mail checks to:</b>	Dingmans Ferry-Delaware Township Historical Society 116 Wilson Hill Rd. Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

Your membership is an **annual membership from January-December**, regardless of when you join.



## *Dingmans Ferry – Delaware Township Historical Society*

### *Committee Descriptions*

1. **Audit**: The Audit Committee of two members, who are not officers, will be appointed by the Executive Committee in October to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and submit a written report at the first Executive meeting of the New Year and the March general meeting.
  2. **Budget**: The Budget Committee will include the President, Treasurer, and Ways and Means Chairperson. The committee will prepare the annual budget to be presented in writing at the first Executive Committee meeting of the New Year. After approval by the Executive Committee, the budget will be voted on by the general membership at the March general meeting.
  3. **Bylaws**: The Bylaws Committee will include the President and 3 other members appointed by the Executive Committee. It shall, periodically review the bylaws and recommend any necessary changes to be voted on by the General Membership.
  4. **Genealogy**: The Genealogy Committee shall trace the ancestry of settlers and pioneers of Dingmans Ferry-Delaware Township and vicinity.
  5. **Historian**: The Historian is the keeper of records and archives connected with the history of Dingmans Ferry-Delaware Township and vicinity.
  6. **Hospitality**: The Hospitality Committee prepares refreshments for various meetings as directed by the Chairperson of Hospitality Committee.
  7. **Library**: The Library Committee shall catalogue, maintain and preserve the books, manuscripts and other printed/literary matter of the Society. It shall record information about donations and confirm acknowledgments to donors of gifts. Loaned objects shall be so marked and recorded with the name of the donor.
  8. **Membership**: The Membership Committee shall include the Vice President as Chairperson, who will keep an accurate record of members including the date of membership, address, phone numbers and email addresses; send dues notices, collect dues and inform delinquent members of their status. Bylaws are posted on the website under Member Only pages. Members create a unique login to access these documents.
  9. **Museum**: The Museum Committee shall be responsible for the museum building, tours and displaying Society items at various locations. The Maintenance team will work with the Museum Committee to maintain and improve the building.
  10. **Nominating**: Every two years at the September general meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, including the Immediate Past President. This committee shall nominate candidates for offices to be voted upon at the November Annual General Meeting.
  11. **Photography**: The Photography Committee shall catalogue and maintain and preserve the Society's collection of historic photographs. The costs charged to those wishing duplicate prints shall be periodically reviewed by the Executive Committee.
  12. **Publicity**: The Publicity Committee shall oversee the printing and publication of materials pertaining to the Society, and posting events on local bulletin boards and to weekly and monthly publications.
  13. **Program**: The Program Committee shall arrange for speakers, trips, walking tours and similar programs for the benefit of the Society.
  14. **Ways and Means**: The Ways and Means Committee shall raise revenue for the Society through fundraising, donations and grants.
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