



A REPORT FROM THE EFHS PRESIDENT

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Greetings from the East Falls Historical Society. We hope that you and your families are staying well during the health crisis. Although social distancing has kept us from presenting in-person events, our historical society has been busy!

We have expanded our website – check it out: eastfallshistoricalsociety.org. You will be treated to over 50 **oral histories** of fellow Fallsers, historic **photos** of our neighborhood, and hundreds of **clippings** from old local newspapers.

We continue to receive and protect interesting acquisitions:

- A hand embroidered quilt from the late 1800's, which was acquired by a family as a fundraiser for the former Methodist Church on Indian Queen Lane.
- A small notebook which is a record of dues paid to the Schuylkill Falls Library Association in the 1850's, accompanied by a handwritten history of the Sorber family from the same time period.
- A St. Bridget Church *Monthly Calendar* listing donors from 1946.

We have answered reference questions, one of which will appear in the August *East Falls Now*.

We have found a home for our Grace Kelly Gallery! The artifacts will be installed at New Courtland Senior Living on Henry Avenue. We hope to host an event there for its reopening as soon as it is safe to do so.

We presented our first ever zoom lecture, “The Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793: A Virtual Walking Tour,” by Steven Peitzman, M.D.

We have planned several events for the fall, including a walking tour of modernist houses from the 1950's, ending at the Hasserick house designed by Richard Neutra on the Jefferson University campus. On Wednesday, October 7th, at 6:30 pm, Sean Moir will use animated maps to illustrate the Battle of Germantown and growth of Falls of Schuylkill (this may be a zoom lecture – details will follow).

We have continued to be proactive about local Historic Preservation. We have helped to obtain protection for various properties by the Philadelphia Historical Commission.

**If these topics are of interest you, please consider joining EFHS. We need you.
There is a printable application on the website (eastfallshistoricalsociety.org) for your use.
If you have not yet renewed your dues, please consider doing so now.**

Looking with you to the past and the future,

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