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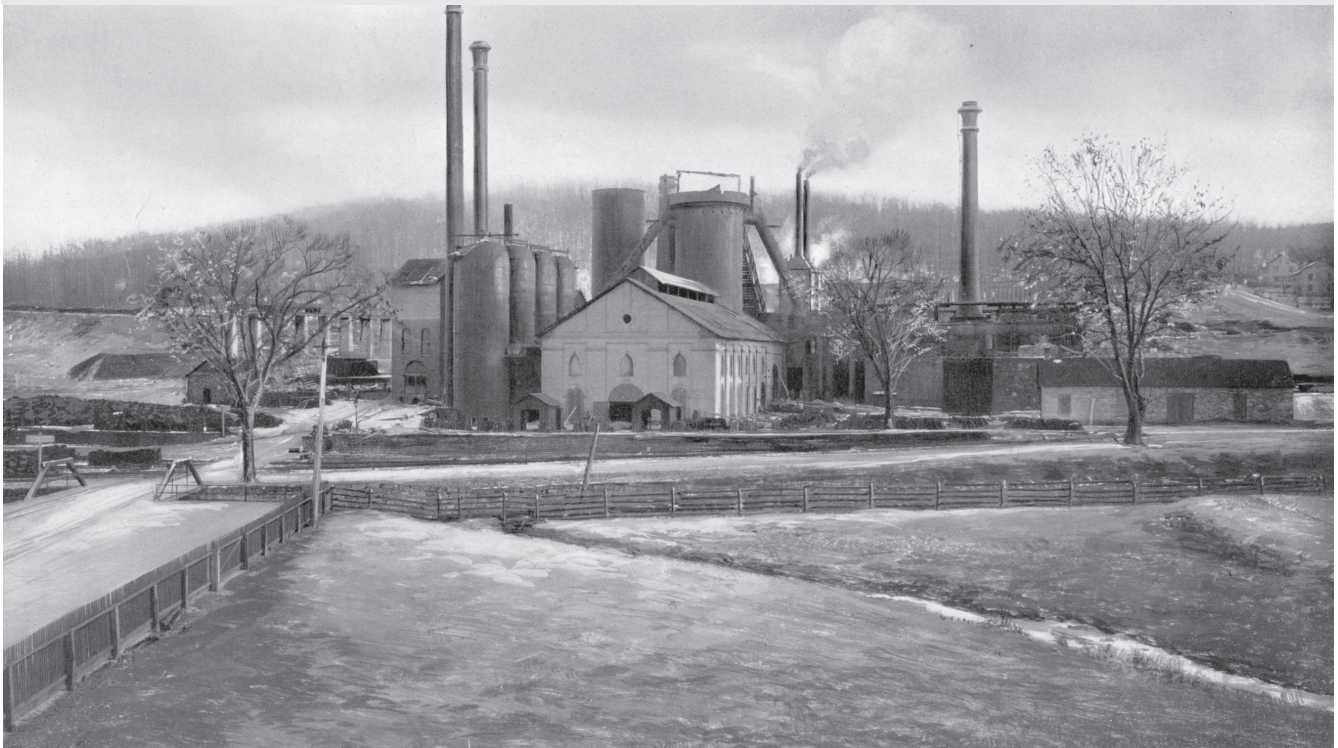
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A little historical perspective on the founding of the Friends of the Robesonia Furnace as we celebrate the 30 year Anniversary of the Districts induction into the National Register of Historic Places



4 Robesonia area women, Barbara Breininger, Holly Baim Swanson, Donna Kuhn and Wanda Gartner were able to have the Robesonia Furnace Triangle listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. In 1989, they started the Friends of the Robesonia Furnace and organized the first Robesonia Furnace Festival.

Randy Gartner

Through the money raised through these festivals, the Friends were able to raise enough money to purchase the former Robesonia Furnace property where our museum is now located. Through a state grant, we were able to purchase the former Furnace Firehouse and move it onto our property. Another state grant paid for the electric service to be installed. Over the years, the money raised at festivals and through grants from the Jannsen Foundation, we were able to install sewer and water and finish the interior of the museum. Over the past 25 years, we have been acquiring artifacts and pictures from the former Robesonia Furnace and Robesonia Borough, most of which are now on display at the museum.

Last year, thanks again to grants from the Jannsen Foundation, we were able to erect a 30 x 60ft pavilion which we started using for our own events such as craft shows and the Furnace dinner. We have many events planned for this year. The pavilion is available for rent, \$75 for members, \$125 for non members.

Upcoming Events at the Furnace Pavilion

This year the Friends of the Furnace have planned a number of events at the Furnace Pavilion:

- Saturday, March 20th will be the Easter Craft show with Wes Mucky, Barbara Strasser and Lucky's metal working, 10am to 2pm.
- Saturday, April 10th, 4Play will be playing for a Rock the Furnace Event. Tickets are \$5 per person. Food will be for sale.
- Saturday, May 8th Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods will be playing for the next Rock the Furnace event. Tickets will be \$10 per person. Food will be for sale. Cruisers welcome and will be given special parking.
- Tuesday, May 18th will be the Annual Furnace Dinner starting at 5:30 pm at the pavilion.
- Saturday, June 12th, 39 with Honor will be holding a fund raiser for Wreaths Across America. Multiple bands will be playing and food will be for sale.
- June 19th and July 23rd the Friends of the Furnace will be hosting campfire programs starting at 8pm. Each event will feature a slide show and talk on the Furnace History. Members are free, non members are \$5 each. Marshmallows and hot dogs will be available to roast over the campfire.
- Saturday, August 7th is the town wide yard sale. The Furnace will be renting spaces under the pavilion for \$10 each.
- Saturday, August 23rd is the Summer Craft Show from 10 am to 2pm.
- Saturday, November 20th will be the Thanksgiving craft show, 10 am to 2pm

Rock the Furnace

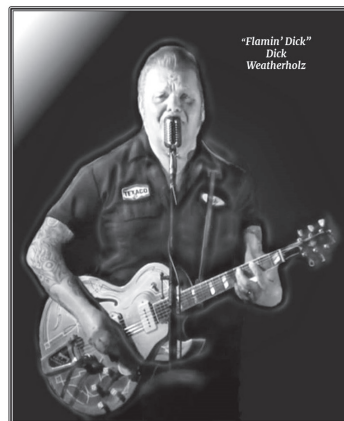
Pavilion Performance Schedule 2021

- Saturday, April 10
- 2-5pm
- \$5.00 Donation
- Food available
- BYOB

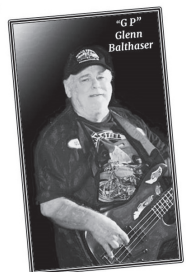


The Furnace pavilion will be the site of many entertaining events all year. Stay current by following the Friends of the Robesonia Furnace Facebook page.

- Saturday, May 8th
- 4-7pm
- \$10.00 Donation
- Food will be available
- BYOB
- Cruisers Welcome



Flamin' Dick



& the Hot Rods

Friends of the Robesonian Furnace

2021 Annual Dinner



Furnace Firehouse Pavilion
Tuesday May 18th, 2021

5:30 - 6:30 BYOB Cocktail Hour
6:30 - 7:15 Dinner Buffet
7:15 Speaker –**Paul Druzba**
Presenting on Carsonia Park
8:00 - BUSINESS MEETING

- . PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- . TREASURER'S REPORT

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT : ABBY WERTZ
VICE PRESIDENT : RANDY GARTNER
TREASURER : BARBARA ORTH
SECRETARY : DONNA KUHN
BOARD MEMBERS: TRACY RICE
MARK SPOTS

**HAVE AN INTEREST IN SERVING OR DONATING
AN ARTIFACT TO THE MUSEUM? WOULD YOU
LIKE TO SCHEDULE A TOUR FOR YOUR GROUP?
PLEASE CALL 484.955.7381**

NEWSLETTER: KEITH RENTSCHLER
BUILDING & GROUNDS: CALVIN YOH
MUSEUM & TOURS: RANDY GARTNER

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Because the dinner is off premises, we are going with a buffet like we did last year. There will be 3 choices of entrees: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Beef Burgundy and Baked Ziti. You don't have to choose now. Pick one, two or all three at the dinner. Plus salad, rolls and butter, vegetable du Jour and Rosemary potatoes and desert. You can BYOB. We will supply water, ice tea , lemonade and coffee.

***All this for \$29.95 ***

REGISTRATION DEADLINE TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

*Please make checks payable and send along with form to:
Friends of the Robesonian Furnace, PO Box 162, Robesonian, PA 19551*

Membership Renewal Form
(Check your mailing label for your current date of membership)

Date _____ Telephone Number _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Yearly Amount Level		One Time Amount Level	
\$ 10.00 _____	Individual	\$ 25.00 _____	Contributing
\$ 20.00 _____	Family	\$ 50.00 _____	Sponsor
		\$ 100.00 _____	Life Member

***Memberships for 2021 expires Dec. 31, 2021 *All donations are tax deductible**

Please make checks payable and send along with Membership Form to:
Friends of the Robesonia Furnace, P.O. Box 162 Robesonia PA 19551-0162

Did You Know?



That you can schedule a walking tour of the Furnace grounds for your private group? It's true! Call our very own Randy Gartner to schedule. Take advantage of his wealth of knowledge on the Furnace site and operations- 484.955.7381

Sign Up A Friend! How about sharing with a friend or sending them a gift membership?

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NPS Form 10-900
(Rev. 8-86)
OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

Robesonia Furnace Historic District

other name/site number: Reading Furnace; Robesonia Iron Co. Ltd.

name/title Diane B. Reed, Historic Preservation Specialist

organization PHMC/BHP date March 6, 1991

The Friends of the Robesonia Furnace celebrate the 30 year anniversary of the Robesonia Furnace Districts induction into the National Register of Historic Places. This effort was spearheaded in 1989 by a small group of local women who recognized the importance of the region. In 1991, the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service recognized the significant contributing nature of the Robesonia Furnace and entered the Furnace campus into the National Registry.