

## **Snyder County Historical Society Dates to Remember**

**March 3:** The Historical Society Library opened for the Spring season. The Library is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10-3:30.

**March 22:** "The Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama: A Painting that Made Veterans Weep." Presentation by Sue Boardman. 7:30 pm.

**May:** The Historical Society Library & Museum begin Summer hours and will be open Sundays 1:30-4 through September. The Library will continue to open Thursdays and Fridays 10-3:30.

**May 1:** Matt Delbaugh will talk about his collection of miniature Hot Wheel cars and show examples, primarily from 1968-1977. Museum Program 2 pm.

**May 24:** "The Story of the Dutch Pantry." Presentation by Robert Row. 7:30 pm. Robert Row worked for the Kemberlings for more than 37 years in many positions::::Lottie Kemberling's Dutch Pantry started around 1917 when she decided to help with the family income by making homemade Dutch items which were taken to the Sunbury Market House to be sold. In 1945 this dream changed to the thought of a restaurant--and the Dutch Pantry grew and grew to nearly 100 restaurants.

**June 3:** "Simon Snyder and the War of 1812." Don Housley's opening presentation for the Simon Snyder of Pennsylvania: Citizen and Governor 1759-1819 exhibition at the Lore Degenstein Gallery, Susquehanna University, co-sponsored by the Snyder County Historical Society. Opening presentation and reception 7:30 pm. Exhibition will be open the following Thursday - Sunday June 4-26, 1:30-4:30pm.

**June 5:** The Middleburg Boy Scouts will demonstrate outdoor camping and cooking skills and offer tasting opportunities!. Museum Program 2 pm.

**July 3:** Stephen Foster's songs are the topic for Ruth Blankinship's presentation. She will offer opportunities to hear and sing favorites from this 19<sup>th</sup> century songwriter, sometimes called "the father of American music." Museum Program 2 pm.

**August 7:** Crafting old style, fine wooden spoons has been Kenneth David Snook's avocation for 15 years. He will talk about and show the spoons he makes and demonstrate some of his techniques. Museum Program 2 pm.

**September 4:** A new flagpole, planned for the Historical Society grounds, will be dedicated to honor several persons from Snyder County. Come and learn more about these special people. Museum Pprogram. 2 pm.

**September 27:** "A Need for Protection: How the Penns Creek Massacre Influenced the Building of Fort Augusta." Presentation by Cindy Inkrote. 7:30 pm. In a time filled with disputes over territory on the Pennsylvania frontier, the French teamed up with Native Americans in an attempt to invade and eliminate British rule eastward from the Susquehanna River's shore. Find out how the British protected their holdings and came to build Fort Augusta at the Susquehanna's confluence in 1756 and the role the fort played during this turbulent time.

**October 4:** Museum closes until May. Library begins Sunday closing but will continue to be open Thursdays and Fridays 10-3:30.

**October 28:** Steve Troutman will be the guest speaker at the Snyder County Historical Society's annual banquet October 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community United Methodist Church, 3939 Park Road, Monroe Township. He will present an illustrated account of *The Trevorton, Mahanoy and Susquehanna Railroad and the Trevorton (Susquehanna) Bridge Between Herndon and Port Trevorton*. The railroad was one of the first, if not the first, established in central Pennsylvania. It would later become part of the great Reading Railroad. The history of transportation and early industry in the Herndon-Trevorton area is linked to the story of the railroad and bridge.

**November:** Library open Thursdays and Fridays except Thanksgiving week. 10-3:30.

**November 27:** "The Political Culture of Moonshine in Central Pennsylvania." Presentation by Bruce Teeple. 7:30 pm. Images of the moonshiner and bootlegger have captured the popular imagination for over three hundred years. A whole mythos has grown around one family of outlaws in particular: the Farringtons of central Pennsylvania, who operated during the first half of the twentieth century. Their illicit liquor traffic satisfied markets stretching from Williamsport and Lock Haven to Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. Countless stories have come down through the years attesting to the Farringtons' widespread, homegrown philanthropy at a time when social and financial safety nets did not exist. Teeple will answer many of the questions we have about this family and this era.

To arrange group tours of the Museum call Toby Skinner at 570-374-8285.  
To speak with Library staff call 837-6191 during Library hours.