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NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MICHENER MUSEUM TOPIC OF ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The Northampton Township Historical Society's annual dinner meeting on November 20th at 6 PM will feature a talk on the James A. Michener Art Museum given by Phyllis Schwartz, Education Coordinator at the museum.

Ms. Schwartz will show a short video titled "Keys to the Jail" showing the transformation of what was once Bucks County's primary jail to a wonderful art museum. She will also give a slide presentation on famous Bucks County artists.

The Society and board members provide the meat dishes at the dinner meeting. Members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert dish.

Society meetings are held at the Northampton Cultural Center, adjacent to the Library, on Upper Holland Road, Richboro. All are welcome to attend. If you need a ride or more information please give one of the board members a call. See you there!



HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD VACANCIES NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Election of officers for the board positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary will be held at the December general meeting. A nominating committee will be contacting the membership to ask if you would consider a position on the board. Please consider this as we need your support to continue our organization. If you are currently a member of the Society and would like to consider a position on the board please contact one of the current board members.



Season's Greetings From the Northampton Township Historical Society

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The November meeting is our annual dinner meeting. The speaker will be Phyllis Schwartz from the Michener Museum. She will speak about the museum and Bucks County artists. It should be a very interesting talk and a good introduction to the museum which has recently been expanded and remodeled.

Members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert dish to the meeting. I hope to see you there.

As you can see this edition of the HISTORIA is rather small. I apologize for that but I due to a lack of input from YOU and time on my part, I was unable to produce the kind of HISTORIA you have come to expect in this edition. I hope to get it back to normal next time. I sure could use more articles, pictures, and ideas from YOU!

In an effort to fill board vacancies we are contacting the membership to ask if you would serve in a board position. My term as president ends this year as does the secretary's and the vice president position is vacant. I hope that you will consider serving. We need your support to continue.

Adelaide and I recently commissioned Ranulph Bye to paint the Spread Eagle Inn. He agreed and from past and present pictures he produced a wonderful painting which we have purchased. I plan to display it at the November dinner meeting. At our last board meeting we discussed having prints of the painting made and selling them to benefit the Spread Eagle or the Society. Since the expenditure for this printing exceeds that which the board can approve there will be a vote on this issue at the November meeting.

The board decided to set a fixed date for board meetings. Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month preceding the general meeting. Which will be the last Tuesday of February, April, August and October.

See you at the November meeting. Please bring a friend!

Douglas J. Crompton

The HISTORIA is on the Internet. To Access it set your browser to: <http://www.resuba.com/bucks>

There is information on the Society; how to become a member, meeting dates, HISTORIA online as well as other Bucks County information.

We can also be reached via EMAIL at:

NTHS@crompton.com



Jim McLean
1933-1996

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of James Frith McLean jr. on Thursday October 10. Jim was 63 years old and had been fighting cancer courageously for the last year and a half. The last edition of the HISTORIA featured an article on Jim. He was well known in the community as the owner of Churchville hardware. He was a kind man who would always take time to help his customers. Churchville and the community will not be the same without Jim. Donations in his name can be made to the American Cancer Society, Bucks County Unit, 43 S. Main Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 18 - Southampton Historical Society - revolutionary War soldiers and equipment
- Nov 20 - Northampton Township Historical Society Dinner meeting - 6 PM
- Nov 21 - David Library Lecture - Political Violence in the Early Republic
- Nov 29 - Twelve Trees of Christmas, Open house at the Log House Mercer Museum. Thru Dec 8
- Nov 30 - Candlelight tour - Washington Crossing State Park (493-4076)
- Dec 6-7 - Fonthill - Candlelight dinner and tour
- Dec 7 - Trinity Church house tour, Solebury (297-5770)
- Dec 10 - Holiday open house - Mercer Museum
- Dec 12 - David Library Lecture - Religion in William Penn's "Holy Experiment"
- Dec 14 - Fonthill by Candlelight
- Dec 15 - Holiday Festivities for the Family Fonthill and Moravian Tile Works
- Dec 16 - Southampton Historical Society - Christmas season social gathering



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HISTORIA is published quarterly by the Northampton Township Historical Society. The Society meets four times each year at the Northampton Township Cultural Center, Upper Holland Road, Richboro. Everyone is welcome at our meetings. Meetings start at **7:30 PM** with refreshments, general meeting, and a featured speaker.

Meeting Dates for 1996/97

November 20	Dinner Meeting	6:00 PM
March 26	General Meeting	7:30 PM
May 21	General Meeting	7:30 PM
September 24	General Meeting	7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL CLASSIFICATIONS

PATRON:	Extra support for the society	\$35.00
FAMILY:	All members of one family	\$15.00
SINGLE:	Adult individual membership	\$10.00
SENIOR CITIZEN:	Age 65 years or older	\$5.00

This will be your membership for the calendar year of 1996 (January 1996 to December 1996)

Note - Applications received after October 31 will be credited for the following year.

This application is sent with all editions of the HISTORIA. Please check your mailing label for the expiration year.

Normal renewal time is in the first quarter of the year or when the March HISTORIA is received.

If your membership is current, please pass this application on to others who may be interested in our society.

Please consider a contribution of more than the minimum membership to help defray increasing society costs.

Send to : **Northampton Township Historical Society**
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NAME: _____

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May we count on you to serve on one of our committees ? : Y _____ N _____ MAYBE _____

Please give us your ideas for speakers at future meetings : _____

Would you be willing to write an article for the HISTORIA _____

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed : _____