

CATASAUQUA AND FOGELSVILLE RAILROAD FIELD TRIP

Saturday April 26, 2014, 10 AM to mid-afternoon (raindate April 27)

Meet in the parking lot of the Lower Macungie Township offices, 3400 Brookside Road, at 10 a.m. for a short orientation in the LMTHS meeting room.

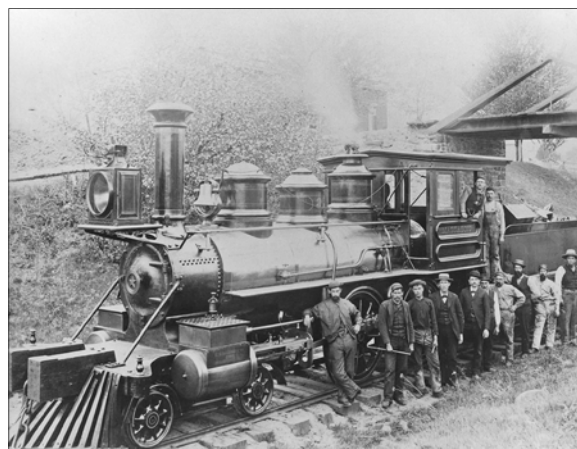
Some strenuous hiking is involved, so please be aware of this before signing up. The field trip will be limited to the first 25 people who register. Reservations may be made by contacting Craig Bartholomew at 610-967-3653 or email clblmths@yahoo.com.

Construction of the C&F RR was begun in the mid-1850s to bring limonite iron ore from western Lehigh County to iron furnaces along the Lehigh River. It was extended in the mid-1860s to the magnetic ore mines at Rittenhouse Gap.

We will begin our field trip at Bear Creek Mountain Resort, where we will park then hike to the mines. You will see some of the mine shafts and ruins of stone and concrete structures used for hoisting and loading ore. Parts of the trail are rocky, and heavy-duty footwear is essential. We will return to Bear Creek for lunch in the Trail's End cafeteria.

After lunch we will visit other sites along the right of way. The most dramatic of these is a large stone culvert built to carry the railroad over a small stream. The tour ends at Lock Ridge Furnace, where much of the local ore was converted into pig iron.

All participants must sign a Liability Release Form to use the trails at Bear Creek. This may be downloaded from their website. We will have extra copies available at the orientation.



The Massasoit on the C&F RR at Lock Ridge

SECRETS OF OPEN-HEARTH COOKING

Saturday, May 17, 11 AM to 2 PM ?

Log House Kitchen–Wescosville Park, Hamilton Blvd.

Learn the basics of open-hearth cooking! Many who have attended events at the Log House over the past decade have marveled over the mouthwatering dishes that Pat Taylor prepares over the wood coals in the fireplace. However, because Pennsylvania public-health regulations allow food cooked over an open fire to be eaten only by those who prepare it, visitors could only look, not taste. Now is your opportunity to both prepare, and eat, food cooked on an open hearth. Pat Taylor has agreed to share her knowledge and experience with some of our members. Students will learn to cook both sweet and savory dishes in cast-iron Dutch ovens and other cast-iron cookware. An authentic colonial-style beverage will be prepared to accompany the food. Because the kitchen space is small, the class will be limited to the first six students who register. Up to six formal observers will be allowed to attend. Students will pay a fee of \$10, observers will make a donation. A few short-term casual observers may be allowed if space permits. The closing time is approximate; the class will end when the food is prepared.

If you are interested in participating, register by contacting Craig Bartholomew at phone 610-967-3653 or email clblmths@yahoo.com.

The Macungie and Lower Macungie Township Historical Societies are pleased to announce the following programs in the Local History Lecture Series

*at The Macungie Institute
510 East Main Street, Macungie*

Covered Bridges

Thursday, April 24, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

presented by

Ray Finkelstein

Ray Finkelstein will present the history of covered bridges, and information about all of the bridges in the Lehigh Valley as well as preservation efforts and societies. He is an active member of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania.

Ray will show some pictures of bridges, including some that no longer exist in the area. He also has updated information on Schlicher's Bridge (over the Jordan Creek in North Whitehall Township, near the Lehigh Valley Zoo) that is being completely rebuilt with an expected completion date in May this year.



Growing Necessaries: Mistress Rebecca's Garden

Thursday, May 22, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

presented by

Becky Short

Becky Short, a Penn State master gardener, has been tending her own colonial herb garden for the past 23 years. In 2007, her garden was selected as the national runner-up in the "Best Herb Garden in the Country" contest, sponsored by the National Garden Club. Her herb garden has been featured in the magazines "Dream Cottage Gardens", "Lifestyles Over 50", "Country Gardens" and "The Herb Companion". Her garden has been the site for a photo shoot for a children's clothing line and also a national commercial for wine.

She is a member of the Allentown, Bethlehem, Emmaus and Lower Macungie garden clubs, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and the Herb Society of America.

Becky will portray a colonist, Mistress Rebecca, who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620. Gardens were not just a pretty pastime then, they provided essential food and medicine. Travel back to the early days to discover how herbs were used in everyday life.

*All programs in the Local History Lecture Series are presented free to the general public.
Advance reservations are not required.*