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## “A New Year”

As BCHF begins our 51st year we want our members to know the names of the Board of Directors.

We begin by thanking the two directors who chose not to place their names to be members of the Board. Thank you Russell Angermann and Geraldine Cole for the work you have done for our organization.

The two people that wrote a letter to the Board were approved by the Board at the January meeting are Susan Watkins, already a member of the Ways and Means Committee, and Michael Crossan, a teacher at Snyder-Girotti School. Michael is also the athletic director for the school.

The Board now has the following members: Kathy

Barniskis, Michael Crosson, Mary Kehoe, Anna Larrisey, Nancy Maren, Catherine McCarry, Mary McIlvain, Harold Mitchener, Deborah Pinney, Nick Rizzo, Jan Ruano, Anthony Russo, Jesse Walker, Susan Watkins, Helen Younglove.

The Board selected the following officers: President, Jan Ruano; Vice President, Deborah Pinney; Corresponding Secretary, Mary McIlvain; Treasurer, Anna Larrisey.

We look forward to a good year and hope that you will consider becoming a member again for the year 2018. THANK YOU!

## President's Corner

I know it is early, but as of this writing, we are beginning to plan for the 2018 Historic Bristol Day. Yes, it takes a whole year to organize this event, beginning with establishing a theme, finding people to volunteer for the myriad aspects of organizing a community-wide event and implementing everything needed to make it work. This year we are in the competent hands of chairperson Nick Rizzo. Of course he will need dedicated people to chair various aspects of the event and an army of volunteers. As it has been said, it takes a village, or do I mean many people who love our town to make this, and any of the town's events, to succeed. Like said by Uncle Sam, “We need you”. Really, it is lots of fun and rewarding to participate. If interested, come to our next meeting on February 28th, at 7 PM at the BCHF building on Cedar Street.

We have many wonderful events planned for this year.

Check the schedule of events on the last page of the GAZETTE. Along with the favorites such as the tea and the peach social, we are planning three very interesting trips. This first in April is a day trip to visit the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. The next in May is a two-night, three-day trip to Washington D.C. whose main purpose is to visit the highly acclaimed Newseum. From what I understand, a visitor could spend several days there without seeing everything offered. We are providing a two day visit to the Newseum with the option of exchanging day two to visit the American History Museum instead. The third trip in the planning stage is “Christmas in Cape May”. Hopefully you will join us at some, if not all, of our 2018 events.

Happy Valentine's Day to you all

*Jan Ruano*

## CALENDAR CHANGE

On our initial Calendar of Events for 2018 was listed a presentation on the “Federal Witness Protection Program,” to be given by Mr. Gerald Shur on Sunday afternoon, April 8. We regret to announce that due to some medical issues, Mr. Shur has had to cancel his presentation.

We are pleased, however, to report that James and Deborah Fine have graciously agreed to replace Mr. Shur

and give a power-point presentation on World War I at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 8, in BCHF headquarters. The exact title of their program will be announced in next month's GAZETTE. Those of you who took BCHF's 2017 Historic Bristol House Tour will recall the informative exhibit about WWI and its impact on Bristol Borough, which the Fines displayed in their Walnut Street Victorian-styled home.

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## Time's A-Wastin'

As we go to press with this issue of the GAZETTE, only six weeks remain before the reservation deadline for our **"History & Culinary Trip" to Philadelphia, Thursday, April 19.** Highlight of the itinerary is a 3-hour self-guided tour of Philadelphia's newest museum - THE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - which opened to the public on April 19, 2017. It explores the dynamic story of the American Revolution using its expansive collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, documents and works of art. Its immersive galleries, dynamic theaters and recreated historical environments bring to life the events, people and ideals of our nation's founding, and engage visitors in the history and continuing relevance of the American Revolution. The day's itinerary will also include a stop at the Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk, the 2,000 ft. long, 15-ft. wide, over-the-water path that opened in October 2014 and extends the Schuylkill River Trail from Locust Street to the South Street Bridge. Also featured will be a tour and 3-course luncheon at the JNA Institute of Culinary Arts Restaurant on South Broad Street, which has provided quality training for the food service industry since 1988. The all-inclusive price is \$82 for BCHF members and \$85 for non-

members. For a detailed flyer and reservation form, contact Ellanna Delaney at 215 788-4138. Reservation deadline is Monday, March 12.

We anticipate having to release our hotel room block in mid-February on the **3-Day/2-Night trip to Washington, DC., Friday, May 18 - Sunday, May 20.** The package includes motorcoach transportation, 2 overnight accommodations at the Hilton McLean Hotel, 2 buffet breakfasts at the hotel, a family-style dinner at Carmine's, a guided tour of National Historic Landmark "Tudor Place" (the home of Martha Custis, granddaughter of Martha Washington), admission to the NEWSEUM which opened in 2008 and which in 2016 was rated by TripAdvisor users as a "Traveler's Choice Top 25 Museums in the U.S.," a monuments evening cruise, your choice of visiting the National Museum of American History or spending more time at the Newseum and - last but not least - dinner at the Hotel duPont in Wilmington, DE, enroute home. Cost is \$540 pp twin, \$696 single and \$508 pp triple, which also includes the gratuity for the driver, restaurant servers and trip escort. A detailed flyer, including reservation form and trip cancellation application, may be obtained from Jan Ruano, 215 788-2106.



### A Note From Ways & Means

Our Sunday the April 8th event at 2PM in our headquarters will have a program change. We will be featuring Bristolians, James and Deborah Fine's Powerpoint presentation about WWI. You may remember the interesting memorabilia commemorating the 100th anniversary of WWI that they assembled in their home for Historic Bristol Day. Our Ways & Means committee members will provide light refreshments.

It's not too early to be reminding you about our annual SPRING TEA, on Sunday, April 29th from 3-5. Our committee is already in the planning stages. This year we are asking for a \$22.00 donation, as our expenses have grown considerably over the years for this fun event. Harpist Gloria Galante will delight you with a short performance and commentary featuring Frank Sinatra songs and Darlene Carey will be providing delicious sandwiches and desserts. Line up your friends and family soon, as reservation day will be here before you know it. (Reservations will be taken no ear-

lier than 9AM on Saturday, April 7th. Please call: 215 788-9408.)

Remember that our sale items are available for purchase at any of our headquarter events. We have red, green, or blue throws with Bristol images on a light beige background. Cap or lapel pins, brass ornaments, postcards featuring Bristol sites, as well as a 4-pack of postcards to color and send or give as gifts (think grandchildren!) are available for sale. Our small magnet supply is becoming limited, but we have reordered the popular oval BRISTOL magnets. As always, we offer several hometown pieces and books by Carol and Harold Mitchener and Joseph Sagolla. You might not be aware that Mignoni's and Great ID's carry some of our sale items, also.

All are welcome to the next Ways & Means Meeting on Monday, February 26th at 7PM at our headquarters on Cedar Street. Please call: Ways & Means Chair, Kathy Barniskis at 215 943-0258 for more information about joining the committee or purchasing a sale item.

# Archaeological Project: Winter Update, Site Number and Report Writing

By Jesse Walker and Meagan Ratini - January 2018

The archaeological excavations at the BCHF building were well-attended on Historic Bristol Day on Oct. 21, 2017. The walking tours during Historic Bristol Day visited the open excavations and examined artifacts found at the old school house grounds at 321 Cedar Street. Adding to the work conducted in 2016, two more excavation locations were dug by professional archaeologists and volunteers throughout the sunny fall day.

Although Bristol Day went well, archaeological research never ends in the field. Work continues even to this day. The new artifacts found during the Bristol Day fieldwork were washed by volunteers from Bucks County Community College. The artifacts have also been cataloged and analyzed. A detailed and illustrated report is being written which includes a discussion of the background historical research, methods of excavation and laboratory analysis, and information about the findings. The report will be similar to technical archaeological reports written for professional archaeological projects and will be a mix of technical information about the project recorded for posterity as well as our interpretations of the research. When complete, this report will be shared with the community - - likely in an electronic format.

As part of the documentation process, the BCHF site has been registered with the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission (PHMC), a state commission in Harrisburg. Among its many jobs, the PHMC oversees archaeological sites in order to record the wealth of archaeological resources in our state. We completed an archaeological site form for the BCHF site and sent it to the PHMC, who then assigned it the number 36BU0463. This number will be used throughout the report and physically kept with the artifacts so that it is clear to any future researchers what site this is all from.

The physical locations of archaeological sites and the

locations of artifacts found within them are some of our most critical pieces of information. After all, artifacts lose most of their historical meaning when you don't know where they came from - - some broken dishes or a few bottles become no more than those things. If they're disconnected from their point of origin, the only story they can tell is about their manufacturing, not usually about the people who bought or used them or how those things might have fit into the daily workings of a specific household or business. Likewise, being able to put individual sites into a larger perspective helps tell more regional stories and flesh out gaps in the history books. For example, when did Native Americans move into Pennsylvania? What did people do from day-to-day on the



Visitors during archaeology dig on Historic Bristol Day

Appalachian frontier? How did immigrant families adapt to life in America during the Industrial Revolution? These kinds of questions can't usually be answered by a single site alone. It takes multiple sites to give a broad enough perspective to answer those kinds of questions thoroughly and accurately.

For these reasons, most states have instituted a similar system of numbering and tracking sites. This number is called a Smithsonian trinomial (after the national museum system). The trinomials are composed of a one or two digit number for the state (typically ordered alphabetically), two letters coding for the county and sequential digits representing the order in which the site was listed in that county. So, for the BCHF site:

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| 36           | BU           | 0463                                 |
| Pennsylvania | Bucks County | The 463rd site found in Bucks County |

The BCHF site is the first registered archaeological site in Bristol Borough. Stay tuned for the final report!

**LANGENFELDER LAKE** (aka Magnolia Lake) was dug out by contractors for the embankment of the PA Turnpike in the early 1950s. The Langenfelters obtained the property from the Swartz farm. Two hundred acres at this location belonged to Joseph F. Swartz in 1913. Langenfelder Lake flows into Silver Lake. A bridge on Beaver Dam Road divides the two lakes.

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# *The Underground Railroad in the United States*

The Underground Railroad is not under the ground (earth). It was started by abolitionists who wanted to help escaped slaves in the south reach Canada which was part of the British Empire and didn't allow slavery after c. 1831.

Since railroads were rather new in the U.S., it was decided to use that as terminology when referring to helping escaped slaves.

The main word is "SECRET". All of the activities were secret. The slaves would be guided to safe houses which were called "stations". They would be guided by a "conductor".

The slaves traveled at night and usually walked. There were a few times that slaves actually traveled by train or steamboat. In the north there were some people who were former slaves and were free and travelers assumed that they were "free people".

In Bristol there are three known houses. It is believed that they were all on Radcliffe Street. One was in the 300 block, one in the 400 block and one in the 900 block. (see pictures) Keep in mind that there were

no signs hung outside saying "welcome slaves", so that there may have been other houses.

All of the houses were owned by Quakers. Bristol's Quaker meeting house at Wood and Market Streets has a date of 1711. Quakers were against slavery.

When they reached Bristol, the slaves would cross to Burlington and continue north toward Canada.

In Bristol's Park at the waterfront, there is a statue of Harriet Tubman. Harriet never lived in Bristol but guided slaves out of the south. There are three families in Bristol that are directly related to Harriet Tubman. They are the Davis, Ross and Taylor families.

Before the end of the Civil War there were people in Bristol and Bucks County that had slaves, more for domestic duties. On the farms in Bucks County, slaves would do farm work or work in the houses doing domestic duties.

Once the Civil War was over, all slaves were free.



*House in the 300 block of Radcliffe Street*



*House in the 400 block of Radcliffe Street*



*House in the 900 block of Radcliffe Street*

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## Chief Executives - Local and National (1861-1865)

During the time of the American Civil War (1861 - 1865), James Brudon was the Burgess (now mayor) of Bristol in 1861. (From 1862 - 1866) Robert Patterson was Bristol's Chief Executive.

During the Civil War there were two first families. The United States of America had Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln. They lived in the White House in the District of Columbia. The Confederate States of America had Jefferson Davis and his wife Varina Howell Davis. Their home was in Montgomery, Alabama.

Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd when he was

33 years old and she was 23 years old. Jefferson Davis was a 35 year old widower in 1845 when he married Varina Howell. She was 17 years old. Davis' first wife was Sarah Know Taylor, daughter of President Zachary Taylor. She died of malaria three months after their wedding.

In the year 1840 Lincoln married his wife Mary Todd and in England it was the year Queen Victoria married her first cousin Prince Albert. They lived in Buckingham Palace in London. In Bristol the Burgess/mayor lives in their own home, just as the present Mayor Joseph Saxton lives in his home with his wife.

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## Former Canal Basin Becomes Parking Lot

The one time Canal Basin of the Delaware Division of the Penna. Canal officially became Bristol's property on May 1, 1947. Governor James Duff signed a bill turning the land over to Bristol for park and parking purposes. An official delegation from Bristol Borough attended the signing at Harrisburg (Burgess Jacob C. Schmidt, Sr.; Borough Council President, Charles G. Rathke; President of the Recreation Board, Louis C. Spring; Bucks County Commissioner, John S. Roberts, Jr.; Bucks County Senator (who sponsored the bill), Senator Edward B. Watson; the Burgess' son, Horace Schmidt; and former U.S. Senator Joseph R. Grundy.)

The ground (part of which already had been filled and improved as a parking lot for Mill Street shopping) runs from the foot of Pond Street to the Delaware River and from the rear of the properties on the south side of Mill Street to the overflow canal and Otter Creek. Under the terms of the Bill, the Borough is required to improve and maintain the ground for park

and parking purposes. Much of the ground was filled in several years ago during the deep channel dredging of the Delaware River. The leveling and landscaping on the southern part of the area improves the area and affords a splendid view of the Burlington waterfront, Burlington Island and the River itself.

In the ceremony, Governor Duff asked the delegation to extend his congratulations to the Bristol Community. "Instead of a tide-water swamp, it will become a beautiful park." Senator Grundy presented the Governor with a pair of Plexiglas bookends made in Bristol. They are cocker spaniels mounted on heavy clear bases which are filled with red roses and green leaves. The dogs measure 12 inches from nose to tail. The gift prompted Mr. Rathke to tell the Governor jokingly that his present would help him "keep his books straight." The Governor acknowledged his reference to budget worries; the Governor said, "Tell your citizens that I highly appreciate their gift."

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## Come Join Us

As of the publication of this month's GAZETTE, the early stages of preparation have begun for the 42nd Annual Historic Bristol Day. This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 10AM to 4PM. The Historic Bristol Day Committee is composed of several key volunteers, who assist with the event planning or individually chair in a variety of roles for this major undertaking. Since last year, some of our

committee members are unable to resume the roles they have done in the past. In particular, we are in need of a Crafter & Vendor chair, a Food Court Vendor chair, and a few others. If you have an interest in these roles or would like to attend a planning meeting, please contact the Historic Bristol Day chairperson, Nick Rizzo or call 267 980 7308. Thank you

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## Don't Forget

Membership envelopes were mailed to all current members the beginning of January. Make sure you keep getting this newsletter of interesting information about Bristol by continuing your membership. Mail the enclosed envelope today and enjoy another full year of BCHF happenings.

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## ***Bristol's By-Pass Highway - Route #13***

The new Route #13 was officially opened at 1:50 PM on July 30, 1946. The new highway cost more than a million dollars; it extends from the intersection of Route #413, Rogers and Newport Roads in West Bristol for 4.6 miles to Tullytown where it joins with a section previously constructed. There are two reinforced concrete bridges, one over Otter Creek and one over Adams Hollow Creek. Construction work started on July 1, 1946 by F.A. Canuso & Sons, Phila. The by-pass has been officially designated as U.S. Route #13. The present U.S. Route #13 through Bristol will lose that designation.

There are a number of dangerous intersections, so State Police will patrol the route and strictly enforce motor vehicle laws. The roadway at the underpass of the railroad (at Rt. #413) carrying the former Route

#13 into Bristol has been widened. New "stop" signs were placed in position in town several weeks before the new highway opened. Parents were urged to talk with their children about safety in walking and using bicycles when crossing the highway, especially going to Silver Lake.

After the opening of the by-pass Route #13, the local newspaper the next day mentioned that the new highway was the "center of interest." Many motorists made a tour and were surprised to find the changed appearance of the area. Some motorists were seen sneaking through stop signs. The new by-pass highway is expected to greatly relieve traffic through Bristol via Pond Street and Farragut Ave. The new roadway opens up for development a large acreage of undeveloped land along its course.

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## ***Fascinating Facts About The U.S. Presidents***

### **1. George Washington - 1789 - 1797**

Was the first President to appear on a postage stamp.

Was one of two Presidents to sign the Constitution in Philadelphia.

### **2. John Adams - 1797 - 1801**

Was the first President whose son became President.

Died on the same day as Jefferson, July 4, 1826. It was 50 years after both had signed the "Declaration of Independence." Jefferson died a few hours before Adams; Jefferson lived at Monticello, VA; Adams lived in Braintree, MA.

### **3. Thomas Jefferson - 1801 - 1809**

Was the first President to shake hands instead of bowing to people.

Had a library of approximately 6,000 books which became the basis for the Library of Congress. The Congress paid Jefferson \$23,950 for the books.

Was the first President to be inaugurated in DC.; Adams was inaugurated in Philadelphia and Washington in New York City.

### **4. James Madison - 1809 - 1817**

Was the first U.S. Congressman to become President.

Was one of two Presidents to sign the Constitution - the other was Washington

Weighed 100 pounds and was 5 feet 4 inches tall.

### **5. James Monroe - 1817 - 1825**

Was the first President who had been a Senator.

Was in the boat with Washington when they crossed the Delaware River to attack the Hessians at Trenton, NJ.

### **6. John Quincy Adams - 1825 - 1829**

Had a wife (Louisa Catherine Johnson) who was born in London, England.

Was the first President to be photographed.

Owned a pet alligator which he kept in the East Room of the White House.

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## Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **FEBRUARY 1908** issues of THE BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE

2/7 - - "Wait for the Great Bankrupt Sale of Clothing for Men, Boys and Children. Opens Saturday, February 8, at 9 a.m. Don't fail to be on hand, for this will be the greatest sale in the history of Bristol and surroundings! \$25,000 worth of clothing to be sold at 33 cents on the dollar. 507 Bath Street. By order of the New York Brokerage Co. of New York City."

### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

A demonstration lesson will be given on Thursday evening, February 13, by the Physical Training Class in Assembly Hall of the High School at 8 o'clock. Admission is ten cents.

18 Architects are in competition of plans for the new Fifth Ward school house. The designs are to be in the hands of the school board by March 1. The cost of erection is limited to \$26,000.

School boards in this county profit by having a large number of dogs in their districts because the dog tax is returned to the school districts. The Bristol school board has received \$122.90 from the county treasurer as the borough's share of the dog tax. The township board received \$49.58.

A hurdy-gurdy dance will be given in St. Mark's Parochial hall on Friday evening, February 14 for the benefit of the School Improvement Fund.

Tickets are selling fast for the Fourth Annual Concert of the Bristol Choral Union, to be given in St. Mark's Hall on the 28th inst. "Esther, the Beautiful Queen" will be rendered. The costumes are elaborate and a fine concert is promised.

2/14 - - "HORN'S, where quality and prices are right. Two stores - one on Mill Street and one on the corner of Pond and Washington Streets . . . 15 Yellow Stamps with each lb. Best Coffee - 25¢. 5 Yellow Stamps with each tumbler of Apple or Grape Jelly - 10¢. 50 Yellow Stamps with each dollar's worth or order of fresh meats. Sirloin Steak - 20¢ lb. Legs Lamb - 18¢ lb. Pork Chops - 10¢ lb. Fresh Scrapple - 7¢ lb."

**BIG WAREHOUSE FOR CANAL COMPANY.** On Saturday, bids will be opened at Mauch Chunk for the erection of a big freight warehouse at the Bristol terminus of the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canal. The fact that the warehouse is to be used for freight of a miscellaneous character confirms the well-defined rumors that the old canal is to be restored to its former prestige as an important waterway.

**MOVING PICTURES AT COUNCIL.** More time was consumed at the regular Council meeting of the Bristol Borough Council on Monday evening in a trivial discussion of the collection of a small license fee from a moving picture show than was taken to transact all the other business at hand. The debate lasted for over a half-hour. To the spectators in the lobby, it was a veritable moving picture show.

### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The German Club will give a masquerade dance at their club on February 22.

Lincoln's birthday was very quietly observed in Bristol on Wednesday, about the only token of remembrance of the great President's anniversary being the display of a few flags and the closing of the post office and the bank.

"See Washington, the Heart of the Nation! Three-day tours via PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. February 11, 20, March 12,

April 2, 13, and May 7. Round trip rate from Bristol - \$9.60 or \$12.10 according to hotel selected."

2/21 - - **THE ELECTION IN BRISTOL.** Election day was a very quiet one and, in most of the wards, but very little interest was taken owing to the lack of any contest. The chief interest centered in the First Ward where, a few days before the election, Roy Tracy, a young man and a stranger to most of the people in the ward, announced himself as an independent candidate for Council. There were no Democratic candidates for Council in that ward and, consequently, there was but a meager number of Democrats who went to the polls. Republican George Strauser was high on the ticket with 254 votes. Independent Tracy received 82 votes.

**A MAD DOG SCARE.** A mad dog created consternation in Bristol last Friday and Saturday and, before it was finally killed, the frenzied animal bit a dozen or more canines in the borough. Just where the dog came from is not definitely known but it is evident that Langhorne and Hulmeville were places visited by the animal before it made its appearance here.

**BRIDE AND GROOM SERENADED.** Mr. and Mrs. William Ettinger were serenaded at the groom's home on Otter Street on Tuesday evening by the G.W. Johnson Mum Social.

### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

Architects are engaged in drawing plans for the new office building and apartment house which William E. Doron will erect at the corner of Radcliffe and Market Streets.

A horse used by George Hussey's butcher wagon made a break to run away yesterday at the public drinking trough on Dorrance Street but the wagon collided with a tree on the opposite side of the street as the horse wheeled around and overturned the wagon. Mr. Hussey's little girl, who was on the wagon seat, was thrown out, breaking her left arm above the wrist.

Bernard Curran, aged 48 years, a leather worker, was struck by a fast passenger train and instantly killed at the Mill Street railroad crossing last evening.

"**CHILDS' NEW STORE,** 225 Bath Street, Everything New and Fresh . . . Childs' No. 1 Special Coffee - 25¢ lb. 10¢ Bottle of Cough Syrup & 10¢ Bottle of Bond's Linament - 15¢. Best Tender Rib Roast - 12¢ lb. Fresh Ham - 11¢ lb. Shoulders of Pork - 9¢ lb."

"Spring Styles. We Are Now Showing Oxfords, Colonials, Pumps, Shoes. **WHITAKER'S FAMILY SHOE STORE,** 218 Mill Street.

2/28 - - **BRISTOL LIQUOR DEALERS ARRESTED.** A bomb thrown into the meeting of the Liquor Dealers Association of Bucks County could not have created greater consternation among the members of this organization than did the bench warrants issued by Judge Stout on Monday and Tuesday for the arrest of seven of Bristol's hotel proprietors, restaurant license holders and bottlers for alleged violations of the law.

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE:** Walnut Street, house, 7 rooms, \$1200. Mill Street, shop and dwelling. \$3300. Swain Street, house and vacant land, \$3,000.

"250 Waists Still Left! Prices before - \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.25. Your Choice of Any Style at 95¢. R.R. **PEARSON,** 310 Mill Street."



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## BCHF Calendar of Events for 2018

**APRIL** Sun., 4/8, 2 PM Program on World War I by Bristolians James & Deborah Fine. Light refreshment. \$4 per adult. BCHF headquarters. Info at 215 788-9408

**APRIL** Thurs., 4/19. Bus trip to Phila. featuring the Museum of the American Revolution, the Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk and lunch at the JNA Inst. of Culinary Arts Restaurant. All-inclusive price: \$82 for BCHF members; \$85 for non-members. Info at 215 788-4138

**APRIL** Sun., 4/29, 3 - 5 PM. Annual Tea featuring Harpist Gloria Galante. BCHF headquarters. \$22 per person. Advance reservations required, starting 9 a.m., Sat., April 7 at 215 788-9408.

**MAY** Sun., 5/6, 2 PM. Snyder-Girotti School students recreate the Historic Bristol Day "Wax Museum" of well-known Bristolians from past and present. Light refreshment. Donations requested for the school's Gifted & Enrichment Program. BCHF headquarters. Info at 215 788-9408.

**MAY** Fri.-Sun., 5/18-20. 3-day/2-night bus trip to Washington, DC. Itinerary includes a visit to the recently-opened NEWSEUM and the Nat'l Museum of American History, a guided tour of "Tudor Place," 2-night hotel accom-

modations, 2 buffet breakfasts at hotel, family-style dinner at Carmine's and dinner on Sunday at the Hotel duPont enroute home. \$540 pp twin, \$696 single, \$508 pp triple. Info at 215 788-2106.

**AUGUST** Sun., 8/12, 2-4 PM. Annual Peach Social. BCHF's air-conditioned headquarters. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available with own container. Baked goods table. Benefits BCHF awards to four Bristol High School graduates. Info at 215 788-7537.

**OCTOBER** Sat., 10/20, 10 AM - 4 PM. Annual Historic Bristol Day. Details to be announced at later date.

**NOVEMBER** Thurs., 11/15, 7:30 PM. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program & refreshments follow. Free. Public is invited. BCHF headquarters.

**DECEMBER** Thurs., 12/6 Bus trip to "Christmas in Cape May." Details not yet available. Info at 215 788-9408

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org).

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