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Sponsoring Historic Bristol Day - Third Saturday of Each October
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BCHF WILL AGAIN SPONSOR HISTORIC BRISTOL DAY ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF OCTOBER (The Date is October 17, 2015)

This is the 39th time we have sponsored this important activity in our town. Please read the schedule listed below. It was prepared by Kathy Barniskis, Chairperson of the Ways and Means committee.

Historic Bristol Day's Radcliffe Street & Riverside Events

Radcliffe Street, along part of your town's Cultural Corridor, is the setting for the many **vendors** that line the street from 10 to 4 for our yearly event. Look for **BCHF's Bake Sale Table** and further along the street will be the **BCHF Salable and Raffle Table** (near Great ID's). This is your last chance to purchase a raffle ticket for Mr. Sagolla's latest watercolor. The winning ticket will be drawn at the conclusion of Historic Bristol Day. Mr. Sagolla will have his works on display and for sale at the **National Penn Bank along Radcliffe**.

Wander along Mill Street and visit the shops and eateries.

The **Center for the Arts on Mill Street** will be open to the public and will have a children's craft table. Look for this outside the center. What a great way to encourage your child's artistic nature!

For the Kids & "Kids at Heart"!

10:00 - 12:00 -- Backstage tours of the Riverside Theatre

11:00 - 3:00 -- Balloon Sculptor, Steve Wolbach

12:30 - 2:30 -- Face Painter, Lorean Smith at the corner of Radcliffe & Market

10:00 to 4:00 -- Children's Corner at **Snyder-Girotti School at 450 Beaver Street**.

11:00 - 1:00 -- Cathy Cartwright will present a "Teaching Table on Native Americans" especially the Delaware & Apache
 2:00 - 2:45 -- Puppets Pizzazz

12:00 -- **St. Mark School children** will be portraying deceased Bristolians in the St. Mark Cemetery

The **Artists of Bristol** will have their exhibit at the Community Baptist Church at 225 Radcliffe Street which, also, will be open for tours.

Exhibit at Mr. Salerno's office at 220 Radcliffe Street

River Drivers Band will perform in front of 212-214 Radcliffe Street from 1 to 2 pm

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The Sagolla watercolor featuring the wharf

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2015

SEPTEMBER - Fri., 9/18. Bus trip to National September 11 Memorial and Museum, followed by free time and lunch-on-your-own at the annual San Gennaro Festival in "Little Italy." \$70 for BCHF members age 65 and over, U.S. Veterans or U.S. college students; \$73 for BCHF members in other categories; \$75 for non-members age 65 and over, U.S. Veterans or U.S. college students; \$78 for non-members in other categories. Call 215 788-9408 for current availability.

OCTOBER - Sat., 10/17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 39th Historic Bristol Day, Fee for House Tour & Tea. For details, visit the BCHF website given below.

NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/18, 7:30 p.m. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program

and refreshments follow. Free. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

DECEMBER - Wed. - Fri., 12/2-4. "Newport Mansions at the Holidays" bus trip, featuring The Breakers, Marble House and The Elms. 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners. Stop at Olde Mistick Village, guided tour of Newport, tours of the three-stated decorated mansions. All taxes & meal gratuities, driver & Newport guide gratuities. \$370 pp double, \$360 pp triple, \$445 single. Call 215 788-9408 for info/reservations.

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.

Bristol Riverside Theater - 2015/16 Performance Schedule

"Bus Stop", "Mountain", "The Language Archive", "Rumors", Man of LaMancha"

"Bus Stop" - September 29 - October 18, 2015

Phone 215 785-0100 for further information.

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Four Graduating Seniors at Bristol High School were each given \$500.00 in award money in June. The categories and recipients were as follows:

- Literature - Amanda Maddy;
- Music - Destiny Cruz;
- Art - Amanda Mendenhall;

History - Joshua Maldonado
 All of the profits from the annual Peach Social held each August are used for this award money.
 Thanks to all of those who attended and/or worked at the Peach Social.

Historic Bristol Day Events . . . *continued from Page 1*

Riverside - Food, Music, Dance & Sailing

A variety of food vendors will be located along the river. Munch as you listen to the musical & dance entertainment.

For you to enjoy at the Gazebo in Lion's Park

- 11:00 - 11:15 - - Platinum Steppers
- 11:30 - 12:00 - - Los Jebaritos Dancers
- 12:15 - 12:45 - - Kingsessing Morris Men (dancers)
- 1:00 - 1:30 - Bristol High School Italian Club & Department Singers & Dancers
- 2:00 - 2:30 - - Janosik Polish Dance Ensemble
- 2:45 - 3:15 - - Bart & Cathy Cartwright performing Native American Dances

A **Sailing Regatta**, organized and sponsored by the Anchor Yacht Club can be viewed while you eat. Weather and tides permitting, it should start about 1:00 and finish around 3:00.

Awards will be presented at the Gazebo at the conclusion of the regatta approximately 3:30 - 3:45

The **Grundy Library** will have an audio-visual exhibit celebrating Bristol's diversity entitled "Every Person Has a Story, What's Yours?"

How many times have you heard, 'I Remember when . . . '? Look, while you listen to Bristolians tell stories of growing up in your town. This exhibit will open at the library on Oct. 1st and continue throughout the month.

Tea along the River at 922 Radcliffe Street (ticket item) from 11:00 - 3:00

To add to your eating pleasure:

- 1:00 - 2:00 Accordionist, Maria Antoniak will perform
- 2:00 - 3:00 Harpist, Martina Miller will perform.

Annual **HBD Car Show** at the Snyder/Girotti School Parking Lot for all you car enthusiasts.

Here's How To Join In!

An **Historic Bristol Day ticket** can be purchased that entitles the buyer to admittance to the homes graciously open on tour to the public that day, as well as admittance to our annual "Tea Along the River" at the Walker Residence at 922 Radcliffe Street. (Tea is served from 11:00 to 3:00.)

Ticket Prices: Advance sale: Adult - \$10.00 / Child 6-12 - \$ 5.00. Sold at Mignoni's, Great ID's, Bristol Tax Office, Mill Street Pharmacy and the Grundy Library. Day of event sale: Adult - \$12.00 / Child \$6.00. Sold at the Bristol Wharf, at Snyder-Girotti School, the TEA, Great ID's and at Radcliffe & Market Streets.

Continuous Free Shuttle Service from the Bristol Wharf, stopping at Snyder-Girotti, the TEA, and the library. Then back to the wharf.

ARTIST'S WORK RAFFLED AT HISTORIC BRISTOL DAY. On Page 1 of this GAZETTE is a photo of the stunning watercolor by Joseph Sagolla of the Bristol Wharf.

BCHF Members were recently mailed a book of chances for this stunning work. Don't miss a chance to be the lucky winner. Dig out those chances, fill out the stubs and include a check to BCHF and mail them back to BCHF, PO Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007

On **September 12th** (raindate Sept. 13th), our organization will be participating in **Italian Day**. Look for us under the Bristol Wharf, view the watercolor up close and buy chances. Chances will also be sold on Historic Bristol Day at the BCHF Salable Table on Radcliffe Street near Great ID's. So, there are plenty of opportunities to get lucky!

As in the past, we will draw and notify the winner at the conclusion of the day

HELP NEEDED1

Countdown to 39th Annual Historic Bristol Day is just eight weeks from this writing. This is BCHF's major undertaking of the year and we require a lot of help to make it a success for our organization and for the hundreds of people who partake of this event. The date is **Saturday, October 17**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PLEASE consider giving us a couple hours of your time in any of the following capacities:

- Grounds crew, starting early in the day and finishing up after 4:00 - Contact Gerry McCarry at 215 932-9441
- Staffing homes, public buildings, ticket/info tables, etc. - Contact Mary McIlvain at 215 788-5232
- Staffing the Ways & Means sales/info table - Contact Kathy Barniskis at 215 943-0258
- Baking for the Historic Bristol Day baked goods table - Contact Kim Roche at 215 528-7850 or Mary Anne Roche at 215 781-8113

Your active involvement will be greatly appreciated!

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **SEPTEMBER 1935** issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER. Price 2¢ a copy; 6¢ a week.

9/3 - - BALL PLAYER INJURED. Samuel Ross, 231 Wood Street, suffered a contused wound of the first finger of the right hand while playing baseball on Sunday. He was treated at Harriman Hospital.

APARTMENT FOR RENT. 6-room apartment on Wilson Ave., with bath and garage. Newly painted and papered. Heat furnished. \$25 month.

CUBANS WIN FIRST OF 5-GAME SERIES. For seven innings, the Cubans and the Caseys battled closely, and the final two frames loose playing and hard hitting mounted the score so that the first game of the 5-game series to determine the championship of the Bristol Twilight League ended with the Cubans on the long end of an 8-7 score. "Johnny" Bragg was on the hill at the start of the game for the colored team. He did not yield a hit or a run for two and a third innings, but left the mound when he injured his arm.

9/5 - - APPOINT BRISTOL WOMAN. The administration axe swung heavily again today in Harrisburg as Governor George H. Earle announced the appointment of 42 trustees to state boards and the removal of 36 predecessors who have failed to resign. The appointments include Mothers' Assistance Fund of Bucks County, Miss Marcella McGinley, Buckley Street, Bristol.

"AMERICAN STORES CO . . . Victor Ground Coffee - 15¢ lb. Gorton's Codfish Cakes, ready to fry - 2 cans, 25¢. Del Monte Asparagus Tips - square can, 23¢. Victor Double Family Loaf Bread - pan, 2 loaves, 10¢. Steaks - 23¢ lb. Lamb Shoulder - 17¢ lb. Fresh Picked Claw Crabmeat - 29¢ lb."

"Kindergarten Enrollment. Sessions Open September 16. Individual Instruction - Ages 3 to 6. M. ADELIA WRIGHT, Wood and Mulberry Streets."

9/6 - - REPUBLICANS OPEN HEADQUARTERS HERE. Headquarters of the Republican Harmony Campaign Committee officially opened last night at 419 Mill Street. Joseph B. Keating is in charge.

RESUME STUDIES. Jack Pieters and Pierce Barrett, Radcliffe Street, William Pope, Linden Street, and Michael Romagno, Dorrance Street, left on Labor Day for Overbrook where they will resume their studies for the winter months at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

"G.E. Monitor Top Model Refrigerators - \$129.50. Flat Top Models - \$139.50. Lift Top Models - \$87.50. R.C. WEIK, 200 Mill Street."

9/9 - - CONGREGATION HERE REOPENS SYNAGOGUE AFTER RENOVATIONS. Ten Commandments Replaced upon the Altar with Impressive Ceremonies. Benjamin Silber was master of ceremonies. The Ahvath Achim Synagogue was organized in 1918.

READY TO STAGE BOUTS HERE; POSTPONED TWICE. Ten bouts are scheduled for tonight in the amateur boxing show to be held in the St. Ann's outdoor arena, Wood and Franklin Streets. Eight Bristol boys will vie for honors against glovers from Philadelphia clubs. The local leather pitchers are: "Chet" Castor, Francis Wilson, Harry Davis, Sammy Ross, Donato Sciarra, Vince Delia, Al Paris and

Sammy Biocchia.

9/12 - - RELIEF FIGURES SHOW 1,680 FAMILIES AIDED. During the month of August, 1,680 families were given relief in Bristol, according to the figures released by the headquarters of Emergency Relief Area No. 16 at Norristown. For the first week in September, there was a slight decrease.

"Roller Skating - Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. Gents 30¢; Ladies 25¢. Including tax. BRISTOL RECREATION CENTER."

ATTEND DINNER DANCE. Employees, their families and friends of Fleetwings, Inc., were attendants last evening at a dinner dance at Evergreen Farms. Philadelphia. Covers were laid for 50. This affair marks the first of the season's social activities sponsored by a social club of the organization.

9/20 - - TO STAGE HORSE SHOW HERE, OCT. 12 & 13. The fourth annual fall horse show of the Bristol Riding Club will be held on the Laing Estate, Saturday afternoon, October 12, and Sunday afternoon, October 13. The show will be for the benefit of a fund created for the care of underprivileged children.

"BRISTOL HOUSE . . . Oysters and Clams, any style. Friday & Saturday Special - Italian Spaghetti with Meatballs and 2 Glasses of Beer - 25¢."

"Dance at KARP'S CAFE. Every Friday and Saturday Nights. Frankie Nelson and His Orchestra."

9/23 - - BRISTOL BOY CROWNED BURLINGTON CHAMPION. In a gruelling tennis match which required five sets to decide. Nelson Green defeated his friend Herbert Lawrence on Saturday in the finals of the Burlington tennis tournament.

"The Red Letter Day Will Be Thursday, September 26. Let Us Get Acquainted! Coffee Cakes, Doughnuts, Tea Biscuits, Rolls and Cup Cakes - All 15¢ per dozen. Many More Specials! This day will introduce to our patrons a new formula for Coffee Cakes, containing 9 fresh eggs, butter and milk, giving further nutritious vitamins. FLORAINE BAKERY, Buckley and Race Streets."

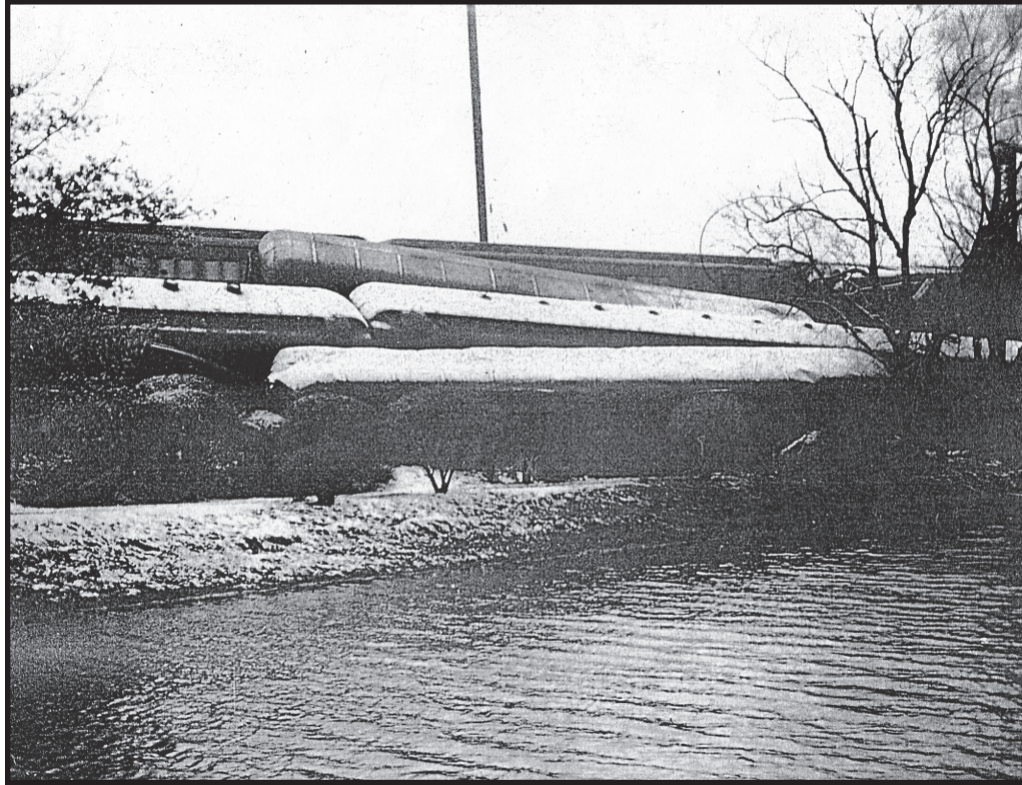
"CARD PARTY, Tuesday Evening, September 24. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in the Club Home, Radcliffe Street. 45 Prizes."

BORNICE RUNS 48 YARDS; "SAINTS" LOSE GAME 9 - 6. A sensational 48-yard run by "Pete" Bornice for a touchdown was the feature of the opening game of the gridiron season on St. Ann's field yesterday afternoon, as the Saints were beaten by the Bridesburg Americans.

9/30 - - ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED AT SUNDAY AFTERNOON AFFAIR. The engagement of Miss Mary Morici, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Morici, Wood and Franklin Streets, to Rocco Manzo, son of Mrs. Frances Manzo, 1106 Beaver Street, was announced last evening at the Morici home. The evening was spent dancing to the strains of an orchestra. About 125 guests were present.

"Daily and Sunday Bus Service Available. QUAKER CITY BUS CO. Terminals: D.J. McLees & Sons, Radcliffe St. & Farragut Ave., and Cameron's Drug Store, 1614 Farragut Ave."

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS?



This is a train wreck that occurred on the 16th of March, 1931 on the Pennsylvania Railroad. It happened at 9:30 pm as the express train was traveling north toward New York City. The water in the picture is the Canal Lagoon on Jefferson Avenue. (They called it Grundy Lake in the "Bristol Courier" article at that time.

The trees along the Lagoon stopped the cars from going into the water. The embankment was 30 feet high. There were some minor injuries. No one was killed. The four cars on the embankment each had snow on their roofs.

Harriman Hospital and Wagner's Hospital (both of Bristol Borough) treated the people who were injured.

CAN YOU REMEMBER?

If you can remember the phrases and words listed here, you are not a teenager!

Don't touch that dial	Nincompoop
Carbon copy	Not for all the tea in China
You sound like a broken record	Kilroy was here
Hung out to dry	I'll be a monkey's uncle
We'd cut a rug	This is a fine kettle of fish
Put on your best bib and tucker	Think about the starving Armenians
Straighten up and fly right	Bigger than a breadbox
Heavens to Betsey	Banned in Boston
Jumpin Jehoshaphat	Fiddlesticks
Holy Moley	Don't take any wooden nickels
Knucklehead	

2015 MEMBERSHIP

In the June GAZETTE we listed all members in good standing. Since that time, the following individuals have renewed their membership in BCHF. If you have not yet paid your dues, we urge you to renew your membership so that you will continue to get the GAZETTE in the mail with all of this interesting information and will also be able to take advantage of member discounts on trips and events.

Patricia A. Boxco	Dr. & Mrs. Dominick DiNunzio	Father Dennis Mooney
Bill and Pat Buchanan	Grace and Tony Duva	Noreen M. Riley
Robin & Frank Butrey	Tom and Carolyn Hankerson	Betty Rodgers
Mary Anna Chereisky	Myrtle C. Lynahan	St. Mark Catholic Church
Howard I. James Collier	Lillian Mitchener	

BCHF IS ON THE ROAD AGAIN

We're happy to report that both the September 18 bus trip to the National 9/11 Memorial/Museum and Little Italy, as well as the December 2-4 trip to Newport, RI are sold out. Reminder to those signed up for the latter trip: Balance of payment is due to Helen Younglove by October 2!

Plans for next year include - -

"Pittsburgh Express," Wed. - Fri., May 18-20, 2016 - - The package will include bus transportation, two nights lodging, two breakfasts and two dinners (incl. one at the Grand Concourse), a stop at the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Gateway Clipper cruise, guided

tour of Pittsburgh (incl. the Univ. of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning Nationality Rooms), tour of the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and a visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural creation, "Fallingwater."

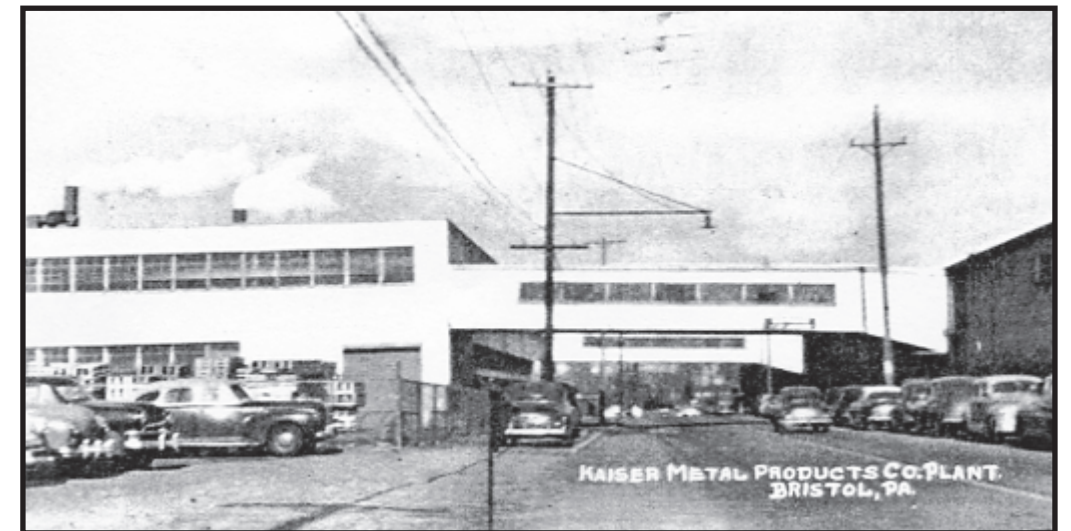
Longwood Gardens & High Tea at the Hotel duPont, Wed., Sept. 28, 2016.

Harlem, Wed., Nov. 2, 2016 - - Itinerary includes four-hour Harlem tour, a visit to the famous Apollo Theatre and lunch.

More information will be forthcoming in future issues

Do You Recognize This Scene?

This picture was taken on Radcliffe Street at the Kaiser Metal Products Co. Plant in Bristol. On the lower left is presently the Radcliffe Cafe and on the right is a building that was part of the plant along the river. The two walk ways connected two buildings of the plant.



This image was on a post card that had writing on the back, had a two cent U.S. Stamp and was canceled at the Bristol Post Office in 1956. The address was for Wilkes Barre, PA and was sent by a worker who was telling his family that he would not be able to make it home for the July 4th holiday but would be home several weeks later.

First State - Garden State - Keystone State

1. In what year did Governor Meyner of NJ and Governor Leader of PA meet in the middle of the Turnpike Bridge over the Delaware River, which had been built to connect the PA and NJ Turnpikes?
2. Pennsylvania has 67 counties and Delaware has 3 counties. How many counties are in the State of New Jersey?
3. How many PA governors were from Bucks County?
4. Of the two states (Delaware and New Jersey), which one was once part of Pennsylvania?
5. Name the river that passes Easton, PA as it flows into the Delaware River?
6. What river empties into the Delaware River at Philadelphia?
7. Which state (New Jersey or Delaware), has the Cooper River flowing in it?
8. Name a Pennsylvania signer of the Declaration of Independence who had a son who was a Royal Governor of New Jersey?
9. The largest city along the Delaware River once served as the capital of the U.S.A. Name that city.
10. Who once served as the President of Princeton University before becoming the Governor of New Jersey and then was elected President of the United States?

Answers: 1. (1956), 2. (21), 3. (2), 4. (DE), 5. (Lehigh), 6. (Schuylkill), 7. (NJ), 8. (Ben Franklin), 9. (Philadelphia), 10. (Wilson)

Summer Doings

Peach Social - Sunday Afternoon, August 2

Despite the incorrect day given in the Bucks County Courier Times' Friday, July 31st edition, our 21st Annual Peach Social was a big success and the attendees appeared to be delighted with the generous serving of angel food cake topped with vanilla ice cream and Jersey peaches, and the wide variety of baked goods offered on the sale table. BCHF extends sincere "THANKS" to Debbie Pinney who chaired the event, Regina Vasey who supplied the peaches, Jan Ruano and Ceil Graff who made peach jam, those who baked the many luscious desserts for the sale table and/or supplied an angel food cake, those who turned out in the morning for the peach peeling, Dave McGlynn who set up the tables and chairs, those who staffed the event, and all the attendees!



Left: Ways & Means member "Kitsie" Saldan serves two guests the delectable peachy dessert

Below: Attendees peruse the baked goods table, staffed by W&M members Kathy Barniskis and Ceil Graff.



Guests enjoy the peach treat and sociability of the afternoon



In addition to these two events, BCHF had a presence at the June 19th Canal Festival and at the June 28th Celtic Day festivities, thanks to the Ways & Means Committee.



Bristol's "First Friday" - Friday Evening, August 7

The Bristol Borough Business Association introduced "First Friday" celebrations on Mill Street, starting this past June, and BCHF has had a table of salables and literature at these monthly events.

Pictured above is Jan Ruano and Ceil Graff (in back) discussing our various sales items with potential customers at the August 7 event.