

NORTHERN YORK COUNTY HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION

40th Anniversary Society

June 2024 Newsletter

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out.” ~ Robert Collier

This newsletter highlights all the special things that are happening on each Saturday and Sunday at Dills Tavern. However, something extra special that you will not want to miss is the Gift Shop display celebrating NYCHAPS 40th Anniversary.

Greg Wonders created a visual representation of all the “small efforts” made by volunteers, benefactors, and community groups, that have lead to NYCHAPS success over the past 40 years. Each step along the way has depended upon volunteers having not only an appreciation of history but the willingness to get involved and stay involved for the “day-in” and “day-out” of our educational efforts and events.

Recognizing that not everyone has a historic trade to demonstrate, you can be assured there are many other equally important ways to contribute your time. Right now we are in need of assistance with the Gift Shop, History Book sale (see below), and Quilt Raffle tickets. Helping out with these “small efforts” is a great way to get started as a volunteer and is much appreciated.

[Click on this link to indicate your interest!](#)

Our History Book Sale Returns!

Last summer during our Farmers Market season, we featured a book sale. So many interesting conversations were had with shoppers and now we can't wait to do this again! **Books will be displayed in the loft of the Dills Tavern log barn.**

Come in and take a look.

The sale runs from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon each Saturday. Prices will be \$2 per book unless otherwise marked.



All proceeds will go to NYCHAPS.

June Special Events

Saturdays at Dills Tavern



Distillery Tours Every Saturday
9:00 am - 4 pm
Every half hour
\$5 tour / \$10 tasting tour



June 1st - Tavern Tour
10:00 am & 11:00 am
\$5 adult / \$10 immediate family

June 8th - Cooking Demo

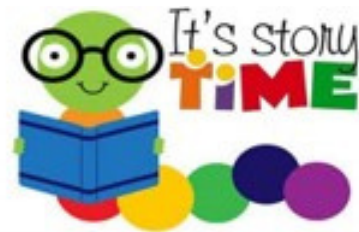
June 15th - Garden Talk



Farmers Market - Every Saturday
8:00 am - noon



June 1st - Stonehouse Breakdown at 10:00 am
June 8th - Nate Merovich at 10:00 am
June 15th - Matthew Dodd at 9:00 am
June 29th - Ann Spangle at 10:00 am



June 22nd - Dillsburg Library
Storytime at the Market with Ms. Sue
10:00 am

Sundays at Dills Tavern



Distillery Tours Every Sunday
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Every half hour
\$5 tour / \$10 tasting tour



Spinning Demonstration
June 9th during Tavern tours



Tavern Tours - Every Sunday
2:00 pm & 3:00 pm
\$5 adult / \$10 immediate family

July Special Events

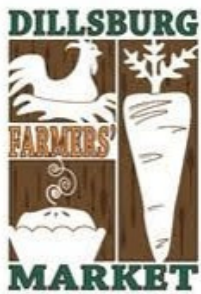
NYCHAPS Members & Friends Picnic at Dills Tavern

Thursday, July 4th at 6:00 pm



It's time for food, fellowship, and fun! To start, there will be a brief meeting to share news and review happenings. This short meeting will be immediately followed by a potluck picnic.

Hot dogs, condiments, water, soda, and paper products will be provided. Member are encouraged to bring a dish to share (but not required). Please plan on joining us!



Saturdays

Farmers Market - Every Saturday
8:00 am - noon

Music

July 6th - Ed Stockton at 10:00 am
June 27th - PapaDuo at 10:00 am



July 13th - Dillsburg Library
Storytime at the Market with Ms. Sue
10:00 am



July 6th - Tavern Tour
10:00 am & 11:00 am
\$5 adult
\$10 immediate family



Distillery Tours
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9:00 am - 4 pm
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July 13th - Cooking Demo
July 20th - Garden Talk
June 27th - Children's Activity

Sundays



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Tavern Tours - Every Sunday
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Spinning Demonstration
July 14th during Tavern tours

Quilting News - Did You Know?

The Maple Shade Quilters have been very busy! During the Dillsburg Pickle Fest, they displayed 3 archival exhibits at the Maple Shade Barn. One showed a whole cloth quilt (popular in the 18th century), an 1853 appliqued quilt and an 1840 coverlet showing 4 rose common patterns, and several doilies (and the story behind them). Fiber merchandise was sold as well as quilt raffle tickets.

The established quilters meet regularly on Sunday and have been eager to mentor new quilters along the way. A Tuesday Beginning Quilting group was formed almost 2 years ago and they now have their second quilt on the frame for the Sunday group to hand quilt. The Tuesday group also mended a quilt that made its sale debut at Pickle Fest.

In May, Winni Flynn was asked to teach an Intro to Quilting class to a homeschool group. Her students worked on creating a 9 patch block.

Winni's students had this to say about their class:

- From Emma - I really enjoyed the quilting lesson earlier this month. The wonderful lady who taught us had so much to show us. She taught us about how people quilted over the years and all the various patterns and styles of quilts. We learned the quilting stitch and practiced on real squares. This was a fun class and I hope there will be more classes like this regularly.
- From Dorea - This was very historical and I learned a lot of information from the class. There were also lots of different stitches to learn and practice on. I liked having a piece to work on but also an extra one to take home so you could try to do it myself and get more practice with the concepts. I think the class should be longer so we have more time for our quilts/projects. The 9-patch quilt was good because it was small and simple. Maybe a small baby blanket if we are doing a series of classes or if not a hot pad or other beginner project.



MSB Quilters welcome all! Consider joining in to learn a new skill and make friends!

Historic Writing Desk Donation to NYCHAPS

This past month, we were the surprised and grateful recipients of a historic portable writing desk once owned by Matthew S. Quay, born in Dillsburg in 1833.

Matthew's father was the Presbyterian minister in Dillsburg until Quay was 8 years old. The desk was a gift to him from his friends when he became lieutenant in the 10th Pennsylvania Reserves in 1861. After serving in the Civil War, he went on to hold various State offices and became a U. S. Senator.

The desk is very elaborate and features filigree brass cartouches and studs on the exterior, the center cartouche has an engraved 1861. The interior has space for documents and two original gold plated ink wells. The writing surface is red velvet. The condition is remarkable considering its age and apparent use.

The desk was a gift from a donor in Indiana whose ancestor served with Quay in the war. We are pleased to add this wonderful item to our collections.

Greg Wonders ~ May 2024

Desk closed.



Desk opened.



RARE PORTABLE DESK
PRESENTED TO 6
MATTHEW S. QUAY IN 1861
BORN IN DILLSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA SEPTEMBER 30, 1833;
GRADUATED AT JEFFERSON COLLEGE IN 1850, ADMITTED TO
THE BAR IN 1854; BECAME LIEUTENANT IN THE 10th
PENNSYLVANIA RESERVES IN 1861; PROMOTED COLONEL OF THE
134th PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS IN AUGUST, 1862; MEMBER
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE IN 1864-66; SECRETARY
OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN 1872-78; AND WAS ELECTED UNITED
STATES SENATOR IN 1897, 1893, AND 1901. HE WAS CAMPAIGN
MANAGER OF SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF
BENJAMIN HARRISON IN 1888.
IN 1899 HE WAS INDICTED FOR ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION
OF PUBLIC FUNDS, BUT WAS ACQUITTED, AFTER A SENSATIONAL
HEARING; APRIL 21st, THE SAME YEAR HE WAS A CANDIDATE
FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE; THE
LEGISLATURE GOT INTO A DEADLOCK, AND ADJOURNED WITHOUT
MAKING A CHOICE. ON APRIL 21, 1889, GOVERNOR STONE
ISSUED TO MR. QUAY A RECESS APPOINTMENT CERTIFICATE,
BUT THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY THE SENATE, WHICH ON
APRIL 24, 1900 DECLARED THE CREDENTIALS OFFERED INVALID.
ON JANUARY 15, 1901, THE LEGISLATURE ELECTED HIM FOR
THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM ENDING MARCH 4, 1905.
He died in Beaver, Pennsylvania May 28, 1904.
DESK WAS PRESENTED BY HIS FRIENDS WHEN HE BECAME
LIEUTENANT IN THE 10th PENNSYLVANIA RESERVES IN 1861



NYCHAPS 40th Anniversary Giving Challenge

The list below represents **specific “asks”** that will be important in the coming year. Designating where you would like your contribution to go allows you to support NYCHAPS in a way that resonates with you and we want you to be able to tangibly connect to our mission. Donations that are “unspecified” are just as important to our work as the funds support operational expenses. Either way, **we appreciate financial support of any amount... it all adds up!** The list below has progress notes and will be updated each month. Donations may be made using our [website here](#) or mailed to: NYCHAPS, P.O. Box 340, Dillsburg, PA 17019

Below are the opportunities to invest your donation directly to the program you would like to support!

Education / Living History		
1. Student Scholarship(s) for the Children’s History Camp	DONE	\$130/260
2. Supplies to support the Children’s History Camp		\$500
3. Guest speaker(s) fees		\$500
4. Tavern candles		\$200
5. Colonial Garden Supplies		\$250
Preservation		
1. Archives room map cabinet	7% funded	\$1500
2. Archives room oversize scanner	60% funded	\$1000
3. Preservation of antique fiber arts objects in archives		\$5000
Maintenance		
1. Replacing Maple Shade Barn gutters		\$5000
2. Replace Maple Shade Barn printer	DONE!	\$500
3. Painting the exterior of the Dills Tavern west side		\$5500
4. Painting the Dills Tavern soffits and third floor windows		\$6500
5. Painting the Tavern modern kitchen exterior		\$5000
6. Repairing/replacing sections of Baltimore Street sidewalk		\$15000
7. Repainting, replacing, and repairing Dills Tavern Fencing		\$3000
8. Adding new electrical to the Dills Tavern property		\$3500
Education / Distillery		
1. Distillery pumps/buckets		\$200
2. Distillery totes	DONE!	\$300
3. Distillery Potable Water hose	DONE!	\$100
4. Fermenting Barrels (3 @ \$350 each)		\$1050
5. Distillery Storage racks		\$500
6. Distillery Lab Equipment for Proofing/gauging	DONE!	\$1000
7. Bottle Filler		\$375
8. Distillery scale		\$1500
9. Distillery hydrometer	DONE!	\$500
10. Brix Reader (mash)	DONE!	\$400
11. Stainless taps	DONE!	\$200
12. Distillery Laptop		\$500
13. Mini Digital Projector/Bluetooth speakers for distillery		\$700
14. Distillery Handheld Alcohol Gas Detector		\$500

Community Interests

Summer Camp Registration is Still Open!



The Archaeology Camp is for children entering 6th - 8th grades and will be held at another location.

[Click here for more information.](#)



NYCHAPS History Camp is for children entering 4th - 6th grade and will be held at the Dills Tavern property.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Homeschool Steam Engine Day at Williams Grove

On May 17th, NYCHAPS' very own Clair Zeiders taught a woodworking session at the Homeschool Steam Engine Day at Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association. Students also had access to blacksmithing, sawmills, steam engines, train engines, corn shelling, & spinning.



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