

Winter 2014

BURKITTSVILLE NEWS

DATES TO WATCH:

COUNTRY BUTCHERING

Fresh Pork Products
Burkittsville Ruritan
Friday, Jan. 17th
8 AM- 6 PM
Sat., Jan. 18th
8 AM – NOON

**Make sure your orders are
in by Sun., Jan. 12th**
301-371-7795

COUNTRY BREAKFAST

Sat., Jan. 18th
6AM –10 AM
At the Ruritan
Adults \$7, Kids \$4,
under 6 free

FOOD&CLOTHING DRIVE

First Sat. of every month
9 AM – NOON
Feb. 1st, Mar. 1st
Bring non-perishable food
and gently worn clothing to
Saint Paul's

ZUMBA

Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Parish Hall, 5 E. Main St.
\$5 per class or \$40 Stamp
Cards for 10 Classes
April Duruttya - Instructor

COUNTRY BUTCHERING

Fri., March 7th
8 AM – 6 PM
Sat., March 8th
8 AM – NOON
Burkittsville Ruritan
**Order deadline
Sunday March 2nd**
301-371-7795

COUNTRY BREAKFAST

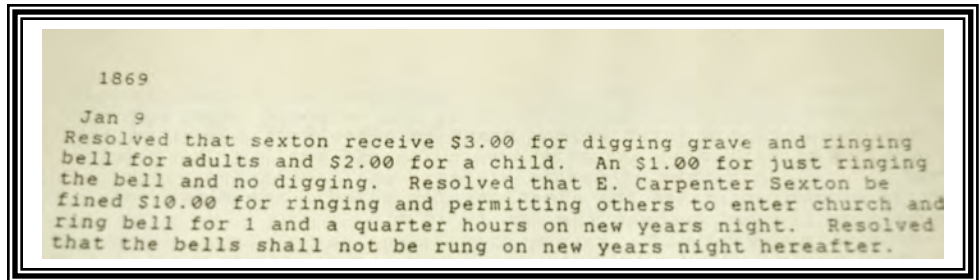
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RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

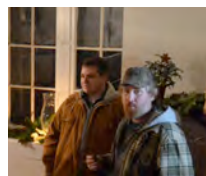
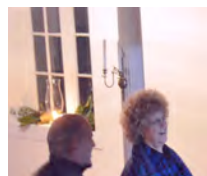


Mona, Bill, Don and Charlie keep the tradition going.

But wait! Are our jolly bell-ringers engaging in a long-forbidden activity? It has recently come to light that on Jan. 9, 1869, it was resolved that the current Sexton of the Burkittsville church be fined \$10 for ringing and allowing others to ring the bell on New Year's Eve, and that the bells were never to be rung again in celebration of the New Year!



Let's hope that this piece of history is allowed to stay firmly in the past. Trude and Ray Head brought back this joyful celebration in the 1970s, but three cheers to the Sexton E. Carpenter who suffered a steep fine of \$10 (\$169.95 in our currency according to the US GPO, 1975) on a modest income so that the town could chime in 1869.



Photos courtesy of Erika Burgoyne-Hongell.



Local Artist On the Go!

Lesa Cook currently has a solo show at HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College in Gettysburg, PA. The show is made up mostly of still lifes that are based on "junk" food, but there are also some small portrait drawings included. If you are in the area between now and March 13th, check it out. If you can't make it up, you can see the paintings and drawings on her website- www.lesacook.com

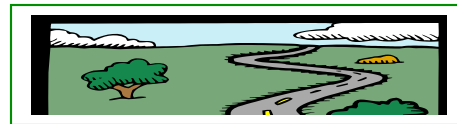
She recently taught a 2 day workshop in portrait sculpture at The Delaplaine in Frederick and will be teaching intermediate figure drawing on Sundays from 1-3:30 starting on January 19th, also at The Delaplaine, which will involve working from a model using a variety of mediums.

Finally, she will be teaching a silverpoint workshop on March 28th from 10-4. Silverpoint is a technique used by the old masters, prevalent during the Renaissance, in the days before pencils. A silver stylus is used on prepared paper to create highly detailed drawings. For more information on classes, check out www.delaplaine.org and click on "Adult Classes"



Coke and Peanuts, oil on panel, 10 x 10

Join Adopt-A-Road in 2014!



Burkittsville residents have committed to keep Gapland Road clean through the Frederick County Adopt-A-Road program. You can help! Lisa Orr coordinates the effort and is recruiting volunteers to help with four 2014 weekend clean-ups:

March 29-30, June 7-8, September 13-14, November 22-23

You can help with the clean-up any time that suits you over the weekend, and you can leave bags of trash and recyclables on the roadside for pick-up. Gloves, safety vests, and bags are provided. If you want to be paired with other residents, Lisa can match you up. With four clean-ups per year, and four short segments of road between Catholic Church Road and Gathland State Park assigned to volunteers, it only requires about an hour of your time.

Contact Lisa at 301.834.7898 or edeckerorr@comcast.net to volunteer. She will email you the schedule and road segments to choose from.

Burkittsville Rescue Squad!

A busload of 36 mostly elderly tourists from Ohio (one lady was 96!) were stranded at the South Mountain Heritage Society during the winter storm on December 8. Their bus had broken down, and for several hours the roads remained too slippery for another bus to make it to Burkittsville to pick them up. Tour leader Tiffany Ahalt of Middletown, who runs Star-Spangled Tours (as well as being an SMHS board member), said that our visitors remained patient and cheerful. SMHS Historian and Curator Jody Brumage returned to give them a more extensive tour than they'd received from him earlier in the day. The Main Cup, which was closing early, heard of their plight and sent goodies by 4x4, via Mr. Ahalt. Mayor Debby Burgoyne was on the spot right away to offer help from the town, Chuck Rounds arrived to offer aid after getting a Town FaceBook call for helpers, Sam and Joyce Brown and Pastor Kim Nunberg brought hot drinks. Andrea Cox coordinated telephone calls and a FaceBook request for aid. Thanks to all the people in town who jumped in to help the stranded travelers. Not only did the request for pillows and blankets send folks to their closets, but as it grew later in the day, the question of dinner arose. Chuck Rounds offered to cook a chicken dinner for all 36 people, Andrea volunteered a freezer full of chicken to make sure there was enough to go around. Meanwhile, others planned to open their homes if transport did not arrive. The bus finally came in the interval between snowstorm and ice storm to take them to shelter in Frederick. Although we did not end up making them dinner or having them as houseguests, these Ohioans left knowing at firsthand that we live in a wonderful little town.



Left to right: Tiffany Ahalt of Star-Spangled Tours, Jody Brumage, Debby Burgoyne, Don Hongell, Pastor Kim Nunberg, Sam Brown, Joyce Brown. Photos by Catherine Cox



Ensnared on the new bus, headed to Frederick.

A New Year at South Mountain Heritage Society

From all of us at South Mountain Heritage Society, we thank the community of Burkittsville for aiding in our shared mission of interpreting the history of our unique town. During 2013, some of our projects to further this mission included special exhibits on the Gapland Estate and St. Johns Episcopal Chapel. Museum volunteers have also worked to provide opportunities for tour groups from several states to visit and learn about Burkittsville. As we look forward to 2014, we are very excited to continue this mission, and to also expand some of the other components of our mission, especially an emphasis on using our historic headquarters as a center for the community.

One of our current projects, which has been ongoing for nearly a year, is the processing of our collections. What does that mean? Processing is the organization of a museum or archival collection into categories that make the objects, books, documents, photographs, and other items easily accessible for the purposes of research. Once the organizational plan is drawn up, each individual object in the collection is then cataloged. This involves entering all necessary descriptive data, such as the age, type, and content of an object into a database. Once this is finished, the object is placed in proper archival-grade storage. This means that documents, photographs, and books are placed in acid-free folders, and objects are placed in boxes. Acid-free simply means that the materials used in the paperboard help to stabilize old paper and slow the process of degradation to the artifact. Each folder and box is labeled, which is attached to the record in the database.

The end result of this project will be a much improved knowledge of our collections at the museum. Items in the collection will also be easier to access for the purposes of research. Eventually, a finding-aid, or print-out of the database, will be provided through the museum's website which will enable anyone to discover what research opportunities are available at South Mountain Heritage Society.

We also look forward to continuing our temporary-exhibits in the new year, which in the past several years have covered topics from local poets, a former Governor of Maryland from Petersville, objects from the Reformed Church Collection, and aspects of the Battle of South Mountain. Our permanent exhibits are also continuing to be improved with new artifacts and interpretative plans. We also hope to increase the technological aspect of these exhibits.

Lastly, programming for this year will not only include traditional events such as Bell and History Day and Museums by Candlelight, but also more concerts and community events. Our annual fundraisers, including the Used-Book Sale and Spook Hill Cider and Wine 4K Run, will also continue. We are very grateful to everyone who supported these events this past fall and provided one of the best fundraising months at the museum that we have seen.

Again, let us thank you for all of the support Burkittsville community members provide for South Mountain Heritage Society. Your attendance at events, financial contributions, and sharing of ideas help to expand the mission of studying and celebrating the history of Burkittsville. We are here for your use, as a place of research and learning, as a community center, and as a venue for events. Always visit our website (www.southmountainheritagesociety.org) and "Like" us on Facebook to receive updates as well as interesting articles on Burkittsville's history.

At right: An example of some of the materials being painstakingly processed for the South Mountain Heritage Society Museum. Careful hours spent now will preserve and make artifacts easily available so that they can still teach us for years to come.

Article and Photo by Jody Brumage,
Historian and Curator, SMHS



Sam Brown Named Volunteer of the Year 2013



Mayor Burgoyne presents Sam Brown with the Volunteer Award and a dinner for two as a thank you from the town.

The Town of Burkittsville has a history of honoring outstanding community volunteers in conjunction with the MML and Municipal Works Month. Since we have no official municipal works department, maintaining the Town has been carried out by many selfless volunteers. Volunteer of the Year is a way of thanking one of many essential people who see what work needs to be done and just does it. Nominations are solicited, and the Mayor and Council choose which of our unsung helpers to thank out of those nominated.

Congratulations and Thank You to Sam Brown!

Memorial Park Renewal Day

The first Memorial Park Renewal Day was met with a small but very energetic turnout, ready to start work on rehabbing the park and playground. It is a big job, but if renewal days keep up like this, the grounds should be 'playable' and much more welcoming for public use after a few more great days of volunteerism!

Remember, since we have no municipal works department, if we don't do this, the playground and park will deteriorate. Our town has a great history of stepping up when things need to be done – join this project!

There are tasks that you can volunteer for and do when it is best for your schedule, too! The Town will provide materials such as weed prevention matting, gloves, wood stain, etc. Contact the Town Office for more info.

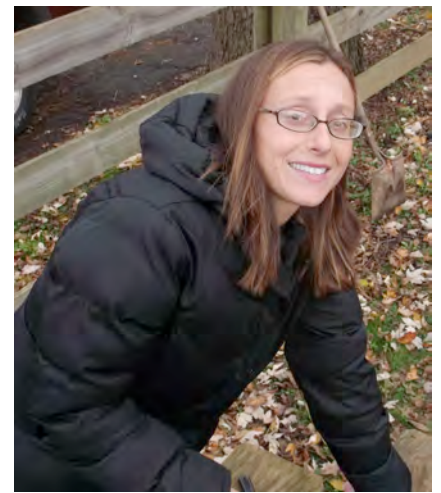
Pictured below: Don Hongell and the Remaley family, not shown: Deborah Burgoyne, Andrea Cox



Pitchforks were a great idea under the swings



Removing layers of moss & lichen



Raking, scraping, shoveling & still smiling

Distillery Lane Ciderworks Recognized as First Licensed Cidery in Maryland

In a Maryland first, Distillery Lane Ciderworks has become the first and only licensed cidery in the State. The Ciderworks has already made its mark in historic avenues by being one of the few orchards to still grow apples that were favored by George Washington, as well as other older varieties. Not only do they give us a taste of history, they are preserving these varieties for generations to come. Now they have made their own permanent mark in history, taking their place as the pioneers of cidery here in Maryland.

Peter Franchot, Comptroller of Maryland, is shown below presenting a Certificate of Recognition to Distillery Lane Ciderworks owners Rob Miller and Patty Power, recognizing their distinction as Maryland's first licensed cidery in the State and their commitment to agriculture. Also joining in the presentation was Burkittsville's Mayor Deborah Burgoyne and Frederick County Commissioner David Gray.



Distillery Lane Ciderworks- a local treat

5533 Gapland Road, Jefferson, MD, 21755

(301) 834 - 8920

ciderguys@distillerylaneciderworks.com

Hours:

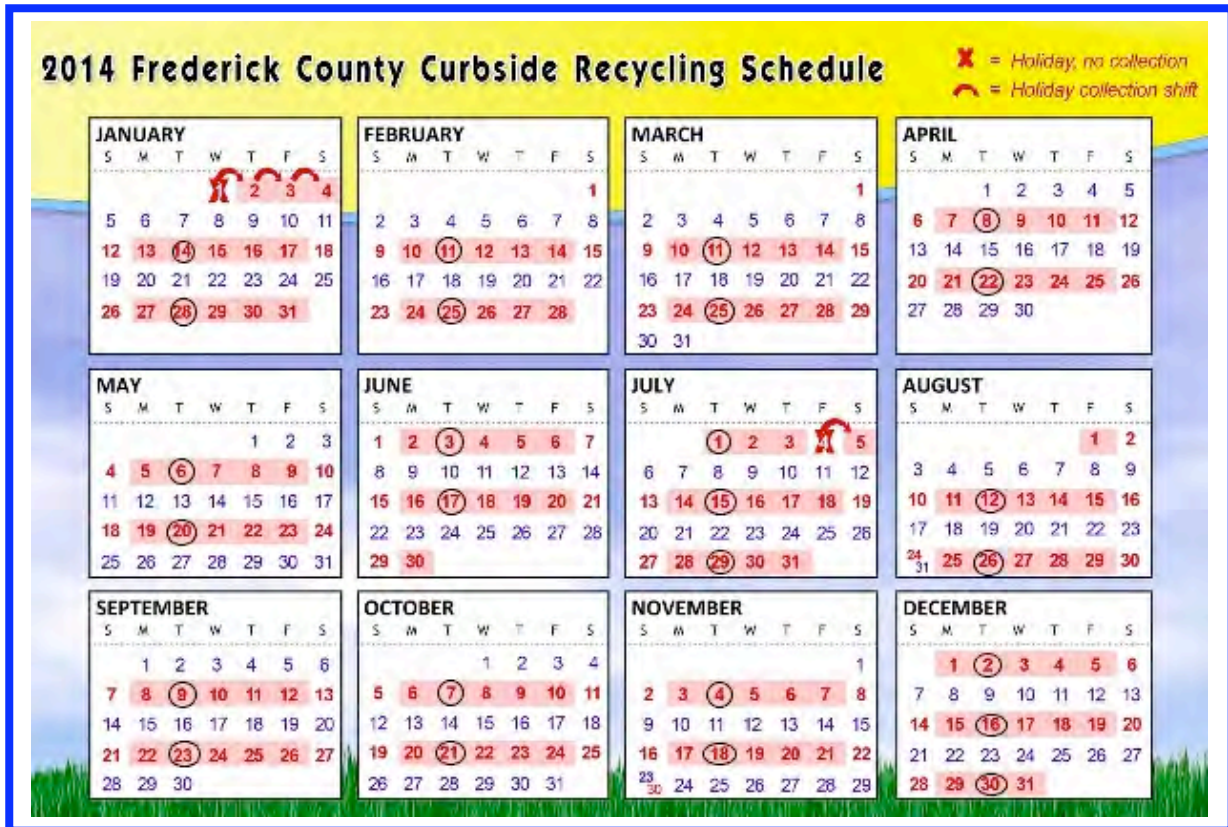
In-Season (April 1 – January 1) Saturdays: 10 – 5 and
Sundays: 12 – 5

Off-Season (January – March) Open the first Saturday
of each month (10-5) by appointment & for classes.

Not only can you purchase a wide range of hard and soft ciders at the cidery, Ciderworks "Celebration" cider can now be found on-tap locally at the Main Cup in Middletown and at Dan's Restaurant and Tap House in Boonsboro.

You don't have to go out to have your own hard cider, though, because **cider making classes** are held on the first Saturday of each month from January through June, 9:30 -1:00. Learn the A-Zs of making your own hard ciders. Want to know more? Explore the website: <http://distillerylaneciderworks.com/> for details on class prices and all the supplies that will be provided. After one class you will come away with not only the know-how but the all the provisions needed for you to start using your new knowledge right away. You will be prepared to make a case (the equivalent of twelve 750 ml bottles) of your own gourmet hard cider. Cheers!

Recycling Days are Red Tuesdays ~ Circled Dates! Have Bins Out By 6 AM.



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