

# Mount Bethel Reflections

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## From The Desk of the President 1730 - Meet 2015

## BRICKS FOR THE BRICKYARD OUR NEXT MAJOR PROJECT

This year Mount Bethel will be about 285 years old as close as we can measure or have research to verify. That represents a lengthy stretch of years that must have been filled with many interesting facts of historical significance. Even though, with only 21 years of exploring this history, our Board continues to uncover something new almost every month. It's fascinating work uncovering this information and making it part of the records.

In 1730, the first burial was performed on a plot of land, within the Borough of Columbia, donated by Susanna Wright. This area became known as the "brickyard" and marked the beginning of Mount Bethel. It also is the final resting place of Susanna Wright, a Conestoga Indian, and our founding fathers. The first burial was for John Deval, who "died" at the age of 17, in 1730.

We depend on our Board of Directors and on the commitment of many willing volunteers to execute our mission. And I must say this in one of the most enthusiastic, knowledgeable and devoted Boards that anyone could find. When a task or problem arises, it is never left unanswered but always responded to and completed by one or a group of our members. They work on everything from computerization information, tour planning, up-righting monuments to weed control. They are a great group to work with and a pleasure to have represent Mount Bethel. They are all indeed taphophiles. (people who have a love or fondness for cemeteries)

Time has taken its toll on most of these well-weathered graves of our founding fathers. However, we think we have a saving grace. Thanks to a very generous donation from Columbia's Paul Revere Leber Post #372 and with the help and generosity of our friends of Mount Bethel, we are initiating the "Bricks for the Brickyard" campaign which will help repair and preserve these historic markers. Leaving your mark at Mount Bethel Cemetery, while ensuring that the memory of your loved ones, this will be a part of our lasting history.

Mount Bethel is open daily with no admission. We welcome runners, bicyclists, sightseers, photographers, students, picnickers, dog walkers, and those who just wish to rest and reflect.

A restored brick pathway in the northeast corner will lead visitors to the most historic section of the cemetery. Any person or business may sponsor one or more bricks for the walking path at a cost of \$50.00 per 4"x8" brick. Sponsors receive the right to personalize their brick(s) with the name(s) of their parents, children, friends or pets. Bricks can also be customized to include quotes or messages that contain no more than three lines of text, with a limit of sixteen characters per line (including spaces and symbols). Checks may be made payable to Mount Bethel Cemetery Co., P.O. Box 231, Columbia, PA 17512. For additional information, please call (717-684-6196).

We will soon be offering guided tours for groups or individuals plus an array of programs throughout the year. Mount Bethel's interment records are now available for scholarly, genealogical and personal research. For more information or any questions, call us at 717-285-2332 or 717-201-0235. Also check our website at [www.MtBethelCemetery.com](http://www.MtBethelCemetery.com) or our e-mail address at [MountBethelCemetery@gmail.com](mailto:MountBethelCemetery@gmail.com).

Yours Truly,  
John F. Hinkle, Jr., President

Your message will be centered on up to three lines of text, with a limit of sixteen characters (including spaces and symbols) per line.

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Line 3																			

**EACH STANDARD 4"x8" BRICK CAN BE SPONSORED AT THE COST OF \$50.00**

Checks made payable to the *Mount Bethel Cemetery Company* should be mailed, along with a copy of this completed form to P.O. Box 231, Columbia, PA 17512. For more information, please call (717)-684-6196.

Sponsor or Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**TERMS:** Please note that all inscriptions are subject to approval. Mount Bethel Cemetery reserves the right to deny any text not in accordance with our primary mission of maintaining Mount Bethel Cemetery as, first and foremost a dignified place of rest.

## ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY TURNS 150

The first military burials at Arlington took place May 13, 1864

- People interred – 400,000
- U.S. Presidents buried there – 2
- Daily burials (weekly average) – 27-30
- Annual visitors – more than 3 million
- Graves of former slaves with “citizen” or “civilian” headstones – 3,800

Source – USA Today research

### FOURTH FRIDAY EVENTS

#### STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Art by Columbia school students will be featured at the Mount Bethel caretaker’s cottage, 700 Locust Street, during April’s Fourth Friday event. Enjoy the artful creations of our budding artists on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM and again on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available.

#### GUIDED CEMETERY TOURS

A newly published self-guided tour brochure, “History Lives On”, will debut at Mount Bethel Cemetery on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can explore the historic cemetery at your own pace using the brochure. Or, you may wish to join a guided tour with additional narration provided. Tours begin on the hour beginning at 5:00 PM and running until 8:00 PM. The brochure was produced with funds from a grant provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Recreation through the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area and is free of charge.

#### COTTAGE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS

Our cottage on the premises of the cemetery is available for small groups (up to 20) to meet. The address is 700 Locust Street in Columbia. For more information call Dave Rupp (717-201-0235) or John Hinkle (717-684-2551).

*“The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary”  
.... Vidal Sassoon*

“Samuel Harper Hoffman”

Teacher 1870 – 1887

Supt. 1887 – 1898

Died Sept. 25, 1898

**ERECTED BY THE CHILDREN OF THE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF COLUMBIA, PA**

The above is the text on the tombstone of Mr. Hoffman, a local teacher and superintendent, located in Mount Bethel Cemetery to the right of the gated entrance and to the rear of the Glatfelter tombstone. Hoffman’s gravestone was paid for with donations contributed by Columbia Public school children.

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAITHFUL DONORS

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to thank all of you who have so faithfully supported us over the years with your time, talents and treasures. Without your support we would be hard pressed to keep the Mount Bethel flame burning and maintain it like the sacred landmark that it is. To all of you from all of us – thank you.

...”Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm”

... Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

### THE NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL

The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia is open year-round from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. From December through February, the memorial is closed on Mondays. Guided tours are available hourly from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Entry fees are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-18 and students with ID cards, and free for children ages five and under. Tours cost \$2.00 but are free to veterans. More information on the memorial can be found at [www.dday.org](http://www.dday.org) or by calling the D-Day Memorial Foundation at 1-800-351-DDAY (3329).

...Source – Elks Magazine, May 2014

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Every Fourth Friday of the month – an event in downtown Columbia

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| April 24 <sup>th</sup>                      | “Enjoy the Artwork of Budding Artists” – Mount Bethel 5-9 PM    |
| April 26 <sup>th</sup>                      | “Enjoy the Artwork of Budding Artists” – Mount Bethel 2-4 PM    |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup>                        | Mount Bethel self-guided or guided cemetery tours – 5 PM – 8 PM |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup>                        | Columbia’s Memorial Day Parade – 2:30 PM                        |
| May 25 <sup>th</sup>                        | Wrightsville’s Memorial Day Parade – 2:00 PM                    |
| May 25 <sup>th</sup>                        | Marietta’s Memorial Day Parade – 10 AM                          |
| Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>                       | Mohnton Professional Car Show – Mount Bethel – 11 AM – 3 PM     |
| Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>& 24 <sup>th</sup> | Haunted Lantern Tour – Mount Bethel 7 PM – 10 PM                |

### THANK YOU AMERICAN LEGION

Mount Bethel’s Board of Directors would like to thank the Paul Revere Leber Post #372 for their generous donation which has enabled us to begin our much needed repair project to our Brick-Yard area where Columbia’s forefathers are buried. We are indeed grateful for your kind gesture to further the improvements at Mount Bethel.

### OUR CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce (SVCC) is rapidly growing in membership as is the traffic at the visitor’s center at 445 Linden St. in Columbia.

Although the offices are located in Columbia, the Chamber represents the boroughs of Marietta and Wrightsville as well and provides information concerning Lancaster and York counties.

Volunteers are needed to answer phones and questions that visitors may have. Even if it's only for a few hours a week, SVCC would welcome your help. Interested? Call Kathy Hohenadel, Executive Director or Jetty Deeg at (717) 684-5249 or fax at (717) 684-5142.

...Derek Jeter – shortstop and team captain of the New York Yankees – on the best advice he's ever received: "You may run into people who are much more talented than you, but make sure that no one outworks you."

### **CAPTAIN JOSEPH J. FOSS**

Captain Foss, a Marine Corps pilot of a Grumman F4F Wildcat, joined what was known then as the Cactus Air Force stationed on Guadalcanal on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1942.

He adopted the self-proclaimed title of "Swivelneck Joe", and preferred to get up close and personal with the enemy pilot.

By November 14<sup>th</sup>, he had downed 23 enemy aircraft but was diagnosed with malaria. He returned six weeks later and immediately brought his total to 26.

He was sent home to train other fighter pilots and President Franklin Roosevelt awarded him the Medal of Honor on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1943.

He later became a member of the House of Representatives, Governor of South Dakota, Commissioner of the American Football League and NRA President.

He was honored as one of several Medal of Honor recipients on a souvenir postage stamp sheet released by Solomon Islands on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Source – The Northern Light – Nov. 2010

### **US MINT BRANCHES AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The US Mint has six physical locations, including the headquarters in Washington, DC, and four production branches located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; West Point, New York; Denver, Colorado; and San Francisco, California. The US Mint also maintains the US Bullion Depository adjacent to Fort Knox in Kentucky. Each of these locations serves various and often unique functions.

Only the US Mint facilities in Philadelphia and Denver produce coins intended for circulation, and only these two branches conduct public tours. Each of these branches produces uncirculated coin sets and congressionally authorized commemorative coins, but of the two, only the Denver mint stores gold and silver bullion. Both facilities produce the dies from which coins are made. However, only the Philadelphia branch produces the dies for US medals and the medals themselves. The Philadelphia branch is also solely responsible for sculpting all the coins and medals the US Mint manufactures.

The US Mint branch at San Francisco is unique in that it alone produces regular proof sets of clad (coins made of multiple layers of alloy placed around a copper core) and silver. Like the Philadelphia and Denver branches, it also produces congressional authorized

commemorative coins, as does the US Mint facility located at West Point, New York. The West Point facility also produces all US gold, silver, and platinum bullion coins and serves as a storage facility for gold, silver, and platinum bullion.

Last but not least is the US Bullion Depository next to Fort Knox. The US Mint maintains this facility, which consists of 16,000 cubic feet of granite, 4,200 cubic yards of concrete, 750 tons of reinforcing steel and 670 tons of structural steel, for the sole purpose of securely housing the majority of all US gold bullion. The facility currently holds 147.3 million ounces of gold.

Source – The Elks Magazine – April 2014

*"One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon – instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today!"* ....Dale Carnegie

### **BETHLEHEM STEEL – THE DEMISE OF A GIANT**

Everything you know about historic America has Bethlehem Steel in it. Founded when James Buchanan was our nation's president, Bethlehem Steel was the backbone of the first blasting furnace, railroads, skyscrapers, coal, nuclear reactors, warships cargo vessels, large construction projects like arenas and other major infrastructural accomplishments. However the company never adjusted to the new service-based economy that gained ground in the 1990's. Cheap imports worsened the situation. Bethlehem Steel, a piece of American history, disappeared forever when it filed for bankruptcy in 2001.

### **ON TAXES**

"The wages of sin are death, but by the time taxes are taken out, it's just sort of a tired feeling."

....Paula Poundstone

"The wisdom of man never yet contrived a system of taxation that would operate with perfect equality."

....Andrew Jackson

"Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today."

....Herman Wouk

"No taxation without misrepresentation."

.... Samuel Hoffenstein

"I'm proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is – I could be just as proud for half the money."

....Arthur Godfrey

### **MOUNT BETHEL'S PROJECT WISH LIST**

Although we are making good progress with our projects, there is still very much to do. The Board has listed the following items to accomplish as time and funds allow:

1. Fence repair and painting
2. Utility shed repair
3. Signage program – entrance sign, directional signs, and historical grave signs
4. Re-setting of all fallen monuments
5. Building stockade for trash collection area
6. Refurbish second floor of cottage

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

**2015**

For additional information call SVCC (717)684-5249

Fourth Friday in Columbia, Marietta, and Wrightsville 5-9 PM Call for schedule

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	River Park Train Services Building dedication – Columbia
May 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kayak demo weekend – Shenk’s Mare – Long Level
May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	Susquehanna Stage Co. production – “Lucky Stiff” – Marietta
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Red, White & Blueberry Jamboree – St. John’s Herr Estate – Columbia
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Marietta Days – 9 AM – 3 PM
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mount Bethel Cemetery self-guided walking tour debut – Columbia
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual River Run – Rt. 462 – 7:30 AM – Columbia – Wrightsville
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rivertownes Architecture Bus/Trolley trip: e-mail: <a href="mailto:rivertownes@comcast.net">rivertownes@comcast.net</a>
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Marietta Garden Tour – 11 AM (717)994-6661
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Strawberry Festival – Haldeman Mansion, Bainbridge (717) 426-3794
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Tour 10 AM – 5 PM – Columbia – (717) 684-5249
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thunder on the River Car Show – 10 AM – 3 PM – downtown Columbia
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Antique, Art and Craft Show – 9 AM – 3 PM – downtown Columbia
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Book Sale – Columbia Public Library 24 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St.
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Riverfest; Music and Art along the Susquehanna – Wrightsville
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Hops’ N Clocks – National Watch & Clock Museum - Columbia
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Historic Marietta Criterium Bike Race; <a href="http://www.bikereg.com">www.bikereg.com</a>
July 16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Susquehanna Stage Co. production: “Into the Woods” (717) 426-1277
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Outdoor Fest – Shank’s Mare – Long Level 10 AM – 5 PM
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chiques Challenge – 8:30 AM – Marietta to Columbia run & kayaking
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bus Trip – Rivertownes Industry Bus / Trolley Trip
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Marietta Jazz Fest – <a href="http://www.PaRivertownes.com">www.PaRivertownes.com</a> - Marietta
Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Feet in the Street Art Show – 500 Block Locust St. – Columbia – 5 PM - 7:30 PM
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Clocktoberfest – 9 AM – 3 PM National Watch & Clock Museum – Columbia
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Museum Day – 9 AM – 3 PM – Wrightsville
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Fun Fest – Flinchbaugh’s Orchard – 10 AM – 4 PM – Hellam
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	“Pig Iron Pedal” / “Pig Iron Fest” – Marietta <a href="mailto:rivertownes@comcast.net">rivertownes@comcast.net</a>
Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Bridge Bust – 8 AM – 4 PM Rts. 462 Bridge – Columbia
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Car Show – Mount Bethel Cemetery – 11 AM – 3 PM – Columbia
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Apple Festival – noon – 4 PM – Haldeman Mansion – Bainbridge
Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Susquehanna Stage Co. production: “Long Day’s Journey Into the Night” (717) 426-1277
Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Haunted Lantern Tour – Mount Bethel Cemetery – Columbia (717) 684-6196
Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Time Traveler’s Dance: the Witches Ball 7 – 10 PM National Watch & Clock Museum – Columbia
Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Marietta Iron Furnace Hike with June Evans 1-4 PM – Marietta
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual 5K MAG Fall Flash – 7:30 AM – Rt. 462 Bridge Wrightsville-Columbia
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kriskindtle Mart – Bainbridge Fire Hall – 9 AM – 3:30 PM – 34 S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Home School Day – National Watch & Clock Museum – Columbia
Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Santa, caroling and tree lighting 6-8 PM – Old Town Hall - Marietta
Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Community Christmas Celebration and Tree Remembrance – 6 PM – Wrightsville
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Winterfest – Locust St. Park – Columbia 6:30 PM
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Annual Marietta Candlelight Tour – 11 AM – 7 PM
Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tea time with Mrs. Claus and Santa Visit – 10 AM National Watch & Clock Museum - Columbia
Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast with Santa – 7:30 – 10:30 – 239 E. Market St., Marietta