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The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Society Members and Friends,

The board members and myself want to thank everyone that was involved in making Heritage Days a success at our temporary location. We had many positive comments about the setting around the Historic Warrior Run Church within the grove of trees, and many visitors at the cemetery listening to the notable historic portrayals of those buried there. It takes a small army, and a good group of leaders, including the Heritage Days co-chairs, Betsy Watts and Jane Koch, with help from John Marr, Randy Watts, Leon Hagenbuch, Cathy Metzger, Peggy Gelnett, the Boy Scouts and Leaders, Hez Burrows and cooking crew, Kent Kilgus, Rich Nornhold, Mark Keithan, Dan Phillips, food servers, demonstrators, parking and admission crews, apprentices, students, and many people helping prior to and after the event. The weather could not have been better on Saturday with 620 visitors, and a few rain sprinkles on Sunday with 385 visitors. We are hopeful that Heritage Days will be at the Hower-Slote grounds next year.

I also want to report that the sidewalk dedication on September 18, had almost 30 attendees with Lynda Culver, our State Representative, being one of the guests. We are grateful to have received the grant monies from the Ralph and Josephine Smith Fund through The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania to do such a needed project.

The board voted at the last meeting not to have the annual Candlelight Service this December. As much as we all enjoy ushering in the holiday season with this event, we do not want to compromise the health of our visitors, and unfortunately, it would be difficult to limit the number of attendees.

The Shikelimo Chapter of the DAR is participating in Wreaths Across America at the Historic Warrior Run Church. The mission of Wreaths Across America is Remembering our fallen U.S. veterans,

Honoring those who serve, and teaching our children the value of freedom. To sponsor a \$15 wreath, please use this weblink <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/PA0611P> to place your order with online payment, and you can indicate a specific patriot if you want. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call me at 570-538-5593, and I can process your request. The national wreath dedication will be held on Saturday, December 18, at noon at the Historic Warrior Run Cemetery. This is the first time this event has been held at the Warrior Run Cemetery and the DAR requested over 70 wreaths for each veteran tombstone.

Lastly, we want to invite all of the Society members to our membership meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Delaware Township Building, 8th Street, Watsontown on Monday, November 8, 2021. We are voting on board members, and updates to the Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society By-laws.

I wish you and your families a cherished holiday season while spending time together and looking forward to a brighter new year.

Melissa Kilgus
Warrior Run-Fort Freeland, President
570- 538-5593
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“Heritage Sleigh”
by David Seybold

David Seybold started a fundraiser for our Society of a print titled “Heritage Sleigh;” if you were able to attend our Heritage Days you would have seen it. David told us he would donate \$2,500 for the first 20 prints to our Society. As of October 4th we reached our goal of \$2,525.00. If you signed up to purchase this beautiful print at Heritage Days or before you can make payment to the Society by sending a check made out to the WRRFHS and mail it to:
Cathy Metzger (Treasurer)
2575 Turbot Avenue
Watsontown PA 17777

Thank you David for being such a big supporter of the Society and our mission.

Cathy Metzger
Treasurer



Donations 2021 Heritage Days

The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society would like to thank Kathleen Shafer for her generous donation from Heritage Days. Also, we would like to thank “Thee Tree Farm” for the donation of pumpkins for our Heritage Days event.

Cathy Metzger
Treasurer



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society
Board Meetings - 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
November 8	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
December 13	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building

Calendar of Events - 2021

November 8	Membership Meeting Election/Regular Board Mtg.	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Bldg.
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Newsletter Articles

Please email articles and photos to be included in the newsletter to kyhouser@windstream.net. You can simply write the information in an email or copy and paste from another document. The best format is a Word or an Open Office document. PDF files don’t work well with the newsletter format. We want you to be a part of our newsletter, so don’t be shy. Help us to make our newsletter very interesting and informative.

Karen Y. Houser

Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

2019-2021

Steve Moser
Melissa Kilgus
Peggy Gelnett
Randy Watts
Al Reeves

2020-2022

Leon Hagenbuch
Jane Koch
Sue Eppanbach
Doug Ertel
June Moser

2021-2023

Landon Koch
Cathy Metzger
Daniel Phillips
Heidi Eppenbach
Ethan Whitmoyer

(Student Members)

Officers

President - Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)
Vice President - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279)
Secretary - Heidi Eppenbach (570-568-1870)
Assistant Secretary - Sue Eppenbach (570-568-1870)
Treasurer - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
Assistant Treasurer - Al Reeves (570-538-1928)
Membership (appointed) - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)
Audit/Finance - Scott Pawling (570-538-9582), Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)
Nominating Committee - Randy Watts (570-437-4048), Steve Moser (570-649-5124)
Historian - Vacant
Newsletter - Karen Houser (570-538-2557)

Committee Leaders

Church -Jane Koch (570-538-1756), Landon Koch (570-538-4588), Doug Ertel (570-538-5711)
Church Grounds -Jane Koch (570-538-1756), Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279), Randy Watts (570-437-4048)
Weddings - Traci Pawling (570-490-9895)
Strawberry Festival - Committee
Heritage Days - Betsy Watts (570-437-4048), Jane Koch (570-538-1756)
Candlelight Service - Al Reeves (570-538-1928)
House/Property - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279), Steve Moser (570-649-5124), Rich Nornhold (570-538-9733)

Honorary Board Members

Janet Hause *	Jane Shuman *
Betty Miller *	Virginia Hartman *
Donna Meyer	Ruth Moser *
Preston Webb *	Mike Slease *
Hall Williams *	Bob Franks
Rich Nornhold	Alfred Reeves
Ruth Webb	

* denotes deceased member

CHECK THE YEAR ON YOUR CARD AND MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT

Bringing our history to life....

Place
Stamp
Here

*Warrior Run
Fort Freeland
Heritage Society*

*P. O. Box 26
Turbotville PA 17772*

*E-mail:
info@freelandfarm.org*

*Check us out on the web!
www.freelandfarm.org*

KEEP your membership current

****Note your membership status on the mailing label ****

Membership is key to our group's mission. It's an important step towards funding our projects and goals. Your membership allows you to receive four annual newsletters which inform you of the calendar of events, our organization's achievements and ways to become an active member.

Please register me/us as:

- LIFE MEMBER (\$200 per person in one payment)
 CONTRIBUTING MEMBER (\$20.00 per adult person per year)
 STUDENT MEMBER (\$1.00 per year – having student status)
 SUSTAINING MEMBER (\$50.00 or more per year as a special support member)

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

To update your WR/FFHS membership status, please mail this form with the proper amount to:

Cathy Metzger
2575 Turbot Avenue
Watson town PA 17777

cmetzger507@gmail.com 570-713-4816
(make checks payable to WR/FFHS)

