



# The Warrior Run - Fort Freeland Heritage Society Newsletter

July, 2023

## *Message from the President*

Dear Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Society Members, and Friends,

We are halfway through summer, with the Strawberry Festival behind us, and Heritage Days planning already in progress! The WRFFHS board members thanks everyone who volunteered in making the Strawberry Festival a success. We had beautiful weather and a great crowd for the event which made a profit to assist with upkeep at the Historic Warrior Run Church, plus purchase some much needed plastic tables. I want to publicly thank both Cathy Metzger, and Dan Philips for their coordinated effort at co-chairing the event and making everything run smoothly!

Prior to the event, the Shikelimo Daughters of the American Revolution worked at cleaning more tombstones in the cemetery. We are always looking for other groups, or volunteers to help clean the moss and staining from the tombstones. Please reach out to a board member if would like help in the future.

The upcoming Heritage Days is October 7 & 8 at the Hower-Slote/Fort Freeland grounds. We are working in smaller sub-groups to plan the event, but Cathy Metzger and Dan Phillips are doing much of the coordinating. We are still looking for people at the outdoor food demonstrations, as well as volunteers to serve food under the barn and work at the admission booth. If you know of a scout group, students who need service hours for a club, or anyone who would like to help the WRFFHS with the mission that is "dedicated to the preservation, conservation, and presentation of the history and heritage of the Warrior Run and surrounding areas," please contact Cathy Metzger at [cmetzger507@gmail.com](mailto:cmetzger507@gmail.com) or 570-713-4816. For any students that need historically appropriate clothing, the Society has clothing that can be borrowed.

Without having the Strawberry Festival, and Heritage Days for fundraising, the WRFFHS would not be able to maintain the Warrior Run Church and grounds, or the Hower-Slote house, along with the antiques that make up the historic collection that used in our area of the frontier from the Revolutionary War era to approximately 1870. It has been five years since the WRFFHS assumed ownership of the Historic Warrior Run Church, so we no longer receive state funding.

The WRFFHS board of directors looks forward to seeing you at Heritage Days!

Sincerely,  
Melissa Kilgus  
Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society, President



*Ham BBQ Sale*  
BENEFITING THE  
*Warrior Run Fort  
Freeland Heritage  
Society*

Pick Up At:  
Warrior Run Church  
41 Warrior Lane  
Watson, PA 17777

August 12th, 2023  
11am-2pm

Benefits the maintenance of the Warrior Run Church and the Hower Slote House.  
Pre-Orders are appreciated.  
Call any WRFFHS Board Member to Place an Order.

Prices:  
Hot Sandwich- \$4.00  
Pint- \$5.00  
Quart- \$8.00

E Jane Koch: 570-538-1756  
Cathy Metzger 570-713-4816  
Melissa Kilgus: 570-412-1976



**Thank You**  
A special thanks to Brent Bacon for taking the photos at Heritage Days, 2022.



## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2023

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the Strawberry Festival on June 11, 2023, and everyone who attended the Strawberry Festival. It shows what we can do if we all work together. It is a lot of work but is all worth it when you see how much the people enjoy it. I looked out a couple of times and saw people sitting on lawn chairs in the grove just visiting with friends and having a wonderful time. It was a beautiful weekend; the weather was not too warm and no rain. We had a good turn out and were glad to see everyone as always. We had lots of good food and our home-made ice cream. I always enjoy this because I get to see people I don't get to see all year. Hope to see you next year at our Strawberry Festival and at our Heritage Days, October 7th & 8th, 2023.

Thanks to all.  
Cathy Metzger  
Treasurer



Spring Dinner/Meeting: Randy Watts, John Marr, Leon Hagenbuch, and Bill Hartman spoke about the written history of our area and the authors who preserved the history.

## Heritage Days

Bringing Past History to Life

October 7, 2023      10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

October 8, 2023      11:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location - Hower-Slote Property









## Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

### Board Meetings - 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
August 14	6:00 p. m.	Hower-Slote House
September 11	6:00 p. m.	Hower-Slote House
October 9	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
November 13	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
December 11	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building

### Calendar of Events - 2023

August 12	Ham Bar-b-que Sale	Warrior Run Church
	Board meeting not to immediately follow	
Ocotber 7- 8	Heritage Days	Hower-Slote Grounds
	Board meeting not to immediately follow	
November 13	Membership Meeting 7:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Bldg.
	E lection/Regular Board Meeting	
December 9	Candlelite Service 7:00 p. m.	Warrior Run Church
	Second Saturday in December	



### Newsletter Articles

Please email articles and photos to be included in the newsletter to [kyhouser@windstream.net](mailto: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)

#### 2021-2023

Landon Koch  
Cathy Metzger  
Daniel Phillips  
Heidi Eppenbach  
Ethan Whitmoyer

#### 2022-2024

Steve Moser  
Melissa Kilgus  
Peggy Gelnett  
Randy Watts  
Al Reeves

#### 2023-2025

Leon Hagenbuch  
Jane Koch  
Sue Eppenbach  
Doug Ertel

(Student Members)

### Officers

President - Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)  
Vice President - Jane Koch (570-538-1756)  
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 - Leon Hagenbuch  
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 - Daniel Phillips (570-713-4816), Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279), Randy Watts (570-437-4048)  
Weddings - Traci Pawling (570-490-9895)  
Strawberry Festival - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816), Daniel Phillips (570-713-4816)  
Heritage Days - Committee  
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  
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*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)