

# The Warrior Run - Fort Freeland Heritage Society Newsletter

## September, 2024

### President's Message

Happy Fall Everyone! Once again, another summer has passed, and we are knocking on the door of colder weather. With the end of every summer, it brings that crisp fall air, and the time is right for Heritage Days! We hope everyone comes out to support the Society at Heritage Days and enjoys the weekend walking on the historic grounds behind the Warrior Run High School. Hopefully the weather plays nice, and we can all enjoy that wonderful weekend!

We still have Owens Preservation completing renovation work on the windows at the church, which is very exciting to see the work come together. Owens Preservation is one of the top historic preservation companies in Pennsylvania and has completed work in the past for us. As expected, they are doing a stellar job, and the work looks period correct and wonderful. The society has been investing money in preserving the historic church in an effort that future generations can enjoy and marvel in the beauty of a building that was built in 1835. Its charm and character always make for a lovely photo op.

More exciting news is that the Society is participating in a fund-raising campaign to raise money to preserve the Hower Slote House and Barn. The old house has been needing some attention in the past few years and working with the Warrior Run School District we are aiming to start preservation work to keep the building period correct and in standing order so its true beauty and character can be showcased. For a building built in 1829, its in pretty good shape. But as we approach that 200-year mark there are necessary repairs and maintenance that would enhance the moment when you visit this local gem. So please be on the lookout for flyers and information on this exciting and upcoming program.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your help and support for the society in its ventures past and present. We are a small group of people dedicated to preserving our rich heritage for the future. Sometimes it's a challenge to achieve goals because of financial challenges and the never-ending need of volunteers. but we always rally and endeavor. We wouldn't have any success if it weren't for all of your support, and we appreciate you! As always, I have hope for the society and its growth, I have high hopes for you.



Landon C. Koch  
Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society, President





**WARRIOR RUN-FORT FREELAND HERITAGE SOCIETY**

# Heritage Days

**October 5, 2024 10AM-4PM**  
**October 6, 2024 11AM-4PM**

**Historic Warrior Run Church Service**  
**October 6, 2024 10AM**

**Colonial Trade Demonstrations | Battle of Fort Freeland Re-enactment | Colonial Food Demonstrations | Colonial Vendors**  
**Live Dulcimer Music | Food Concessions**

**ADULTS \$8 OR \$12 WEEKEND PASS**  
**STUDENTS \$2 CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE**  
**246 WARRIOR RUN BLVD. TURBOTVILLE**  
**WWW.FREELANDFARM.ORG**



## 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







OCT 5-6, 2024

# HERITAGE Days

Volunteers Needed for our annual fundraising event!

OCTOBER 5 10AM-4PM  
OCTOBER 6 11AM-4PM

CONTACT:  
CATHY METZGER 570.713.4816

## A FUN and EDUCATIONAL EVENT

On Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>, Richard Nornhold, Alex Karns and Landon Koch traveled to Bellefonte with Rich's Rope Making setup to educate children from the Bellefonte Trail-Life and American Heritage Girls troops.

There were roughly 45 children in attendance with their parents for the interactive demo. Rich demonstrated with Alex the origins of rope making, explaining to the young folks what it was traditionally made with, to how the term TOW rope came to be. It was an interesting demonstration, and the children were more than happy to get hands on and participate in most of the aspects of the job. They made 4 different ropes all together including a tug-of-war rope that the kids were enjoying and can continue to enjoy on their outings.

We thank the Bellefonte Trail-Life program for the invitation and the chance to expand on our mission to educate children and youth of the ways of our ancestors. It was a fantastic opportunity and a fun filled evening in Bellefonte.





## Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society Board Meetings - 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
October 14	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
November 11	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building
December 9	6:00 p. m.	Delaware Township Building

## Calendar of Events - 2024

October 5-6	Heritage Days Board Meeting not to immediately follow Heritage Days	Hower-Slote Grounds
November 11	Membership Meeting Election / Regular Board Meeting	7:00 p. m. Delaware Twnshp Bld
December 14 (Second Sat)	Candlelite Service	7:00 p. m. Warrior Run Church



### FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

## Hower-Slote Farm Restoration

Help the **Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society** in cooperation with the **Warrior Run School District**, preserve the Hower-Slote house and barn built in 1829 which resides on the historic land of the battle of Fort Freeland that took place in 1779. Major restoration work in the 1980's saved this landmark, and we want to continue its preservation for future educational and community visitation.

**GOAL \$125,000**

Donate Now

<https://freelandfarm.org/hower-slote-campaign/>




## *Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society*

### Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

#### 2022-2024

Steve Moser  
Melissa Kilgus  
Peggy Gelnett  
Randy Watts  
Al Reeves

#### 2023-2025

Leon Hagenbuch  
Jane Koch  
Sue Eppenbach  
Doug Ertel  
June Moser

#### 2024-2026

Landon Koch  
Cathy Metzger  
Daniel Phillips  
Heidi Eppenbach  
Ethan Whitmoyer

(Student Members)

### Officers

President - Landon Koch (570-428-4588)  
Vice President - Melissa Kilgus (570-538-5593)  
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 - Heidi Eppenbach, Doug Ertel, Ethan Whitmoyer  
Historian - Leon Hagenbuch / Randy Watts  
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 *	June Moser
Betty Miller *	Virginia Hartman *	
Donna Meyer	Ruth Moser *	
Preston Webb *	Mike Slease *	
Hall Williams *	Bob Franks	
Rich Nornhold	Alfred Reeves	
Ruth Webb *	Sue Eppenbach	

\* denotes deceased member

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

*Bringing our history to life....*

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*Warrior Run  
Fort Freeland  
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*Check us out on the web!  
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***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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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