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Newsletter of the Friends of Old Annville

President's Message, by Owen Moe

A New Web Site for FOOA

We have mentioned on several occasions that Friends of Old Annville has been working on developing a new web site for our organization. By the time this newsletter is delivered in your mailboxes, that new site will be up and running! To build the site from a general design that we developed, we contracted with Mile6, LLC, a dynamic group of web designers based in Elizabethtown. Mile6 used the *Wordpress* platform to build the framework of the site, and I have been tasked with adding the content and doing the residual designing needed to make it a complete and engaging FOOA website. I must say that I am having a great deal of fun in the process.

How will the new site be different? It will change in a number of important ways, the most significant of which are listed below.

Design of the website has been freshened, enlivened, and made more interesting. For example, the main picture on the Home Page will now cycle about every 3 seconds, to show you many views and aspects of Annville. We will periodically change some of those cycling pictures.

FOOA memberships can now be completed entirely online, including the payment of dues. We are working with PayPal to make these transactions possible. You can join FOOA, renew your membership, and purchase gift memberships (a perfect birthday, thank you, or Christmas present), all completed on-line.

Drop-down menus at the top of the pages now contain sub-pages, as shown on the image above for "Preservation". This design allows us to create and offer many more specific content pages related to our activities, including new pages for Façade Grants, the Electronic Archives, Annville/FOOA Videos, and the Annville Historic District.

Donations to FOOA can also be made online using the new website. After a wonderful Historic Old Annville Day, or an interesting program on some aspect of Annville history, you can strike while the iron is still hot and make that appreciatory donation to FOOA to support and continue our work.

News and events will now be prominently displayed, both on the Home Page and under their own drop-down menus. An easy-to-read events calendar is positioned near the bottom of the Home Page to show you planned FOOA activities at a glance. More details will be provided under the drop-down menus.

Sound exciting? We certainly hope so. This new site, along with our Facebook page, will give FOOA what we hope is an interesting and inviting presence on the Web. Be sure to visit www.FOOA.org!



RECENT ACQUISITIONS TO THE ELECTRONIC ARCHIVES (24,000+ FILES)

Now available via Google Drive at [Annville/Collections Donated](#). Contact bpfullmer@gmail.com for information.

In mid-September, long-time Annville resident **Bonnie Parker** received basic training on the scanner and is now bringing hundreds of documents to the archives each week. Having moved to Annville in 1970, Bonnie's extensive experience in our community—which is by no means necessary to the position—has helped us to identify materials as well as to organize several large folders.

Thanks also to **Hunter Wolf** of Palmyra High School whose hours of volunteer service enabled us to digitalize a couple vinyl records and VHS tapes. Our abilities increase through our resourceful volunteers!

Extensive information from FOOA's Archives on Lebanon Valley College will be used in conjunction with its upcoming sesquicentennial celebration (1866-2016). Students enrolled in a history course taught by Prof. Rebecca McCoy will access the files as they develop displays for the celebration this spring.



The Friends have appreciated several donations over the past two months, including a collection of postcards from **Mike and Hannah Campbell**.

Dozens of images from **Ruth Tobias Zimmerman** have significantly enhanced our appreciation of the Clear Spring community on the west side of Annville.

Newspaper articles and artifacts from **Philip Feather** constitute a fine addition to the Archives. We are particularly thankful for his donation of a reprinted edition of the 1875 Map of Lebanon County.

Nancy Darkes shared memorabilia from Annville High School's Class of 1952. Images of a letter sweater and pennant are available for viewing in the Archives.

Individuals with connections to the Imboden, Neidig, or Struphar families may be interested to access additional donations from **Jeanne DeLong**. Images from the turn of the twentieth century are particularly enjoyable, including a fine portrait of Annville High School's Class of 1931.

If you have information to share, please don't hesitate to contact Paul Fullmer at bpfullmer@gmail.com. In most cases, materials are returned after not more than a week or so. Thank you.

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE SESQUICENTENNIAL

In 2016, Lebanon Valley College will celebrate its 150th anniversary. We welcome your participation in the festivities! The Friends of Old Annville plan to coordinate closely with the college to commemorate its 150 years of history in our town.

If you are interested in helping or have artifacts and memories that you wish to share, please contact Karen Feather, Secretary of the College, at kfeather@lvc.edu.

FOO.A Spring Program: Old Annville Movie Matinee

Leedy Theater, Lebanon Valley College

Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

Footage filmed in 1950 by the Millard-Williams Family of Annville will be publicly screened for the first time at the Old Annville Movie Matinee scheduled to take place 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15 in the Leedy Theater of Lebanon Valley College. The event is free and open to the public. A free-will donation will be gratefully accepted to offset the costs of the large-format theater setting.



“More than three hours of footage taken in Annville in 1950 have recently been pulled from storage and digitalized,” notes local historian Paul Fullmer. “We will present 20 minutes of highlights, drawn largely from the 3000-acre Millard Farms, the Williams Family’s involvement in national cattle and horse shows, and an expansive company party on the property. At the event, participants will learn how they can access to the entire collection free-of-charge.”

Other shorts include footage from 1976—taken at Annville’s bicentennial celebration—and scenes from 2004. The matinee will conclude with select short films produced by LVC students in recent years which tell stories based in Annville in documentary format. Fullmer will facilitate questions and comments between viewings, with an end-time scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

“A chance to see the cars, clothes and customs of this area in 1950 will fascinate the general audience,” Fullmer stated, “and those with knowledge of farm equipment or horse and cattle breeding will enjoy several key shots. It is hard to find short, fat Angus cattle like the ones which took the regional awards at that time.”

“We are thankful for the generosity of Dean Snyder, Jr. and members of the extended Millard and Williams families,” added Co-president Owen Moe, “who have dedicated a significant amount of time and resources to share this classic footage. People won’t want to miss out on the unique opportunity to see these scenes on the big screen.”

“At one point, the Millard Family operated not only the quarry, but also a flour mill, thoroughbred horse sales, Angus cattle sales, a pig farm... even an airport,” Fullmer pointed out. “And, despite the breadth of business, the products were top-notch. Millard horses appeared in the Olympics and President Dwight D. Eisenhower was among the customers who purchased their cattle.”

Guests with artifacts related to the Millard-Williams Family or Annville history in general are invited to bring items to share with the Friends. Documents, photographs, and special, loved, historic, unique, wacky, or interesting objects are sought. Members of the Board of the Friends will display a couple objects from the town archive to share as well.

Light refreshments will be served. Space in the theatre is limited. Community members interested in the matinee may reserve a seat by contacting Owen Moe at moe@lvc.edu or 717.867.4326.



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March 15th

Historic Old Annville Day

June 13th

Great Annville Tornado Walk

October 11th

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please remember that your MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE can be found on the mailing label of this issue of The Landmark. Please send your dues and address change to: Rachel Noll, 1673 Louser Road, Annville, PA, 17003-8856. Have questions? Call Rachel at: (717) 867-2137.

Individual & Student \$ 5.00 Family (2+ persons) \$ 10.00 Business \$ 25.00 Friend of FOOA \$ 50.00 ★
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