



# THE LANDMARK

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Newsletter of the Friends of Old Annville  
P.O. Box 99, Annville, PA 17003

*President's Message: Owen Moe*

## Two Exciting Fall Events in Annville

Friends of Old Annville will sponsor two important events this fall, both of which will be of great interest to our FOOA membership. I'd like to spend my time in this issue providing some details on the two events.

**HARVEST TOUR OF ANNVILLE FLOURING MILL.** We have a truly unique opportunity on Sunday, October 5, from 2-4 PM to visit a *bona fide* historic site right here in Annville. The Annville Flouring Mill (most recently Brandt's Mill) dates back to the mid 1700s and has been in operation ever since. It is the oldest continuously operating flour mill in the country. The mill owner, McGeary Organics, Inc., has graciously agreed to open the mill to the public on October 5.

❖ **Tour.** The tour will begin in the mill itself, and you will have a chance to see several floors of the mill interior and to learn about grains and the milling process. The tour inside the mill will require stair climbing. The tour will move to a short guided walk through the mill complex, and will end in the old stone barn for a brief program on organic farming by Robert McBride, a PhD soil scientist from McGeary Organics. You will see samples of historic strains of wheat from the 1800s and early 1900s that have been acquired by McGeary.

❖ **Pocket History.** Those who pre-register for the tour will receive a *Pocket History of the Annville Flouring Mill*, a keepsake publication from FOOA that we are pleased and excited about. The high-gloss booklet tells the story of the mill over nearly three centuries and includes many old texts, maps, and pictures. The 20-page booklet is included with the \$10 donation for the event.

❖ **Parking.** Due to limited space, there will be no parking at the mill complex itself. Instead, we have arranged for parking at the Annville Elementary School (Graystone) at 205 S. White Oak Street and in the rear lot of the Annville Shoulder Strap Company at 345 W. Queen Street. For people who cannot walk, we will provide automobile shuttles to the mill from the elementary school lot only.

❖ **Festivities.** The mill grounds will be alive with things to do. An ensemble from the LVC Jazz Band will play outside along the Quittie. Refreshments and chairs will be provided. You can sit down, enjoy some soft jazz, sip apple cider, and read your pocket history on what we hope is a beautiful fall day. You can buy baked goods made from the mill flour, and even bags of the organic mill flour itself. Various historical groups will have display tables set up and you can wander and browse.

**Please come and enjoy the mill with us. Pre-register today and bring that family, as children under 12 are free.**

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**Annual Dinner Meeting.** Our annual dinner meeting will be held on Saturday, November 8, at 6 PM at Lebanon Valley College (see flyer on page 3). Our program will be presented by McKissick Associates Architects who are developing the master plan for the Annville Downtown Center project. Gina Douty, historic preservationist, and Vern McKissick, lead architect, will discuss the historic research that informed the project and will show actual models of the master plan of the downtown center project. You will get all of the details on this ambitious project that will transform our town center.

We'll begin with a reception to give you a chance to meet Gina and Vern, followed by a full buffet dinner and a brief business meeting. The program by McKissick Associates will then highlight the evening. So please, don't delay - send in your reservations now as it promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

### **Election Ballot for Nov. 8 Annual Meeting**

For the 2008 Annual Meeting, only one office is open for election:

**President: Owen Moe**



### **This Old Annville House – Restoration One-Stop Shopping**

I recently had the challenge of restoring the exterior windows of a 1772 farmhouse to their original glory. The two-century plus, south-facing frames had rotted, with much visual and structural damage. I accomplished this feat with 25 years of woodworking expertise and the Abatron line of building and restoration products.

I discovered Abatron two years ago, and can't recommend it highly enough. Their Liquidwood regenerates, strengthens and waterproofs the wood. The shrink-free WoodEpoxy combined with the thinner fills in and rebuilds like nothing else I've tried. Available at [www.Abatron.com](http://www.Abatron.com) and delivered to your door, used to repair structures at the White House and other government facilities, Abatron's wood, concrete, metal and plaster restoration products are top of the line and affordable.

*Submitted by Michael Charelian, M C Carpentry, Annville.*

### **Where Advice IS Always Welcome ...**

If you have a renovation or repair tip for **This Old Annville House**, or a restoration project that you would like to share, please write it up and send it to the Landmark Editor at [valerie@ezonline.net](mailto:valerie@ezonline.net).

We'd also love to hear about YOUR old house, so please consider sharing its special characteristics and its history.

# Annual Dinner Meeting

## Friends of Old Annville

Saturday, November 8, at 6:00 PM

Mund College Center of Lebanon Valley College

### Featured Program

*The Annville Downtown Center Project  
Historical Research and Development of the Master Plan*

**Vern McKissick and Gina Douty of McKissick Associates Architects**

Hors d'oeuvres, Buffet Dinner, Desserts and Coffee

Cost: \$23.00 per person

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### Friends of Old Annville Annual Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$23/person

Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to FOOA)

Deadline for Reservations – November 6<sup>th</sup>

Mail this form and payment to: **Owen Moe, 308 East Main Street, Annville, PA 17003**

## Quittie Park Notes, by Ann Lasky



September is a great time to get acquainted with the park. The new Swingholm bridge is the perfect place to stop to watch the leaves drop from the trees and fall into the stream. All around the goldenrod stalks are shifting and bending with the breeze. A black spicebush butterfly lands on the rail, its wings a little ragged, probably close to end of its three week life span. It is a pretty picture and very relaxing. Walking off the bridge, and going east along the trail, you will see pink turtle-head flowers on the creek side near the white lime hill. This plant blooms in late summer and is larval food for the Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly, so named after the orange and black color of Lord Baltimore.

The nectar from the butterfly bush at the park entrance attracts Monarch and White Sulfur butterflies and still has a few purple blossoms left. The park is also home to milkweed on the right as you enter the park and to the marsh milkweed in the quarry area. The butterflies now emerging from the chrysalises on the milkweed, are probably young adults getting ready to start their migration to Mexico. Maybe this is the year, I can catch the rare sighting of a group of monarchs flying south. Hope you get to see it too



*Special thanks to these volunteers who helped in the park one hot Saturday in August: Dennis Coffman, Randy Flowers, Paul and Gene Graham, David and Ann Lasky, Donald Thomas, Travis Steiner, and Clarissa Lyons a student from Annville. They dragged tires out of the creek, trimmed around the butterfly bush and the blue bird house, and brought out a couple hundred pounds of trash. .*

### LANDMARK ADVERTISING POLICY

**The Landmark** is a bimonthly newsletter published and distributed as a benefit of membership to our members for the purpose of imparting information about the activities of the Friends of Old Annville and the Community. The Board has agreed to accept business card size advertisements based upon space availability, at the following rates and in accordance with the following policies.

1. Copy for advertisements must be delivered to the Landmark no later than the second Friday of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, November.

Mail the business card or camera-ready copy to: The Landmark, P.O. Box 99, Annville, PA 17003. Include name of contact person, phone number, number of issues, and check payable to 'FOOA'.

2. The rate for advertisement for members is \$25.00 per issue, or \$125.00 for six issues. Rates for nonmembers are \$40.00/\$200.00.

3. Advertisements are limited to local businesses and organizations within the Annville-Cleona area. The FOOA Board shall exercise complete discretion over the type size, content, and suitability of any and all advertisements submitted. The Organization may, with or without reason, reject any advertisement for publication.

4. Printing of advertisements may, at the discretion of the editorial board, be postponed based upon space availability.

Liability of FOOA for errors in printing, providing the printing error was its mistake, is limited to a refund of the single-issue rate paid, or the option of a corrected reprint in a subsequent issue at no charge.

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*The Friends of Old Annville Train Station is open to visitors Tuesday, 7-9 PM, and Saturdays, 9 AM-12 noon, or upon request.*

*The Station is also available for parties and meetings. Please write Friends of Old Annville, P.O. Box 99, Annville 17003, or call (717) 867-0770 for information.*



**Fall 2008 Program**

**HARVEST MILL TOUR  
of the Annville Flouring Mill**

**Sunday, October 5, 2008, 2 – 4 PM  
West Queen St. at the Quittie**



Come and tour the oldest operating flour mill in the United States. This is a unique opportunity to see in detail a true historic gem that is located right here in Annville.

Everyone pre-registering for the tour will receive a **Pocket History of the Annville Flouring Mill**, published by Friends of Old Annville.

This program will be a fundraiser for Friends of Old Annville, and we therefore ask for a donation of \$10 per person for FOOA members, and \$15 per person for nonmembers. There will be no charge for children under 12 who are accompanied by adults. Pre-registration will reserve your copy of a pocket history of the mill.

Please fill out the reservation form below, clip it out, and send it as directed below. Deadline for pre-registration is October 2, 2008. Call 867-2476 for further information.



**RESERVATION FORM – HARVEST MILL TOUR  
(Sunday, October 5, 2008)**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/person for FOOA members, \$15 for nonmembers)

Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to FOOA)

Mail this form and donation to *Jill Palanzo, 515 East Main St., Annville, PA 17003* by October 2, 2008

## FOOA Calendar of Events:

This is an exciting Fall Season offering members and friends the opportunity to step back into Annville's past and then, within weeks, to preview Annville's future. Please plan to attend both important events!

October 5 ..... Harvest Mill Tour, Pre-register by October 2nd to reserve your pocket history of the Mill.

November 8 ..... Friends of Old Annville Annual Dinner, 6 PM at the Munn Center, LVC



*Photos of the Flouring Mill interior courtesy of Laura Charelian*

## From the Annville Free Library:

Sept. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 ..... College Financial Aid Information Nights - Contact Al Leo @ 717-575-4512

Sept. 30 ..... "60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Harrisburg" presented by Matt Willen /E-lizabethtown College

October 12 ..... 2 PM Meeting, Join the Friends of AFL - Contact Abby or Jeff @ 867-2924

Oct. 28 ..... "Driving Tours of Lebanon County" presented by Beverly Manbeck /Lebanon Historicl Soc.

Nov. 25 ..... "Crafts with Herbs" presented by Ruth Roy / Cost \$5.00 / must pre-register

For information on the Annville Free Library's children's programs, Yoga and Tai Chi, please ask a Librarian or call the Library at 867-1802. Be sure to ask about the new Christmas Shopping Babysitting Service and Special Gifts for the Holidays.

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**www.fooa.org**



When you have a moment or two, why not stop by the Friends of Old Annville web site, [www.fooa.org](http://www.fooa.org). The web site has announcements of upcoming meeting, news articles about past events, and special features. Please stop by and spend some time there.

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## Renewals:

M/M Randall Aungst  
Adelene B. Boyer  
Mr. James K. Brandt  
M/M Leroy Brandt  
Marty & Patti Brandt  
Tim & Audrey Brandt  
Barbara K. Bross  
M/M Richard F. Charles •  
M/M Delmar Cook  
Mrs. Jeanne DeLong  
M/M Michael Eschenfelder  
Helen L. Ferguson  
M/M Dennis Flake •  
Darby Galebach/Kettering  
Corner  
Grace Gible  
Mr. Luther P. Harner  
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M/M Frank Heilman  
M/M John A. Heisey  
David & Joan Henise •

Sylvia Hurlbert  
Mrs. Grace Karsnitz •  
Mrs. Lucille V. Kauffman  
Susan Belmer Kollet-Harris  
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Ann Lingle  
Charles & Jean Mariani  
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Josephine Mattassa-Kubeck  
Victoria Mattassa-Nuding  
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Dave & Joy Riegert  
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M/M Richard Rotunda  
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Dorothy M. Shenk  
M/M Larry L. Smith  
M/M Edgar Teahl, Jr.

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Ken & Esther Umberger  
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M/M J. Ellis Wood  
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## New Members

Mrs. Verling Darkes  
M/M Milton Kreiser  
Boneta F. Meyer  
M/M J. Frits Niemoller  
M/M Thomas Tshudy/Patriot  
House

• Denotes Friend of FOOA

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Please remember what an **EXCELLENT GIFT** a membership in FOOA can be.

What better way to welcome a new neighbor to Annville,  
or to honor a special occasion.

All gift subscriptions will be acknowledged by FOOA to the recipient.