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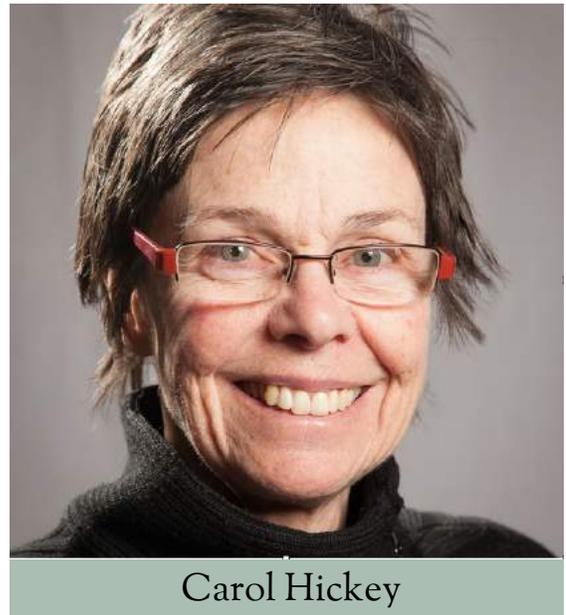
Welcome New Landmark Editor • Annual FOOA Dinner • HOAD Wrap-Up

President's Message, by Michael Schroeder

Attentive readers will note a number of subtle changes in the masthead and formatting in this issue of *The Landmark*. These welcome revisions are thanks to the work of recently elected Board member Jeremy Long, who has graciously agreed to serve as our newsletter's new editor-in-chief —a position I've been filling temporarily since former editor Valerie Weiner stepped down from the Board at the end of 2015. Jeremy brings a wealth of skills and talents to the table, with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Historical Communications from Lebanon Valley College (2006) and his many years of working as a professional photographer and journalist, including seven years with the *Lebanon Daily News*, and now as City Hall reporter with the *Reading Eagle*.

I'm also happy to report that all of our Board members whose terms are expiring at the end of 2021 have agreed to serve for another two-year term; see the slate of Board candidates for the 2022-23 term on page 3. We now have 11 of a possible 12 Board members as called for in our bylaws (see the "About" tab on our website, at www.fooa.org). Thanks to Matt Woolson for agreeing to take the reins as Treasurer, and to Joanna Guldin-Noll, Mark Leshner, Jeremy Long, Rachel Noll, and Jill Palanzo for agreeing to continue to serve as Members at Large.

And yet another reason to smile: longtime area architect Carol Hickey has agreed to serve as our featured speaker for our Annual Dinner at the Church of the Brethren open-air pavilion



Carol Hickey

starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2.

Owner and principal of the award-winning Hickey Architects based in Lancaster and Mt. Gretna, Carol has worked on a wide variety of historic preservation projects in South Central PA and beyond, including barns, public libraries, municipal facilities, childcare and community facilities, office and retail spaces, restaurants, movie & performance spaces, streetscape and downtown design, public housing facilities, and a variety of residential projects.

The principal architect for the Annville Streetscape Project in the 1990s, and for many years a Senior Adjunct Instructor of Architecture at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Carol was tapped by the Annville Free Library to serve as the lead architect for its ongoing expansion project, the subject of the article on

page 5 by Free Library President Marty Brandt. Carol's talk will follow a delicious dinner catered by Becky Briody's Chef-on-the-Go.

Please see the Annual Dinner pullout and clip-out form on page 3 of this issue of The Landmark. I'm also grateful to report on the smashing success of our 32nd Historic Old Anville Day (HOAD) on Saturday, August 14, with several thousand visitors enjoying a picture-perfect day to stroll West Main Street and partake of all the food & music & informational booths & other vendors. See FOOA Vice President and HOAD Coordinator Doug Nyce's recap and long list of thank-yous on page 4. Finally, we gratefully acknowledge the recent

labors of two groups of volunteers. On Friday, Aug. 27, nine employees of Candoris, an innovative, community-minded Anville-based IT company, lent their muscle to the historic Anville train station, refurbishing the flat car facing the tracks; trimming the hedgerow on the station's west side; and washing the hardwood floors with oil soap so they now shine like brand new. The next day half a dozen LVC students helped spread mulch along the Fred & Tanya Richter Trail in Quittie Creek Nature Park (postscript: four days later, all that mulch washed away—another volunteer workday coming soon!). Sincere & bountiful thanks to all.

BALLOT FOR ELECTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FRIENDS OF OLD ANNVILLE, INC. AT THE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING ON SATURDAY, 2 October 2021

- Treasurer.....Matt Woolson (2022, 2023)
- Member at Large.....Joanna Guldin-Noll (2022, 2023)
- Member at Large.....Mark Leshner (2022, 2023)
- Member at Large.....Jeremy Long (2022, 2023)
- Member at Large.....Rachel Noll (2022, 2023)
- Member at Large.....Jill Palanzo (2022, 2022)

Preserving History, Building Community, 1979-2021 • FOOA

The Friends of Old Anville, Inc., an all-volunteer, non-profit corporation some 400 members, offers annual memberships at the ridiculously low price of \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$25 for businesses – a great yet affordable way to become involved in your local community. Gift memberships can be a wonderful way to welcome your new neighbors, demonstrate pride in your community, or show that you remember an old friend. Membership fees support our Façade Grant, seasonal programs, and other initiatives

Annual Dinner Meeting

Friends of Old Annville

Saturday, Oct. 2, 5-8 p.m.

Annville Church of the Brethren Pavillion 739 Church Rd, Lebanon.

Featured Presentation

“Architects and Historic Preservation”

Carol Hickey

Also, Annual Business Meeting and other fun activities you won't want to miss!

Appetizers & Wine & Buffet Dinner & Dessert & Coffee by Rebecca Briody's Chef on the Go. Dinner served at 6 o'clock.

Cost: \$30 per person

Directions to the Church of the Brethren Pavilion, 739 Church Road, South Annville Township, on the north side of Church Rd. about half a mile east of Rt. 934, in the white building next to the cemetery.



Friends of Old Annville Annual Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Name(s)

Address

Phone _____

Email _____

Number Attending _____ @ \$30/person
(payable to "FOOA")

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Mail this form and payment to Jill Palanzo, 515 E. Main St., Annville, PA 17003

Deadline for reservations: Friday, September 24, 2021

Online Reservations: Make reservations online at www.fooa.org/donate-to-fooa/ by filling out the form on that page and by selecting "Annual Dinner" under the Donate to: drop-down window. You can pay for the dinner with a credit card, but you must go through PayPal to do so. If you donate to the Annual Dinner as described, you will be registered for the dinner.

Annville Free Library: Writing the Next Chapter

By Marty Brandt, President, Annville Free Library

The truck was loaded the night before and we arrived early Saturday morning to set up for Old Annville Day. We had our booths ready in time and visited our neighbors before the crowds started strolling down Main St.

Many people stopped to learn about our expansion project, to say hello and commented how nicely the integrated design fits together. The sun kept shining and Troy Peters, President and CEO of JBT, made a “big check” presentation to us at the main stage to support this project.



As you may know, the Library Board, staff, and other community members, in collaboration with Hickey Architects and Arthur Funk and Sons, have developed plans for adaptive reuse of the neighboring duplex at 226/228 E Main Street, as well as the construction of an addition that will join the duplex and current library building. The plans also include key renovations to the existing building. The expanded library will provide dedicated space for our patrons of all ages and updates to meet the expanding and changing needs of our community.

Past issues of the Landmark showed an artist rendition of the front exterior as viewed from Main St, with its new walkway entrance. Below is a rendering of an interior view in the new addition showing the check-out/help desk where our friendly staff will answer all your questions. On the right side is the entrance to the youth library, which features a larger space for programs and activities to serve our energetic and enthusiastic young patrons. The youth library also provides access to our new patio.

You can find informative and engaging videos of the new interior and the many services provided by our staff at our website: <https://writingthenextchapter.org/>.

Back and Better than ever: 32nd Historic Old Annville Day

By Doug Nyce, Vendor Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator
and HOAD Committee Chair

Last month the 32nd Historic Old Annville Day was held after the Covid-19 Pandemic forced the cancellation in 2020.

The event, usually held in June, was postponed until August in order to maximize the number of attendees likely to have been vaccinated.

West Main Street was closed for eight blocks to create the slightly reduced street fair of 125 vendors filling 150 vendor spaces, a great variety of food, and two stages of music performances. New aspects were participation of members of the Antique Tractor Club of Lebanon County and several other antique car enthusiasts. Approximately \$7,000 was raised for the support of the FOOA Façade Grant Program.

Thousands of local residents enjoyed visiting with their neighbors, with previous residents who returned for the event and with visitors from nearby communities. Vendors displayed a variety of products and food for sale. Many local non-profits had booths to share information about their work and to fundraise.

A special feature of the event this year was the partnering with the Annville Free Library in promoting their “Writing the Next Chapter” fundraising campaign for the refurbishment and expansion of the library building on East Main Street. The Friends of Old Annville are especially supportive of the library’s adaptive reuse of two 19th Century buildings as a part of the project. During HOAD, the Jonestown Bank and Trust presented the library with a donation of \$50,000 — the largest such donation JBT has ever made.

This year the tours of the Millard Quarries were not possible, but a special thanks to Pennsy Supply for donating their large billboard on Route 422, including, all costs involved for advertising Annville Day. HOAD also benefited from a Tourism Grant from Lebanon County, a \$500 gift from Lebanon Valley College and many more generous donations from businesses and individuals associated with Annville. Including, Sound Advantage that donated sound equipment and Palmyra First UM Church members who donated their time to run the equipment. The HOAD Committee is most grateful for all the humbling support of HOAD and the Annville Community.

Returning this year was a guided historic house tour of 148 West Main Street, the Gruber House of 1793, one of the immense limestone structures constructed in Annville in the late eighteenth century. Near the house was a reenactor showing some of the processes involved in creating the iron work in the building.

This year’s free musical offerings included nine different acts representing a variety of musical styles. Tapping Annville and Lebanon County talent, the program included performances by the Washington Band (Annville town concert band founded in 1856), the Quittapahilla Highlanders (Annville bagpipes and percussion ensemble), Mockingbird, Nearly York, and Life After Work at the Main Stage. Jim Rule, Keith n’ Sonya Acoustic Roadshow, Abigail’s Garden, and Matt Miskie performed at the Rotunda Stage beside the Rotunda Bier Garten. Thank you to all the performers for helping to make Annville Day a success.

A very special thank you to the Annville Township Commissioners, Les Powell and staff, The Annville Township Police and North Annville Township Police, and to the HOAD Committee of volunteers who contributed their time and talents to make this event possible for our community: Rachel Noll, FOOA Store and Information Booth Coordinator, Michael Schroeder, Township and Traffic Coordinator, Lee Smedley, Music Coordinator, Joanna Guldin-Noll, Reenactor Coordinator, Jill Pallanzo, David Palanzo, Brian Nornhold, Mark Leshner, Matt Woolson, and Tucker Hull, General Assistance (including much heavy lifting!) and Owen Moe, Technical Support. Well done, team! The Friends of Old Annville will present the 33rd Historic Old Annville Day (HOAD) on Saturday, June 11th, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We hope to see you there, *sans* pandemic!



Please consider remembering the Friends of Old Annville in your will. No matter how big or small, your bequest to the non-profit, 501(c)(3) Friends of Old Annville will go toward one or more of our many ongoing community projects to preserve, protect, and honor the history of our town. Thank you.



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Individual & Student \$ 5.00 Family (2+ persons) \$ 10.00 Business \$ 25.00 Friend of FOOA \$ 50.00 ★
Benefactor \$ 100.00 § Founder \$ 250 ❖

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