

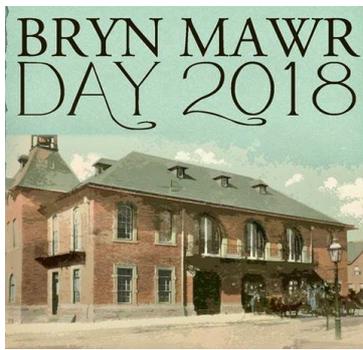


## **September 2018**

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|friend of the Historical Society},

### **September Attractions**

#### **[Bryn Mawr Day](#)**



The Eighth Annual Bryn Mawr Day celebration will be held, rain or shine, on **Saturday, September 8th**, from 9:00am to 2:00pm, in the municipal parking lot #7 at Lancaster and Bryn Mawr Avenues (just across Lancaster from Ludington Library). This a **free** family day event; taste the variety of foods at the local restaurants, visit the shops, ride the fire trucks, see the traveling zoo, watch the circus, shop at the Farmer's Market and hear musical performances.

Do not miss the opportunity to take the history trolley tour of the Bryn Mawr 100 with our **Bobbie McElroy** of the 24 local landmarks. Tours begin at 10:00am, 11:00am and 12:00 noon.

#### **[The Boxer's Trail Run](#)**



If you are not planning to visit Bryn Mawr Day and you want to take part in a great outdoor event; run on the trail where boxing Joe Frazier trained! It takes place on **Saturday, September 8th** starting at 9:30am. [Click to sign up.](#) The race begins and ends at the Mander Playground at 33rd and Diamond Streets in Philadelphia. The race is held in conjunction with Strawberry Mansion Day.

This is a fun walk and run with portions on a dirt trail through the woods. All participants will receive a Boxer's Trail t-shirt. All proceeds benefit the community youth programs at the Mander Recreation Center and East Fairmount Park. Do stop by for a run/walk of this historic trail and say hello to our **Martha Moffat**.

### [Friends of the Autocar](#)



Friends of the Autocar Annual Meeting and Banquet takes place on Saturday, **September 15th** from 9:00am until about 3:00pm at the Goshen Fire Company at 1320 Park Avenue in West Chester. Trucks will be on display.

A crown jewel of Lower Merion's local industries, The Autocar Company moved from Pittsburgh to Lancaster Avenue in Ardmore in 1900. It was founded by three brothers named Clarke; Louis, John and James. For more than 50 years it employed more than a thousand men and women in their factories to make cars and trucks until 1911, after which date they made only trucks until it was bought by White Motors and moved to Exton, PA in 1954. For reservations visit [this website](#).

Our **Ted Goldsborough** will be there sharing his expertise and our photos of this once-proud Lower Merion industrial giant.

### [Lower Merion Baptist Church](#)



They're celebrating 210 years of ministry and service! Stop by at 911 New Gulph Road in Bryn Mawr on **Sunday, September 16th** and join in on their worship service at 10:30am followed by a picnic at 11:45am (note: there will be a history tour during the picnic). Our **Eugene Hough** will be there to help with tours of the chapel and the cemetery.

### [The 28th Annual Harriton Farmstead Fair](#)



The 28th Annual Harriton Farmstead Fair is scheduled for **Saturday, September 29th**, 10:00am to 4:00pm (rain or shine). This major event in Lower Merion Township features crafts, antiques, pony rides, historic house tours, childrens' games, muskets and soldiers, blacksmiths, stone carvers, cabinetmakers, spinners, skep [beehive] weavers, Bluegrass music, falconry and other birds of prey, and much more. The Fair also features the Harriton Attic Treasures Booth, which is the best flea market on the Main Line, the Harriton Farm stand featuring flowers and organic produce (some of which is from the Harriton garden). Lapps Country Market will be roasting chickens and ribs for

lunch. The historic 1704 house will be open for tours during the day. Don't miss the day and be sure to say hello to our notable **Bruce Gill**.

### **[Cider Fest at the Historic Houses](#)**



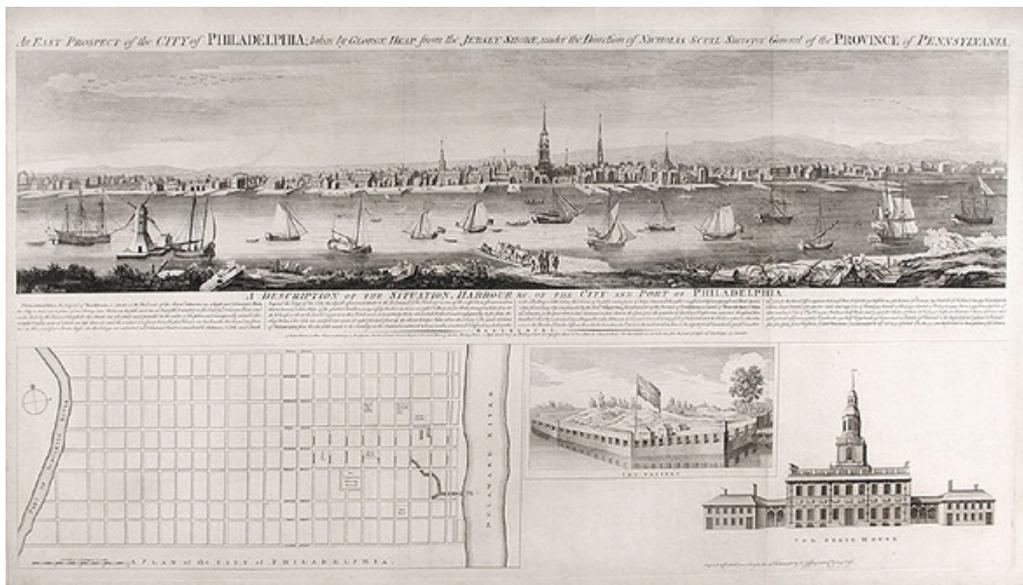
**CiderFest at the Historic Houses** is **Saturday, September 29th** from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm and visit the six historic and [picturesque houses of Fairmount Park](#).

These early country estates built along the Schuylkill River are Cedar Grove, Laurel Hill, Lemon Hill, Mount Pleasant, Historic Strawberry Mansion, and Woodford Mansion. [Click here to purchase your tickets](#). There will be transportation house to house, food trucks and live music. At each house you will have an opportunity to sip on samples from some of the best 20 Pennsylvania hard ciders. At Woodford, find our tour guide **Lucas Graham** and introduce yourself.

### ***Treasures From Our Archive Room***



This is the fourth of a series of articles that highlight some of the rare and more interesting items in our archive collection. The Historical Society's primary asset is our library collection that comprises more than 38,000 items. Part of our collection is housed in the Archive Room; these are the rare and extraordinary items that need special care and attention. We're proud of our heritage and are fortunate to have so many primary source materials that relate to Lower Merion and Narberth. We would like to share with you one of these items from our Archive Room.



## One of the most important colonial American city views

"East Prospect of the City of Philadelphia;" taken by George Heap from the Jersey Shore, under the Direction of Nicholas Scull Surveyor General of the Province of Pennsylvania London: Thomas Jefferys, [1756]. Black and white copper-engraving. Image size (including text): 19½ x 37 inches. Sheet size: 21 5/8 x 37 7/8 inches...yes, it's BIG.

The view extends from present-day South Street to Vine Street, with the existing city shown in great detail. A number of steeples break the skyline, including those of the Statehouse (Independence Hall) at left, and Christ Church at center. Below the view is text entitled "A Description of the Situation Harbour &c. of the City and Port of Philadelphia", with a key that identifies 14 important sites, including the Quaker Meeting House, the Statehouse, Christ Church, the Dutch Calvinist Church, High Street, the Academy, the Presbyterian Church, Chestnut Street, etc.

At lower left is a large-scale map of the city that measures 8"x18". The source for this map is unknown, but it is important, as it is the first map of Philadelphia to show advances on the Holme plan of 1683. For the first time, individual buildings are shown and named, and the new streets along the Delaware have been added in. At lower right is a version of Heap's view of the Statehouse (Independence Hall), only the second appearance of the elevation in print. The building would become a symbol of Philadelphia, and play an instrumental part in the making of the nation. At center is a view of "The Battery," the formidable defensive works on the river just south of the city.

**Upcoming November Attractions**

## 200th Anniversary Dinner

**Saturday, November 10th 2018** – 200th Anniversary Banquet of the *The Lower Merion Society for the Detection and Prosecution of Horse Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen Horses* at [Evviva Restaurant](#) located at 1236 Montgomery Ave, Narberth.

You are invited to join in our 200th dinner with our famous menu which has been carried forward since 1818. This will be a memorable event for those who have attended in the past and for newcomers. Price and time information will follow soon.  
“*Confusion to All Horse Thieves*”

### The Great War: Lower Merion’s Centennial Celebration

The *Merion Community Association*, along with the Historical Society, the Township and other local organizations, will be hosting this celebration and remembrance marking the end of the Great War. The date is **Sunday, November 11th 2018** for 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day at the [Merion \(War\) Tribute House](#) located at 625 Hazelhurst Avenue in Merion. It will be an open house family friendly celebration from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. There is **free** parking and this **free** event is open to the general public.

The afternoon’s events are planned as follows: starting at 3:00pm, we will gather in the front lawn by the flag pole for the opening ceremony accompanied by a flag raising ceremony. There will be an honor guard along with U.S. and Troop flags from the *First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry* along with representatives from the American Legion and *Scouts*. This will be followed by an “open house” for the public with informational displays, discussions, music and light snacks. At 5:00pm, we will gather again on the front lawn and have the “Legacy Marker Heritage Flag”...20’x30’ flag...ceremony and the planting of a “centennial tree” remembering the day’s special occasion. More details to follow.

P.S. Sunday, November 11th is a "bye week" for the Philadelphia Eagles.

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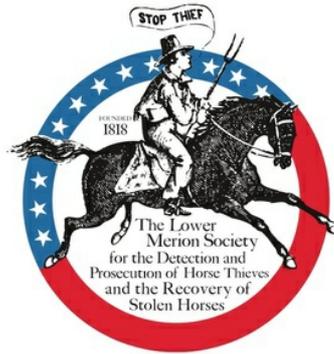
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