It's our 70th Anniversary!

Our Annual Business Meeting will be held Thursday, April 11th at the Lower Merion Academy located at 506 Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bala Cynwyd. We will gather in the large meeting room on the second floor. The public is invited to attend!

7:00 pm to 7:30 pm Social Gathering with Light Refreshments

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of the Minutes
January 24, 2019 — Executive Board Meeting

Opening Remarks - Gerald A. Francis
Our Past, Present and Future Questions and Answers

Treasurer Report – Leon Levine
2018 Financial Review (Gary Kay of J. Bernard Kay & Company CPA)
March 31, 2019 — Statement of Financial Position

Nominating Committee Report and the Election of Officers and Directors
The Committee nominates the following slate of Officers for a two-year term:
President: Gerald A. Francis
Vice President: Kenneth L. Brier
Treasurer: Leon Levine
Corresponding Secretary: Barbara McElroy
Recording Secretary: Perrin C. Hamilton, Jr.

The Committee nominates the following slate of Directors for a three-year term:
Class of 2022: Gary Brock, Max Buten, Rachel Wolgemuth

Note: Under the Society’s By-Laws, additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting (Article IV, 3).

Note: Not up for election, there are others who also serve on our Board:
Class of 2020: Christina Fink, Martha Moffat, Carole Strickland
Class of 2021: Ross L. Mitchell, Joanne Murray, Brad Upp
We Gratefully Accept Donations!

Thank you

Our library holdings continue to grow thanks to the generosity of the community. The following individuals have recently made a donation to the Society to help enlarge our Special Library Collection of books, manuscripts, photographs, and maps. Donating your historic materials will help ensure its preservation for the next generation:

John W. Alexander, Jr.
Kenneth E. & Nancy Davis
Victoria Donohoe
James J. Doran, Jr.
David F. Doss
Marianne Hooper Furman
Clarke Glennon
John S. Goldthwait
Susan Greenspon
Perrin C. Hamilton, Jr.
Art Hindle
Alice Hoffman
Janet Laughlin
Stephen Manheimer
Irene McNeil
Gregory Prichard
Richard Righter
David Rowland

Treasures From Our Archive Room
This is the fifth 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 two of these items from our Archive Room.

A frequently used resource are our historical maps. These maps are of interest to genealogists, historians, local homeowners, and business owners. Maps are drawn and produced for a variety of audiences. Some are meant to be informative with great detail, some are works of art, while others are descriptive in nature and meant to tell a story. But some were drawn to enjoy; namely, to have a fun experience. Here are two such maps that have been drawn for your viewing enjoyment.

*The Mills of Mill Creek, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania as They Were in 1776 with Certain Additions, etc.*
*Drawn by Dr. Douglas Macfarlan in 1937. 21”x28”*
“This creek was a hive of industry in the early days. Flour was ground, logs were sawed, paper was made, and gun powder was manufactured. Later many of the mills became cotton factories. Early in the last century [note: 1800s] steam began to supplant water-power for the mills.”

– From the lecture notes of Douglas Macfarlan

*The Main Line: A Historical Map of Ye Outlying Regions.*
Made for Your Enjoyment by Sally Jean & Nancy Robertson & Drawn by Hugh Robertson during the very cold winter of 1942.
Revised & Corrected 1946. 26”x32”
MISSION STATEMENT

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to Preserving Our Past For The Future. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

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