



April 2017

***Announcing the 68th Annual Business Meeting
of the Lower Merion Historical Society***

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:00pm



Our Annual Business Meeting will be held at the *Lower Merion Academy* located at 506 Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bala Cynwyd. We will gather in the large meeting room on the first floor. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND !

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

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

- **Approval of the Minutes** of the January 17, 2017 Executive Board Meeting
- **Opening Remarks** - Jerry Francis
- **Treasurer's Report** – Leon Levine
- **Financial Review Committee** - Perry Hamilton & Christina Fink
- **Assimilation of the Lower Merion Horse Company** - Christina Fink
- **Merion Friends History Festival (Saturday, May 20, 2017)**

Election of Officer 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 2020:** Christina Fink, Martha Moffat, Carole Strickland

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 at this time, these are other Board members who also serve:

- **Class of 2018:** Louis Barson, Joanne Murray
- **Class of 2019:** Gary Brock, Max Buten, Alexander (Pete) Hoskins
- **Ex Officio, Lower Merion Horse Company:** Bruce C. Gill
- **Immediate Past President:** Edmund L. Goldsborough
- **Ad Hoc Solicitor:** James S. Ettelson, Esq.

The History of Merion Friends Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:30pm

**in the Second Floor Meeting Room at the Bala Cynwyd Library
131 Old Lancaster Road in Bala Cynwyd**



Learn the history of this piece of real estate, the epicenter of Lower Merion's past and present. For more than 320 years it has been an enclave for people seeking religious freedom to call home. Jerry Francis, President of the Lower Merion Historical Society, will give an interactive PowerPoint



presentation of more than 95 historical images showing the evolution of this site; from a Lenape village, to the arrival of William Penn, to today's God's Corner.

SAVE THE DATE

Merion Friends History Festival

Saturday, May 20, 2017 (Rain or Shine)



We are excited to announce that [*Merion Friends Meeting*](#) has partnered with [*The Lower Merion Historical Society*](#) and The [*Lower Merion Conservancy*](#) to present a family-oriented festival focused on Lower Merion in the period 1820-1860, when horses were key to the local economy and Quakers played a significant role in the community.

The festival is open to the public with no admission charge. Step into the year 1850 when you enter the campus of Merion Friends Meeting at 615 Montgomery Avenue in Merion on Saturday May 20, 2017 between 10:00am and 3:00pm. Learn about the key role of horses in Lower Merion at this time and about the challenges to simplicity-loving Quakers presented by growing wealth. There will be re-enactors in period garb, a blacksmith demonstration, a quilt turning and period crafts and games for children. Visitors may also take tours of both the Meetinghouse, which dates to 1695, and the burying ground, oldest in the area. Hand-cut silhouettes and horse-drawn carriage rides will be available for a fee and visitors may purchase hot and cold food from the period.

In response to this year's *One Book, One Lower Merion* selection, *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, and other popular media, there has been renewed interest in the journeys of enslaved people and the Underground Railroad. Festival exhibits will include Quakers' roles in the American abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad as well as the role of horses and carriages in Lower Merion then; and Quaker dress in the early nineteenth century.

For more information, [click here](#).

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THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY***

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.

