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Greetings from the Lower Merion Historical Society.

We're thrilled to be reviving our dormant newsletter, Milestones, and hope you will enjoy keeping up with us.

Wishing you a happy and healthy start to the year!

Happy New Year!

Members and friends delighted in delicious food and even better company at our first annual holiday party, held at the beautiful and historic conservatory at [Laurel Hill West](#). The Board enjoyed meeting our members and brainstorming with our attendees and looks forward to many more events in the coming year!



Full album of photos available on our [Facebook page](#).

75 Years of the LMHS!

October 24, 2024, will be [the 75th birthday of the Lower Merion Historical Society](#), and we plan to celebrate! Stay tuned for ways you can get involved and make history!

Introducing Paige Bartello

We received an impressive number of applicants and were fortunate to have many highly talented and qualified candidates for our brand-new Administrative Coordinator position. After thorough consideration, we are delighted to announce that Paige Bartello has been selected for and accepted the role.

Paige Bartello is a Master's graduate from Temple University with a degree in Public History. She brings experience from internships with Temple University Special Collections, the American Philosophical Society, and the Hagley Museum and Library. Paige's focuses include archives management and primary source education for K-12 students.

Welcome, Paige!

Upcoming Programs

Mark your calendars:

- **February 20** - 7pm - 8pm - virtual - [Learning About Slavery in the Greater Philadelphia Region](#)
- **March 26** - 7pm - 8pm - virtual - [To Be of Use Somewhere in France: The Woman's Club of Bala Cynwyd during the First World War](#)

Save the date:

- **April 2024** - Philadelphia Country Club, Gladwyne - [Camp Discharge](#) Historical Marker and Plaque Dedication Ceremony. Details to come.
- **Fall 2024** - Bala Cynwyd - [Women of Idenlea Estate](#) Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony ([video here](#)). Details to come.

Much more to come - stay tuned for updates!

50 Years Ago in Lower Merion



In 1974, the Lower Merion-Narberth Watershed Association was established by Dr. Arthur Wolfe, a Lower Merion High School science educator. He led numerous initiatives to enhance stream conditions, primarily in Mill Creek, aiming to improve water flow and reintroduce native trout. Initially, his science students assisted as volunteers, but Wolfe eventually formed a non-profit community organization to manage more extensive projects. Over time, the LMNWA executed several stream bank restoration projects in places such as [Harriton House](#) and [West Mill Creek Park](#), was involved in planting trout eggs, and conducted regular stream chemistry monitoring, among other activities. In 1995, the LMNWA merged into the Lower Merion Preservation Trust and formed the [Lower Merion Conservancy](#), which continues to do fantastic work to this day.



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***Mission Statement of 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.

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