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# Heritage Headlines

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## Bradley Hendershot: A Sense of Place

**Opening Reception**  
**Saturday, November 11, 2006**  
**6:00—9:00 pm**

An exhibition of 40 paintings

**November 12, 2006 — January 14, 2007**

In partnership with the Schuylkill National and State Heritage Area— see flyer insert.

All sales of paintings benefit the Heritage Center.

Exhibit sponsored by:



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### Annual Fall Meeting The Society of the Descendants of the Schwenkfeldian Exiles

**Sunday, October 22, 2006**

2:00 pm - Annual Meeting

2:30 pm - Program—Dr. John Crellin:

"Abraham Wagner: Schwenkfelder Exile and Pennsylvania Physician. What does he tell us about health care in the 18th century and today?"



Dr. Crellin holds British qualifications in medicine and in pharmacy and an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in the history of science. He is currently on staff at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada. The 18th century Wagner manuscript offers insights into medical conditions facing colonial Pennsylvanians.

### *Fraktur Classes for Adults With Fraktur Artist Michael S. Kriebel*

This beginners class includes an overview of the history of fraktur, penmanship exercises for lettering in cursive, printing and drawing on paper.

Guided instruction for executing a fraktur piece with three main elements: design, color (done in inks) and lettering. **Saturday, October 28, 2006, from 10-4**

Cost is \$30.00 and includes all materials plus a copy of the artist's Fraktur Manual.

Complete and return the form on page 4 by October 20th to reserve your spot!



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## All Aboard

There's a whole world of extraordinary 'S' gauge trains on your horizon at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, 105 Seminary St., Pennsburg, Pa. Join us for the **North Penn "S" Gaugers** train display on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Children are also encouraged to visit Santa from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM both days. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 215-679-3103 or at the door during the event. Adult tickets are \$5 each and tickets for children under the age of twelve are \$2 each. Tickets are valid for both days of the train display and may be used to enter the raffle for the door prize—an HO train set, including track and a transformer, valued at \$125. Get ready for an adventure around every bend!



## Collections Treasure Hunt

The curatorial and archival departments of the Heritage Center are always seeking new additions to the collection, and there are always a few top-of-mind pieces – the “most wanted” treasures that would be critical to the interpretation and preservation of Schwenkfelder heritage. The objects listed below would be invaluable as we work toward an informed, comprehensive understanding of the daily lives of the Schwenkfelders of the past. Please note that we are delighted with all of the gifts that come our way, and that these objects listed are the more elusive heirlooms that may be still in Schwenkfelder families.

1. A clock made by Samuel Krauss
2. Fraktur by Susanna Heebner and David Kriebel
3. “Townscape” needlework pictures, and information or patterns documenting their creation
4. Any artifacts/books/manuscript material owned by the Schwenkfelder immigrants in the Old World
5. Manuscript letters, account books, journals and other papers by Schwenkfelders documenting their lives in America from the time after immigration to 1850
6. Mid 19<sup>th</sup> century Schwenkfelder wool quilts/ wool embroidery, and information documenting their creation
7. 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century clothing owned by Schwenkfelders
8. Objects of Schwenkfelder childhood prior to 1900

Also, objects, papers and other materials from non-Schwenkfelder Pennsylvania German families of the Perkiomen region are always wanted! As we attempt to gain this greater perspective on the history and culture of the region, inclusiveness is essential.

And don't forget, your donation may be tax-deductible!

## Library Exhibits Planned

The Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center houses an extensive collection of documents by, about, and related to Caspar Schwenckfeld and the Schwenkfelders as well as many other collections. Many of these documents preserve the Schwenkfelder experience and are extremely important for understanding the Schwenkfelder legacy. Beginning in September the Library plans to mount exhibits of some of these documents so that they can be seen first-hand. Each exhibit will be mounted in display cases located inside the entrance hall into the Reading Room on the First Floor and will run for two months.

- September / October: Schwenkfelder Publications 1742-1869
- November / December: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Schwenkfelder Correspondence
- January / February: Caspar Schwenckfeld Publications
- March: Publications by Selina Gerhard Schultz

In addition to the regularly changing exhibits, a special exhibit is being planned in conjunction with the symposium on medical practice in colonial America, October 21, and presentation on Abraham Wagner on October 22, 2006, at the meeting of the Exile Society.



## Hose, Hook and Ladder 2006 Local Firehouse Architecture: from Necessity to Practicality September 20—October 25

This year's exhibit features photos with descriptions of early, local firehouses, and their metamorphosis to buildings housing modern fire equipment and the training of volunteer firefighters. **Hose, Hook and Ladder** also highlights the changes in the equipment (for each local company) that necessitated the building transformations. Through photos and interpretive text, we will explain some of the changes in laws and insurance regulations that fed improvements to the firehouses as well - from the casual, off the street volunteer, to the highly trained firefighters who volunteer today. The exhibit will be augmented by a display of firefighting equipment. The Trumbauersville pumper and hose cart will be featured in the Reception Area.





## Fall Into Leaves This Season With Our Workshop Series About Books!

From bookbinding to marbling and papermaking we'll discover the many different forms of book arts working with examples from our archive and museum exhibits, through the 17th century to present.

We have a **new time frame!** Come to the library right after school and sleep in on Saturdays! Call for registration. Cost remains **\$5.00** for each. Visit the lobby of the library for examples of projects, registration forms and extended listings.

### Papermaking

Thursday, September 28, 2006 3:30PM-5:00PM  
Ages 5+

Until the 1700s paper was made from cotton rags and linen scraps. In 1690, William Rittenhouse founded the first paper mill in the United States near Germantown, PA. Join us as we explore why, when and how paper was first made— including making your own sheet of paper. There's even a mummy involved.

### Marbled Paper

Saturday, October 14 2006 10:30AM-Noon  
Ages 5+

Bring in your own paper to use or using our paper, create marbled sheets. Marbling endpapers and sides of bound books were popular during the 18th and 19th centuries. Today, marbled paper is typically used for stationary and scrapbook pages.

### Accordion Bookmaking

Thursday, November 2 2006 3:30PM-4:30PM  
Ages 5+

Using one sheet of paper, you can easily create a small book! Learn how to make an accordion book and begin writing and illustrating your own story.

### Five Stitch Bookbinding

Saturday, November 18 2006 10:30AM-Noon  
Ages 6+

Some books are sewn at the center of folds of paper, others are sewn sideways, from holes that are stabbed through each sheet. Learn a simple binding method using needle and thread. All materials will be provided for you to make your own journal.

### Pop-Up Books

Thursday, December 7, 2006 3:30PM-4:30PM  
Ages 6+

Moveable books, or pop-up books were originally created to learn anatomy and science before the age of printing. After a special reading of a selected fairy tale pop-up book related to our fairy tale exhibit, *Once Upon a Time*, we'll create a few simple pop-up pages to create your own pop-up book!

**Send us your email address!  
Our Fall education eNewsletter is  
available for delivery into your inbox!  
Past issues are available on our web-  
site, [www.schwenkfelder.com](http://www.schwenkfelder.com)**

## New Education Partnerships and Programs at the Schwenkfelder Library

### Teacher Advisory Committee

On June 22, five educators met at the library with our museum educator, to evaluate and suggest programming as well as generate a sustained school and library partnership. As a result, we have gained a stronger insight into promoting, designing and maintaining programs and interest for school teachers, church members, special interest groups and other community members. We will meet again in November to discuss changes, and future programs. If you'd like to participate as a member of our teacher advisory committee, please call 215 679 3103. Meetings are twice a year, Spring and Fall seasons.

### Perkiomen Student Exhibit Spring 2007

Perkiomen School will be offering a Museum Studies elective course in Spring 2007. Students will meet at the library with our staff from one to four times a week throughout the course. They will learn about the history of museum and library practices, familiarize themselves with our collection and team curate an exhibit in our Local History Gallery. Dr. Lisa Swart will be teaching the Perkiomen course in collaboration with our educator and curator.

### Upper Perkiomen Valley Library

For our *Hose, Hook and Ladder* and *Once Upon a Time Fairy Tale Characters* by Stacey Clark exhibits, we will be posting suggested reading lists for children and families from the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library. Keep your eye out for special programs this winter at the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library and the Schwenkfelder Library related to our changing exhibits!



## *Spirituality and Medicine in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century PA German Community: From Folk Remedies to Professional Practice*

A Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center Symposium

**Saturday, October 21, 2006 9:00 am—3:30 pm**

**Lunch and Refreshments Provided**

**Cost: \$30.00**

Speakers include

- Dr. John Crellin
- Dr. Don Yoder
- Dr. A. Gregg Roeber
- Donald "Abe" Roan
- Michael Showalter
- Candace Perry

Participation by registration only. Please call the Heritage Center at 215-679-3103 for a detailed brochure or see our website: [www.schwenkfelder.com](http://www.schwenkfelder.com) for registration information.

This program has been supported in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, the Federal-State Partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



## **Make a Date to Re-live History**

Learn what took place in the Upper Perkiomen Valley in school, in church, and in the neighborhood. Local historians Alan Keyser and Larry Roeder will conduct two different tours to sites not open to the public with stories of events that took place during the past 300 years. You will experience behind-the-scenes sights with associated tales and rumors.

- *Historic homes*
- *Industry sites*
- *Inns, mills*
- *Schoolhouse*
- *Meetinghouse*
- *& Much more*

**\*\*Includes bonus program on railroads in the Valley\*\***

Presented by Aaron Heckler

**9 A.M. and 1 P.M. tours for just \$20 each**

*(Each tour repeated at each time)*

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Details and reservations at  
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center  
215-679-3103

**Book early, seats are limited!!**

**WORKSHOP IS  
DESIGNED FOR  
ADULTS WHO ARE  
BEGINNERS TO  
ADVANCED**

## **FRAKTUR CLASS WITH ARTIST**

**MICHAEL S. KRIEBEL** Saturday, October 28, 2006  
10 am - 4 pm

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Address \_\_\_\_\_

Debbie Dunkelberger Phone \_\_\_\_\_ My Check is enclosed for \$30.00

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105 Seminary Street \_\_\_\_\_ Charge my Credit Card for \$30.00

Pennsburg, PA 18073 VISA or Master Card Number Expires \_\_\_\_\_

The cost of \$30.00 includes all materials and a copy of the FRAKTUR MANUAL booklet written by the artist. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED to 20 participants and prepaid registration deadline is October 20, 2006.

The class will consist of several parts:

1. An overview of the history of fraktur.
2. Penmanship exercises for lettering in cursive, printing, and drawing on paper.
3. Guided instructions for executing a fraktur piece with three main elements: Design, Color (done w/ inks), & Lettering.

**Please bring a bag lunch.**



## Fall Calendar 2006

### Fall 2006/Winter 2007 Exhibits

Through September 15, 2006

**PA Germans and the Victorian Taste, 1835-1900**

Local History Gallery—Sponsored by:  
The Central Schwenkfelder Ladies' Aid Society

Through October 15, 2006

**Print to Pictures: Fraktur Derived from Printed Sources** Fraktur Gallery

Through September 30, 2006

**Hooked Rug Show—Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild** Meeting Room

September 20—October 25, 2006

**Hose, Hook and Ladder—“Local Firehouse Architecture - From Necessity to Practicality”**

Local History Gallery

November 12, 2006 — January 14, 2007

**Bradley Hendershot—“A Sense of Place” -**

Art Gallery and Meeting Room—Sponsored by:  
Harleysville National Bank

November 12, 2006 — January 30, 2007

**Christmas Putz—** Local History Gallery

November 12, 2006 — January 30, 2007

**PA Dutch Button Collectors Club**

Wall display Cases

November 28, 2006 — March 25, 2007

**Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tale Characters by Stacey Clark—**Fraktur Gallery

### Wish List Thank You's

- Sara Borr—Storage Units from IKEA
- Gerald and Merrilyn King—Exhibit Lights
- Elizabeth W. Tetlow—catalogs and yarn for Educational use
- Claire Lukas—pink pearl erasers
- Robin Hepler Design—Bradley Hendershot Exhibit Catalog sponsor
- Mary Jane Ellis—Exhibit Lights

We have but one item to consider for this quarter:

- 20 slim style document cases for housing loose manuscript collections—\$80.00

### Fall 2006 Programs and Events

September 23 or 23, 2006

Local History Tours—9:00 am and 1:00 pm

October 21, 2006

Spirituality and Medicine in the 18th Century PA German Community: From Folk Remedies to Professional Practice Symposium.

October 22, 2006—2:30 pm

Abraham Wagner's Recipe book—its significance to today—Dr. John Crellin

October 28, 2006

Fraktur Class with Michael Kriebel

November 11, 2006—6:00—9:00 pm

Bradley Hendershot Exhibit Opening Reception

December 2, 2006—10:00 am—5:00 pm

Christmas Market (snow date Dec 3 12—5)

December 9 & 10, 2006

Train Faire

*Please accept our sincere apologies for the errors in our Annual Fund 2005/2006 Report to Donors:*

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### Annual Campaign 2006/2007

Watch your mailboxes for your opportunity to become a Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center donor! We will be mailing your invitation to support this important community asset in early November. The campaign closes with our fiscal year on March 31, 2007. Thank you in advance for considering a gift for this year's Annual Campaign.



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Sat	10 - 3
Sun	1 - 4



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**CHRISTMAS MARKET:**

**A TOUR OF PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN TRADITIONS & FOLK ART**

**December 2 ~ 10 am to 5 pm**

Join the Heritage Center and our friends at the Mennonite Heritage Center in Harleysville and the Goschenhoppen Historians in Green Lane for a day of Christmas shopping and good cheer! Our organizations have joined together to offer our visitors a splendid array of handcrafted folk art for sale in addition to our delightful holiday exhibits.



**ATTENTION CRAFTERS:** The SLHC is looking for a small amount of quality crafts to feature on a consignment basis at the Christmas Market. Contact Candace Perry.

*Start out with us:*

**SHOP:** Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center's FATHER CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE; Fun & affordable holiday décor and gifts.

**EXHIBITS:** Traditional Christmas Putz; Bradley Hendershot: A Sense of Place; PA Dutch Button Collector's Club; Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tale Characters by Stacey Clark

*Then on to the Goschenhoppen Historians:*

**SHOP:** Vintage Christmas Collectibles, Home Baked Goodies, Folk Festival Craftsmen's Wares

**EXHIBIT:** Trees and Trains, 18th and 19th century holiday exhibits in the Museum

**LOCATION:** Red Men's Hall, Routes 29 and 63, Green Lane

*Finish your day at the Mennonite Heritage Center:*

**SHOP:** Pennsylvania German Folk Art Sale, featuring the finest traditional crafts

**EXHIBIT:** PA German Barns

**LOCATION:** 565 Yoder Road, Harleysville

**SNOW DAY:** Sunday, Dec. 3, 12 pm to 5 pm -- call the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center at 215-679-3103 or the Mennonite Heritage Center at 215-256-3020 in case of inclement weather.