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Pennsylvania Heritage Festival

September 21 & 22 2024

Free Admission

Mark your calendars now for the 2024 **Pennsylvania Heritage Festival** featuring the historical buildings of the Heritage Village, living—history demonstrations, exhibits, and hands-on activities, an outstanding opportunity for an education into our past. Enjoy Craft and Direct Sales vendors as well as non-profit organizations presenting their 'mission.'

A Family oriented event with food, deserts and music by Jacob Gilpin.

The central focus of the *Heritage Village* is the 1822 Gregory Inn, built to be a stage coach stop. The Carriage House (circ 1880's, is one of two remaining original Troy Fair buildings) houses an extensive collection of horse drawn sleighs, buggies and wagons. Learn about how maple syrup is made at the Sugar House visit the Children's Church, Dr. Campbells Office and Porter's Barber Shop. The Thomas One Room School will take you back to an earlier era as will the General Store.

Browse the main museum, learn about the Civil Defense Disaster Hospital, and our newest exhibit the reconstructed wooden silo and silo history, a walk through experience. Additional exhibits include: the tin shop, blacksmith, PA Grange, textile, toys, and horse drawn farm equipment and much more.

The Pennsylvania Heritage Festival is held annually the 3rd weekend in September on the grounds of the Heritage Village and Farm Museum, Alparon Park, Troy, PA.

Vendor applications are available on our web site https://theheritagevillage.org/pa-heritage-festival

Volunteers are welcome to demonstrate a skill from the past, assist a demonstrator, be a building monitor or help at the food booth, if you are interested please contact Barbara Barrett bbarrett362@comcast.net



Volunteers- The Heart of the Museum, programs and events

Troy Town Band Concert & Ice Cream Social— Just as we finished setting up outside the skies darken and we hustled to bring everything inside. Lots of helpers on hand made quick work of the move.



Thank you to the Troy Town Band for another enjoyable evening. Director Robert Oldroyd provided background on the many favorite songs. Also thanks to folks who donated the sundae toppings and to Walt Wittie for the home made ice cream.







These dedicated

weekly volunteers

are currently

cataloguing the



The Neverslip Horseshoe Co. was established in Boston in 1885 to manufacture horseshoes

and horseshoe calks—studs that screw into the bottoms of horseshoes to provide

Items in the Blacksmith Bay

and keeping current with recent donations.



Terren Smith

Information to schedule a tea

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The Victorian Tea and Creative Card Craft event was well attended, folks enjoyed a Victorian Tea, the most quintessential of English customs in the 1822 Gregory Inn. Folks learned the history of the 'Tea' and tasted its traditional foods. Then expressed their creativity making several greeting cards. Thanks to volunteers: Johann Dickerson, Stephani Olver, Theresa McKerrow, Chelsea Wagner, Mike Kelly, Marie Seymour,

traction in slippery

conditions—as well as specialized tools related to their shoes and calks. In 1896 the Neverslip Horseshoe Co. was incorporated in New Brunswick, NJ, by Robert W. Johnson (one of the three brothers who had co-founded Johnson & Johnson a decade earlier). It is uncertain whether the company was immediately renamed to the Neverslip Manufacturing Co., or if those two names co-existed for a time.

in 1917 the Manufacturers' Iron & Steel Co. was established which was a holding company for Neverslip Manufacturing Co., the Neverslip Manufacturing Co., Ltd., of Montreal, and the Bryden Horseshoe Co., of Catasaugua, Pa. By about 1919 the company was doing business as the Neverslip Works of New Brunswick, NJ. In 1923 the businesses were re-organized as the Bryden-Neverslip Co. and the Neverslip facilities were



relocated to Catasaugua. In 1928 the Bryden-Neverslip Co. was acquired by the Phoenix Horse Shoe Co., of Joliet, Illinois, and their manufacturing facilities were converted to the production of commercial forgings and flanges.

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Basket Weaving Demonstration at the Pennsylvania Heritage Festival

Jo continues to teach others the basics of basketmaking here at the Heritage Village and Farm Museum.

Visit Jo demonstrating basket weaving in the Carriage House at the Festival and take advantage of two opportunities to register to participate in a workshop and make your own basket.

Tuesday Oct 8,2024 11AM-3PM

Saturday Oct 26, 2024 11AM-3PM In the community area of the main museum



A dedicated and professional basket maker, Jo Page graduated from Mansfield University, and then moved to Sarasota-Venice, Florida. Her actual introduction to basketry was very casual but soon developed into a

passion for learning. Returning to the area several years ago, weaving and living in Columbia Cross Roads.

The Gregory Inn project is nearing completion. Yet to do: finish painting the siding and outside trim, clean, repair and paint windows, garage door to be installed, landscaping and building storage shelves in the garage. Then the collections team will clean and document all the artifacts that were stored in the garage. The house got a 'deep cleaning', thank you Johann Dickerson and Marie Seymore. Barb Barrett power washed the Inn back porch. The Tuesday work crew has been busy all summer—painting siding, preparing and installing new windows, removing trash and washing windows.











