

# Milton Historical Society

## *Common Ground*

Fall 2010

### **“Best of Milton” Auction to Feature Trips, Fine Dining, Antiques and Art**

Everything from a symphony package to a cruise to Bermuda will be up for bid during a silent and live auction to benefit the Milton Historical Society on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Guests will enjoy live music, hors d'oeuvres, Dogfish Head beer and Teller wines from 4 to 7:30 p.m., as they shop for a large array of items, trips and services.



**Bid on a cruise to Bermuda aboard Royal Caribbean's *Enchantment of the Seas*.**

One weekend package will feature a luxury hotel room and orchestra seats for a special performance of Mozart's "Magic Flute" performed by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Marin Alsop. A 5 night cruise to Bermuda leaving from Baltimore on Royal Caribbean's *Enchantment of the Seas*--May 14th or 28<sup>th</sup>--will also be a featured item.

The 5th annual Auction and Party also will offer rare books and antiques, rounds of golf, landscaping services, dining at fine restaurants, rides in vintage airplanes and boats, and beauty and health treatments. The silent auction will be followed by a live auction of special items and services. Each year guests vie for a dozen farm fresh eggs from Gladys Wilkins' banty hens Eney, Meeney, Miney and Moe.

The event takes place at the Milton Fire Hall, 116 Front Street in downtown Milton. Tickets are \$10. For information call 684-1010 or visit [www.historicmilton.org](http://www.historicmilton.org).

### **Antiques Show to Bring Dozens of Dealers to Milton**

Join us for the 3rd annual Milton Historical Society Antiques Show on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 am- 3 pm. The show will feature 25-30 quality antiques dealers from around the peninsula. The show is promoted by Matt Greig, owner of Antiques in Milton. The show will be held, rain or shine, on the lot next to the museum (210 Union Street, Milton). Admission is \$2 to benefit the MHS.



For inquiries contact: 302-684-1010. For dealer information contact: Matt @ (302) 684-4499 or email [div2roty@aol.com](mailto:div2roty@aol.com).

## WISH LIST

We recently received a grant from the Freeman Foundation to develop an educational program targeted towards children in grades 3-8. We are currently seeking objects that can be used in a hands-on “traveling trunk” to show children what life was like for a Milton family in the late 19th century (c. 1890). Everyday tasks like bathing and laundering clothes were more of a challenge without our modern conveniences like electricity. We are seeking the following antique items for the program that will be handled and touched by the kids (and thus possibly broken!!!!).

- Ceramic pitcher and basin for washing up
  - Flat iron (also called a sad iron)



- Wooden bucket with handle for laundry
  - Chamber stick
  - Oil lamp
  - Tin bathtub
- Stereoviewer/scope & stereo views

**Can you help? We would love to hear from you!**

We are also asking for donations of \$50 & \$100 to help pay for buses to bring children to the museum.

For more information please contact: Melinda Huff at 302-684-1010 or [info@historicismilton.org](mailto:info@historicismilton.org).

## Traveling Cataloguer Explores Sussex County Gems

The Lewes Historical Society, the Milton Historical Society, and the Rehoboth Beach Historical Society were pleased to have Gregory Mark as an intern over the summer. Greg was the first recipient of what we hope will be an ongoing tradition, the Coastal Sussex Traveling Internship. Greg is spent 3.3 weeks over the summer at each local museum assisting with designated cataloguing and digitization projects. The internship was partially funded by a grant from the Delaware Museum Association.



Greg (above), a Sussex County resident, is a rising senior at the University of Delaware with a double major in history and political science and a minor in Jewish Studies. Greg commented, “I’m extremely fortunate to have this type of experience with three different museums in one summer.”

Over the summer, Greg examined and catalogued hundreds of photographs, documents and objects with Sussex County histories. These include early 19<sup>th</sup> century legal documents, family papers from a Milton Civil War veteran, and bathing suits from the early 1900s. Greg has a particular interest in military history and will complete a thesis on the Congressional Medal of Honor this year. Following his internship, he will continue helping the Rehoboth Beach Historical Society gather research for an upcoming exhibit on World War II. Nancy Alexander, Director at the Rehoboth Beach Historical Society, remarked, “Greg is a hard-working, smart University of Delaware student who really loves history and has a great attitude. We were fortunate to have him helping us this summer.”

## NEWS & VIEWS

**Family Fun Day a Huge Success!** Over 500 parents, grandparents, kids, and kids-at-heart came out to help us celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Milton Family Fun Day. Thanks to the **Milton Fire Department** for fire truck rides and providing information on fire safety; the **MFD Ladies Auxiliary** for the tasty refreshments; the **Milton Lions Club** for free train rides on the Clipper Express; and the **Milton Public Library** for providing the magician, Steve Woyce of Full Effect Productions.



*Above: Rebecca Hudson rides on the Milton Fire Dept. brush vehicle with her uncle Jack Hudson. Jesse Millman looks on in the background.*

**MHS Partners with Milton Public Library and Autism Delaware.** Over the summer, the MHS forged new partnerships with local organizations, including the Milton Public Library and Autism Delaware. During the program “Broadkill Boatbuilding 101” at the library, children learned about Milton’s seafaring past and built their own model shallop. Autism Delaware’s “morning at the museum” allowed kids to complete a scavenger hunt, make a button flower, or create a quilt square. The favorite activity by far, however, was an introduction to geocaching lead by MHS Board Member and Education Committee member, Mary Schwanky. **Below: Participant Dylan Carnright “caches” with volunteer Mary Schwanky.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 7:30 pm**

**5th Annual Auction & Party**

Join us for food, fun and furious bidding to support the museum. \$10 at the door. Held at the Milton Fire Hall (116 Front Street)

**Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**

**Magnificent & Modest Walking Tour of Milton**

Join us for a walking tour of the historic district. Members: Free. Non-members: \$5.

**Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-3 pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MHS Antiques Show**

25-30 quality antique dealers in the lot next to the museum. Rain or shine. \$2 at the entrance.

**Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Noon**

**Governors’ Day Luncheon,**

**Featured guest: Governor Jack Markell**

Milton was home to five Governors in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Join us for lunch as we celebrate this unique day in the Town’s history.

\$20 per person. Held at the Milton Fire Hall.

Tickets must be purchased by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**

**Magnificent & Modest Walking Tour of Milton**

Join us for a walking tour of the historic district.

Members: Free. Non-members: \$5.

*Last tour of the season!*

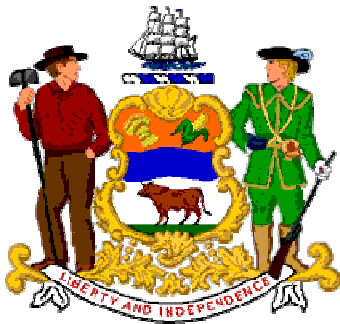
## **LIMITED EDITION CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ARE IN! \$22 each**

Our limited edition ornament this year features St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church. The ornaments are based on the art photography of Geri Dibiasse. Each is hand-painted using the eglomisé technique (reverse painting on glass).





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**Held at the Milton Fire Hall (116 Front Street)**  
\$20 per person, must be purchased by October 1st.  
Co-sponsored by the Milton Historical Society and the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

Please call 302-684-1010 for reservations or questions. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.historicismilton.org/events](http://www.historicismilton.org/events)

### ***DO YOU REMEMBER.....***

#### **The B-26 crash near Waples Pond in 1949?**

Recently Mrs. Beverly Cooley of Troy, New York visited Milton hoping to learn more about the death of her brother near Milton. Mrs. Cooley's brother, Earl Burns, was one of five military men killed in a plane crash in February of 1949. The plane, a B-26, was engaged in a flight from Mitchell Air Force Base, New York to Greenville Air Force Base, South Carolina when it encountered heavy snow and ice and crashed next to Waples Pond. The plane was demolished on impact. Mrs. Cooley visited Milton in July and resident Joyce Moore walked Mrs. Cooley around the crash site, where remarkably they discovered pieces of the wreckage.

Do you remember this event? If so, could you please record your memories on paper and send them to the MHS at PO Box 1112, Milton, DE 19968 or email: [info@historicismilton.org](mailto:info@historicismilton.org).