

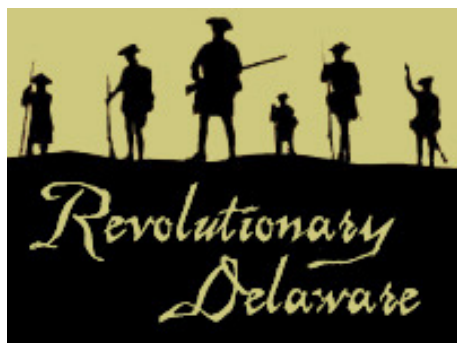
Milton Historical Society

Common Ground

Winter 2009-2010

Revolutionary Delaware and Vietnam Mailbag Exhibits Highlight 2010

The Milton Historical Society is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibitions, *Revolutionary Delaware* and *Vietnam Mailbag*, both on loan from the Delaware Public Archives.



Revolutionary Delaware

January 15- April 3, 2010

Opening Reception, Friday, January 15, 5-7pm

Revolutionary Delaware tells the story of the drafting of Delaware's Declaration of Rights, the outstanding reputation of the Delaware Continentals, and Delaware's role in the Battle of Cowpens.

Vietnam Mailbag

April 9- June 2010

Opening Reception and Lecture with Nancy Lynch, Friday, April 9, 7pm

War letters and weapons, patches, pins and pictures are front and center among the military memorabilia showcased in *Vietnam Mailbag: The Exhibit*.

The compelling exhibit debuted at the Delaware Public Archives in Dover on Veterans Day, 2008 with the release of the award-winning book, *Vietnam Mailbag, Voices From the War: 1968-1972*, by Nancy E. Lynch. The 456-page social history is based on Lynch's popular News Journal column, Nancy's Vietnam Mailbag, which received nearly 1,000 letters and hundreds of pictures from Delaware servicemen on the front lines.



WE DID IT!

The Milton Historical Society is pleased to announce that we have collected \$150,000 in pledges to match Tom Draper's \$150,000 challenge. This totals over \$300,000 for our Endowment Fund. An endowment is a way to ensure an institution's long-term success. A small percentage of the income made by the fund will be used for annual operating expenses but *the principal will remain untouched*.

What's next? Beginning in January, our Board of Trustees will form a strategic planning team. This team will help us create a long-term plan to tackle such challenges as: expanded exhibition and storage space for our growing collection, funding conservation of the existing building and collections, and expansion of our school and adult programs.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED
TO HELP US BUILD & GROW OUR
ENDOWMENT!**



FROM THE ARCHIVES

“Town Council has repealed Section 7 of the Town Ordinances by passing another, in relation to automobiles; the chief clauses are: that the speed limit shall be eight miles an hour, not more; the horn shall be blown at every cross street; and mufflers shall be closed on entering the town.”

Excerpted from the “Milton News” section of the *Milford Chronicle*, Friday, April 10, 1914. Thanks to Fay Burnham who recently donated this newspaper to the museum.



SAVE THE DATE!
Delmarva Roots Film Series
Held at the Milton Theatre

January 29th
February 19th
March 19th

A documentary film series exploring
our local landscape and culture
in partnership with the
Rehoboth Beach Film Society

PICTURING HISTORY IN MILTON...CAN YOU GUESS THE YEAR?



Interior of J. D. Robbins Store on Union Street. Robbins' store sold penny candy, Corn Flakes, coffee, Oxydol soap powder, Scott Towels, and even Kool-Aid!

Courtesy of Connie & Jack Bushey

ANSWER ON P. 3



EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE



Diane Hake & Judy Fisher enjoy the 4th annual Best of Milton Auction, which raised close to \$16,000 for the museum. Janet Terner photo.



Bud Wagner & Bet Orr decide what to bid on next at the Best of Milton Auction! Janet Terner photo.



Members, volunteers & friends enjoyed a trip to Georgetown, Washington, DC to visit Tudor Place & Dumbarton Oaks. Richard Wheeler photo.

Beans, Buttons, and Boats! Patriots and Tories! Hawks and Doves! The list is only a sampling of the topics for which the cheerful, dedicated, and thoroughly professional members of the Milton Historical Society’s Education Committee will design programs. In the eighteen months since its creation the committee has invited students from pre-school through sixth grade to participate in educational activities which connect the holdings of the Museum to the curriculum standards of the schools. Back will be old favorites of ours, of our community’s students, and of their teachers. These include programs which make use of artifacts and create activities associated with significant Milton historical events such as shipbuilding and button making. Last year, the committee took advantage of two major exhibits mounted at the Museum to expand our educational offerings. The Smithsonian Institution’s “Fences” exhibit and the Museum exhibit commemorating the Great 1909 Milton Fire provided the committee with opportunities to enrich the learning of our community’s school children and to establish a connection between them and our Museum.

This year, we are once again fortunate to have two major exhibits visit our Museum. Our selection to mount the Delaware Archives exhibits entitled Revolutionary Delaware and Vietnam Mailbag provides the committee members with two real challenges and gives us the chance to expand the student population which we serve. Since both middle school and high school curricula specifically include study of the American Revolution and America’s involvement in the Vietnam War, we hope to welcome the new visits of our older student populations even as we renew our established relationships with our younger student groups. None of this is possible, of course, without the dedication, creativity, and hours of volunteer time contributed by our members: Helen Camenisch; Judy Howard; Eileen Redden; Mary Schwanky; Mimi Walls. We enjoyed visiting with you, your children, and their teachers last year. In this new year, we look forward to providing you and all our visitors with another exciting and educational experience.

-Kevin Kelly, Education Committee Chair

THANK YOU! Mr. & Mrs. Barney Lane for funding magnetic name badges for our volunteers!

Answer to Picturing History, p. 2: 1957

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holly Festival

Saturday, December 12th

Museum and gift shop will be open 10am- 6pm. Free! Fine artists and artisans displays. Make a Victorian ornament and enjoy cider and cookies. Be sure to visit the Milton Fire Hall and the Goshen Fellowship Hall for the Holly Festival Craft Show from 9am – 3 pm. The Holiday House Tour to benefit the Historic Milton Theatre will be held from 2-6pm.

Members Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 19th, 2-5 pm

Don't miss our annual members holiday party hosted this year by Eric Nelson. Look for your invitation in the mail soon!

Revolutionary Delaware Exhibit Opening

Friday, January 15th, 5-7pm

Join us for a wine and cheese opening reception with music provided by Coastal Concerts scholarship winner, Ben Simmons.



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ESTATE PLANNING ADVICE

As part of the **Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008** signed into law on October 3, Congress extended the IRA charitable rollover giving incentive through 2009. The incentive allows individuals aged 70 1/2 and older to donate up to \$100,000 from IRAs and Roth IRAs to public charities without having to count the distributions as taxable income.

You can provide for the Milton Historical Society in the future with a gift through your will. Please contact us or your professional advisor to learn more.

We can help you convert non-cash assets like closely-held stock, life insurance, and real estate into a contribution. Ask us how!