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Spring is Sprung



The Early American Craft Education (EACE) program at Boulton preserves and promotes art forms such as Powder Horn carving. For updates on the EACE, see page 5.

SPRINGTIME AT BOULTON

UPDATES AROUND SITE

Can you believe this weather! From an icy, snowy winter to a blustery, wet spring, Mother Nature has not made life on the physical plant at Boulton easy this year. Ice and animals made multiple, costly repairs at the Stone House, or Workers' House, unquestionably necessary. The Stone House is one of two standalone dwellings at Boulton that are privately rented. The revenue generated helps with property maintenance costs, but especially at times like these, costs can exceed income.

A steadfast crew braved the weather on **Spring Clean Up Day**, working hard to tidy the grounds of the Boulton Site before the summer museum season began. From raking stones left from the plow to cleaning windows, necessary tasks were completed that otherwise would have cost the Society money or would have been left regrettably undone.

On **Opening Day** May 1st, close to fifty visitors of all ages explored the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, the John Joseph Henry House, the Summer Kitchen, and the Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop. We are seeing a shift in our visitors from passers by within the park to individuals and families with a specific interest in history who make a planned visit to Boulton. That being said, museum attendance for the rest of May was low. Members are asked to continue to spread the word and invite friends, family, and neighbors to discover Boulton.

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The Jacobsburg Historical Society Board of Directors meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, 403 Henry Road, Nazareth.



The *Jacobsburg Historical Society* is a member-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the art and industry of making early American firearms, and the character of the individuals and community that created and sustained that enterprise.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Renewal

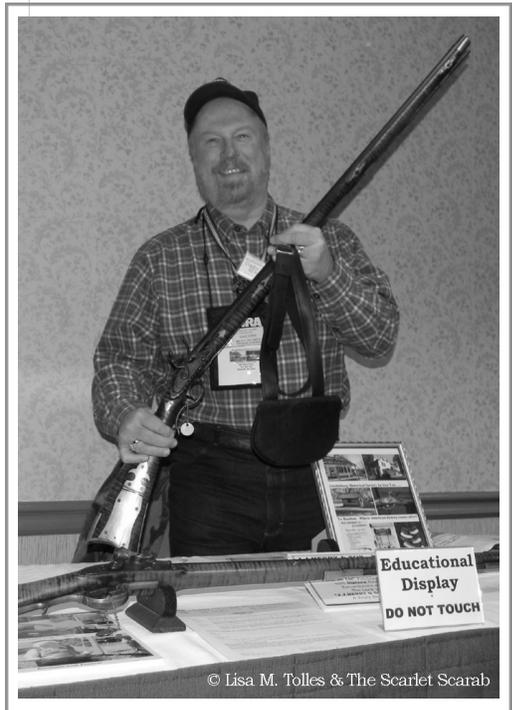
"He who has done his best for his own time has lived for all times."

(Johann von Schiller)

As each of us have emerged from the cold and slippery grip of winter, into the warmth and splendor that only springtime can provide, there is a renewed sense of urgency and anticipation that this year will be better than the last. Boulton has once again come alive with the beauty of flowers, songbirds and the promise of new programs, fun-filled opportunities for volunteers, and expanded facilities. Our membership is renewing itself in both numbers and commitment. Truly, what we do today will be reflected in how others will remember our tomorrows.

Renewal at Boulton will take place in many ways. A quick glance at our calendar reveals opportunities for you to become part of that renewal: Our volunteers will dress up the lawns and gardens; our Board of Directors will meet and greet with all of the many docents; our "Cinderella Squad" will put a clean new face on the John Joseph House museum; interns and docents will continue the ongoing work with collections, cataloguing, media relations, curatorial tasks, archival work and

outreach events. And, of course, there is the amazing exposition of our campus with each class, each rendezvous, each engagement of visitors and public participation in our museums and programs. The palette of renewal is a beautiful



rainbow of new and old faces, all raising their collective eyes to the future.

Come and share some of your best work with us and feel the satisfaction of having lived for all times. You are important; you are the Jacobsburg Historical Society.

~ Dave Ehrig, President
 JHS Board of Directors

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Happy Spring! Welcome to the newest edition of *The Jacobsburg Record*. Did you know that *The Record* has been in existence since the beginning of the Jacobsburg Historical Society in 1973? Since those early days, its been a critical communication and networking tool, from sharing information on current projects to advertising organizational needs to acknowledging the work and dedication of the membership. As part of my thesis towards a Masters in History from Temple University's Center for Public History, I've been reading *The Jacobsburg Record*. So much information is within those pages! As I read, I look for ideas for what *The Record* and the Society should be today.

What do you want to see in *The Jacobsburg Record*? Is there something you miss seeing? Are your interests represented? I'd love to hear your thoughts. This is your newsletter. What shall we say?

~ Lyndsey Brown Frigm, Executive Director

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thoughts from Howie White, Volunteer Coordinator

In a previous issue, I gave an overview of the volunteer needs your Society requires; in this issue I will center on the needs of the John Joseph Henry House.

During the past year the Society has added more viewable tour space to one of the 'Crown Jewels' of the Society. The second floor has been added to the tour; including Granville's Study, the sewing room and of course a Henry bedroom.

Now the addition of these rooms to the tour, along with the original viewing area, may seem a little daunting for a new docent; but let me remind one and all that the tours are now SELF GUIDED. If someone does ask a question which you may not know the answer to, there is always someone available to assist. As a new docent part of the basic training is just assisting in traffic flow between floors to keep the crowds moving.

If being a docent is not for you at this moment, we always have a need for the 'Cinderella Squad'. Everyone needs a little sprucing up before they entertain and the John Joseph Henry House is no different. Before every event there is always something that needs some special cleaning and if this is an

THANK YOU THANK YOU

The following members have generously contributed to the Jacobsburg Historical Society in response to the recent request for general support. Their financial gifts have helped to defray the costs of repairs to the Stone House and other parts of the property after an especially rough winter season.

Mae Atkinson	Roger Huth
Jan & Kevin Ballard	Glenn Kaye
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Thank you to all who have donated this spring and those who have pledged to do so within this calendar year. Your charitable support helps keep the JHS able to serve the public.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND



Historical Reenactment & Kentucky Rifle Frolic

June 18 & 19, 2011

Sat 10am–5pm * Sun 10am-4pm

Members are always free! (Show your card at the gate)

The Rifle Frolic is an excellent time to introduce friends and family to the Boulton Historic Site.

Volunteers for both days are still needed!

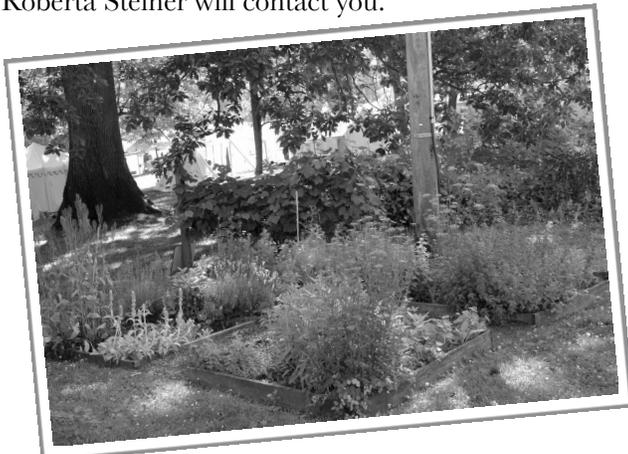
Contact Howie White at whitehcs@rcn.com or 610-253-5162 if you can provide two hours or more of help.

“Volunteer Update” Continued from page 3

area where you may wish to start your docent training, we will be more than glad to have you aboard.

Are interested in ‘Special Event’ setups we can accommodate you in this area also; there is always a need for individual to assist decorating the buildings, assist with set up and take down after events.

If any one of these areas interests you, please contact us here at Jacobsburg at 610-759-9209 or on the web at Jacobsburg@rcn.com and one of our TEAM members, Kay Tomko, Sybil Marsh or Roberta Steiner will contact you.



SAVE THE DATE

When was the last time you sat on the lawns at Boulton and just enjoyed yourself? Picnics and outdoor meals are a long-standing tradition at Boulton, and on **August 27, 2011**, you are invited to a members picnic. Whether a pig roast or a clam bake is still in question, but there will be good food and great company. Stay tuned for specifics on time, menu, and price.

GARDENS IN NEED!

The gardens at Boulton are featured on this year’s Nazareth Arts Center Garden Tour on June 18 & 19, 2011.

Due to the wet cold spring, we are far behind in edging, weeding, and other general maintenance necessary for showing our gardens off at their best.

CAN YOU HELP???

If so, call Bobbie DiGerlando at 610-759-7239

Early American Craft Classes at Boulton

CLASSES UPDATE

Gunsmith Class

The Spring 2011 Class has concluded. If interested in future classes, either beginning or advanced, please contact class coordinator Carl Landis at 610-342-6260 or poniexpl@rcn.com

Powder Horn Class

The 2011 Class has concluded. If interested in future classes, either beginning or advanced, please contact class coordinator Carl Landis at 610-342-6260 or poniexpl@rcn.com

Leather Bag Class

This beginning leather-working class will be offered later in 2011. To place your name on the list for more information, please contact Frank Willis. 610-965-0388 or fwillis@ptd.net

CRAFTSMEN NEEDED

to demonstrate at the
**KUTZTOWN FOLK
FESTIVAL**

Contact **DAVE EHRIG** at
610-360-6787 or dehrig@aol.com



EXPANSION AT BOULTON

Plans are well under way for renovating a section of the barn complex located just beyond the John Joseph Henry House. This has become necessary, largely due to the success of our Early American Craft program. We need space to expand both class sizes and the number of classes we teach. Dedicated space will also allow us to add new types of classes.

The Board of Directors has formed a committee that has obtained construction bids, is in the process of applying for the required permits, and will over see the completion of the project. To date we have raised over 50% of the anticipated cost. All donations are most welcome.

~ *Frank Willis, Project Coordinator*



WORKSHOP PROJECT PARTNERS ANNOUNCED

The Jacobsburg Historical Society is proud to announce the following partners in creation of a craft workshop for the Society's "Early American Craft Education" program at the Boulton Historic Site: Air Products, Inc.; the Contemporary Longrifle Foundation; Embassy Bank; the Kentucky Longrifle Foundation; the Honorable Company of Horners; Northampton County; and an anonymous private donor.

GUNSMITH APPRENTICE CLASS CONCLUDES

The Jacobsburg Historical Society is proud of the reputation of its Gunsmithing Apprentice program. Congratulations to the newest graduates of the program: Joseph Behun (New Ringgold); Gary Kovacs (Palmerton), Mark Lanzanski (Bethlehem); William Mansi (Newtown Square); Joseph Perdick (Whitehall); Matthew Perdick (Schnecksville); Frederick Tim (Pocono Pines); and Ed Weinhofer (Danielsville). Special thanks to the faculty and assistants, whose donation of time and expertise is without measure: Jim Correll; Richard Hujasa; Carl Landis; Hoyt Masterton; and Rocky Schrek.

PENNSYLVANIA LONGRIFLE MUSEUM NEWS

Latest Acquisition

By Ronald G. Gabel, Curator

The Jacobsburg Historical Society will, from time to time, consider donations of items relevant to our mission of preserving the history of the Henry family and its products and services, or items important to our Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum. On rare occasions we will also consider the purchase of like items considered useful or valuable to our mission.

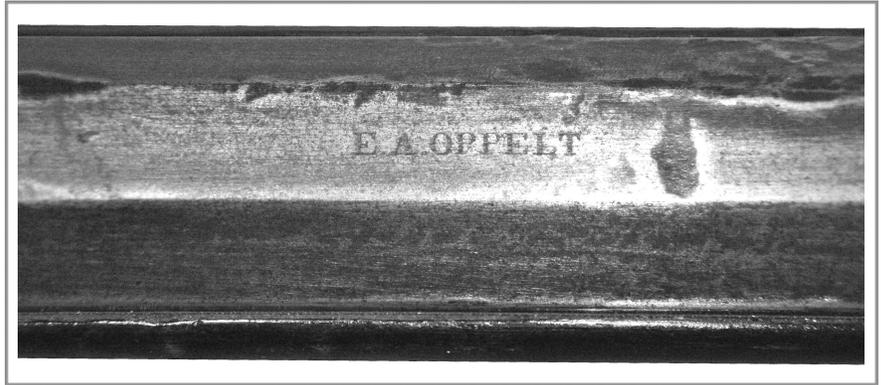
We were recently contacted by a gentleman in California who had a Kentucky Rifle with a percussion lock, converted from flint lock, marked **J.J. Henry Boulton**, which he believed might be of interest to our museum. The rifle, which featured a Henry lock and Henry style patch box, was signed **E.A. Oppelt** on its barrel designating it had been made by Edwin A. Oppelt in Clarion, Pennsylvania northeast of Pittsburgh, PA.

The Boulton factory sold many barrels, locks, triggers and other parts which were shipped to dealers and gun makers in many sections of the country. It was felt this rifle would be of value in interpreting how Henry family gun parts were used by various gun makers throughout Pennsylvania.

Henry gun locks marked **J.J. Henry & Son Boulton** were produced from 1831 when James Henry entered the business with his father John Joseph Henry until J.J. Henry's death in 1836, after which they

continued to be so marked for about another two years. Edwin Oppelt is listed as a gun maker from 1842 to 1847.

It is rewarding to note that people in California are thinking of Pennsylvania's history and of our Jacobsburg Historical Society.



PENNSYLVANIA LONGRIFLE MUSEUM NEWS, CONT.

New Exhibit at Longrifle Museum

While the Henry Longrifle and its role on the frontier is a key component of the Henry story, other Henry rifles made their mark on American history. Among these are the Henry military rifles used during the American Civil War. Jacobsburg Historical Society Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, Robert Newell, Jr. has provided a sampling of Civil War military rifles for display at the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum. The exhibit will run through the 2011 museum season. Guns on display include a U.S. Model 1816 Musket manufactured by M.T. Wickham of Philadelphia, a Model 1817 Common Rifle, made by Easton native Henry Deringer in his Philadelphia factory, and a U.S. Model 1816 Rifle Musket, manufactured in Philadelphia by Jenks & Son.

Civil War Military Rifle Exhibit
On display May 1 - October 30, 2011

Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum
Saturdays & Sundays
Noon - 4 p.m.

Extended Hours During Special Events
Private Tours Available

Jacobsburg Historical Society
403 Henry Road
Nazareth, Penna.

Jacobsburg Historical Society Membership Application

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

(or give this form to someone whose talents and interests will strengthen the Jacobsburg Historical Society!)

This is a: New Membership Renewal Renewal after lapse

Please check desired membership level: Student \$7.00 Individual \$10.00 Family \$20.00

If you wish, amount of additional gift: \$25.00 \$ 50.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 Other: _____

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

How did you hear about the Boulton Historic Site/Jacobsburg Historical Site (JHS)?

What are your areas of interest in Boulton? (I.e. the Henry Family, Pennsylvania Longrifles, Industrial American, the museums, gardens, etc.)

The JHS runs on volunteers. What skills or interests do you wish to share with us to help "Make History Live!" at Boulton?

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Dates to Remember

Upcoming Events

July 18 & 19 17th Annual Rifle Frolic
August 27 Member Picnic
October 29&30 Fur Trade Rendeazvous
November 10 Annual Dinner
December 10 Christmas at Boulton



Directions to Boulton: Take the Belfast exit off PA Route 33. Turn West towards the woods. Pass the Boulton Historic Site parking lot and over the William Henry Atherton Bridge. **Either** turn right into the driveway for 401 Henry Road and follow long drive to parking lot beyond the barns **or** pass 402 Henry Road and turn left onto Schoeneck Ave, driving past the red-roofed barn complex on the left to the pasture beyond.

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