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## COMMENCEMENT AT BOULTON

Commencements are rife throughout the land at this season, and Boulton is no exception. The 1997-98 Gunsmith Apprentice Program has come to a close, and the following Apprentices have received their "diplomas." The graduates are:

Lynn C. Thomas, Bath, Pa.  
George W. Wilhelm, Nazareth, Pa.  
Jeffrey Renninger, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Kenneth C. Mosteller, Stroudsburg, Pa.  
Barry Mosteller, Saylorsburg, Pa.  
Mike Micucci, Nazareth, Pa.  
Bill Kennedy, Center Valley, Pa.  
Rocky Schreck, Wind Gap, Pa.  
James Landitch, Mt. Bethel, Pa.  
Roger Huth, Nazareth, Pa.  
Lawrence A. Faber, Philadelphia, Pa.  
James Shomper, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Instructors were Master Gunsmiths George Dech, Rich Hujsa, and Jim Correll.

The course was held in two sessions. The first from September through November and the second from March through April. The Gun Shop in the basement of the Henry Homestead served as the classroom.

During the course the enthusiasm was high and the warm camaraderie much enjoyed. This served to promote a good attendance record throughout both sessions.

The course of study produced two reproduction Henry long guns, patterned exactly from two long guns in the Society's collection. Thus, two Henry guns were made at Boulton, the first in almost 100 years. They will be on display at the Jacobsburg Rifle Frolic.

The 1998-99 Gunsmith Apprentice Program will start next Fall. Advanced reservation applications can be obtained at Society events or by calling Tim Lubenesky at 262-8171.

## AMERICAN HERITAGE CAMPOREE

Five hundred Boy Scouts attended the North Valley District's Spring Camporee, which was set up in the pastures behind the J. Joseph Henry House at Boulton. The campers erected their tents on Friday, May 15th, and broke camp shortly after Noon on Sunday, May 17th.

In keeping with the theme of the event, primitive scouting skills were taught as well as American flag history. A competition was held for the best made candle lantern.

The Jacobsburg Historical Society added to the historical program with tours of the J. Joseph Henry House and Hearth Cooking in the Summer Kitchen. Henry guns were on display in the Homestead and the Blacksmith Shop displayed this important craft. Outdoors, Society members taught early mountain man skills and black powder shooting with emphasis on safety. Also shown were the art of knife and tomahawk throwing.

An event of this sort demonstrates our dedication to public service and historical education. The scouts proved to be attentive, well-mannered and posed interesting questions from time to time. Thus we serve others while at the same time making our Society better known to the campers and their families.

The contribution to this program by our Society was not a small one. To achieve it took the presence of fourteen volunteers to whom we pay our respects. They were: Dave Algard, Bill Atherton, George Dech, Bob Frick, Ron Gabel, Jack Gera, Paul Hafer, Mike Jones, Tim and Teri Lubenesky, Tom Lynn, Ken Milburn, Rocky Schreck and Mary Ann Van Norman. As usual, Jim Shedlauskas acted as Clerk-of-the-Works.

A plaque expressing appreciation has been presented to the Society by the Minsi Trail Council.

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*The best two things you can give your children are roots and wings.*

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## CORRIDOR NEWS

Jacobsburg is featured in the Spring issue of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission Newsletter. This organization, more familiarly known as the "Historic Corridor," is engaged in creating a history trail along the Lehigh and Delaware Canals and nearby areas of cultural or industrial interest running from Bristol to Mauch Chunk (now Jim Thorpe).



### **CORRIDOR NEWS (Cont'd.)**

The article points out the importance of the area, giving a brief history of the Henry enterprises along the Bushkill, and the Society's long range plan to bring this knowledge before the public.

There is a photograph of our new standard Corridor sign "Boulton", as well as an early picture of the gun factory and Bill Atherton pointing out a relative in another view.

The heart of the program is built on cooperation. County and Municipal governments, along with State and Federal support are added to citizen interests. The cooperation between the State Environmental Education Center and our Society is a prime example of this joint effort.

It is interesting to note in passing that on our first attending a Corridor meeting the Corridor people had never heard of Jacobsburg!

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### **JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN PHILADELPHIA**

The Society was represented at the National Rifle Association's Annual Convention held at the Philadelphia Convention Center, June 5th to 7th.

As an affiliated organization, our friends, the Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors Association, had an exhibit of Philadelphia antique muzzleloader sporting arms. Our Society provided the display back board and Tim Lubenesky loaned his Philadelphia-made Henry gun. The display won "The Best Educational Antique Gun Display" award.

It is to be remembered that the Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors Association has held joint picnics with our Society on the J. Joseph Henry grounds and they have made financial donations to the Society. Thus we were able to help an organization that has helped us, and the picnics were a pleasant summer event.

Ron Gabel, Richard Hujsa and Tim Lubenesky took the display panels to Philadelphia and helped to man the booth. This offered an opportunity to publicize the Jacobsburg Historical Society at an event which was attended by 40,000 people. We thank these volunteers for their time and work on our behalf.

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### **GARDEN UPDATE**

Work is progressing on a Rose Garden on the J.J.House grounds. Becky Lubenesky is preparing the ground and is waiting for the transplant season.

## CANAL MUSEUM DISPLAY

As unusual as it may sound, the Canal Museum is setting up an exhibit on the Western Fur Trade. The idea is to depict travel conditions prior to the era of Canals. Needless to say, the Museum has few, if any, objects dealing with this subject in its collections.

Therefore, our Society and some of its members have been called upon to fill the gap. The Jacobsburg Historical Society will lend two Henry guns and a powder flask while Bob Frick and Tim Lubenesky are furnishing examples of clothing and gear used by the mountain man and trapper. In this way we are able to help another Society and gain both good will and publicity.

The exhibit will run from June 16th to October 31st and will be held at the National Canal Museum on the Square in Easton.

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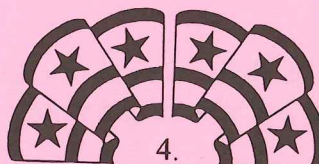
## 1998 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sept. 12-13	Western Fur Trade Rendezvous, Jacobsburg
Sept., Oct., Nov.	Tea Party in the Garden, Jacobsburg Basic Gunsmith Apprentice Program Basic Blacksmith Apprentice Program
Oct. 3-4	Civil War Days, Jacobsburg
Oct. 24	Volunteer Fall Clean-Up Day
Dec. 5	Volunteer Holiday Get-together
Dec. 6	Old Fashioned Christmas Open House

Additional information on the above programs will be published in future issues of the "Record." Keep your eye out for all the latest details.



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## THE BUSHKILL STREAM CONSERVANCY

The Conservancy held a test of the water in the Bushkill by the Bushkill Streamwatchers on Sunday, 19 April. This is part of a program sponsored by the Delaware River Basin Commission which will record water quality of all tributaries of which Bushkill Creek is one. The public was invited to attend this event at the Main Parking Lot of Jacobsburg State Park between 1:30 and 2:30 P.M.

The Bushkill Stream Conservancy has no members as such, but is administrated by various groups in the area. These include among others, the City of Easton, Lafayette College, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and Jacobsburg Historical Society. Phil Schroeder is our representative. The Bushkill Conservancy sponsors programs of education, recreation, environmental research and conservation.

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## JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1998 OFFICERS

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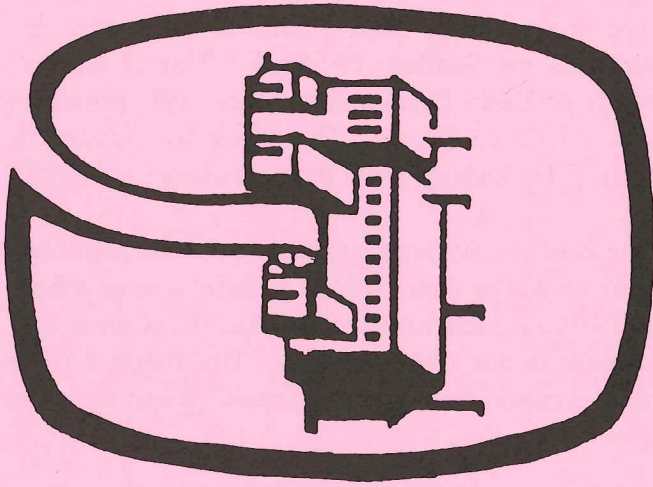
## NATIONAL CANAL MUSEUM Hugh Moore Historical Park and Museums, Inc. Easton, Pa.

### Canal Festival

The Festival takes place on Sunday, June 28th, from 11 AM to 6 PM in Hugh Moore Park, Easton, Pa. This day of family fun features musical entertainment; a juried show of regional arts and crafts; pony rides; all kinds of food; and a living history encampment.

For more information, call the national Canal Museum (610) 559-6613.

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