

Pilesgrove – Woodstown Historical Society Newsletter

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Programs and Events

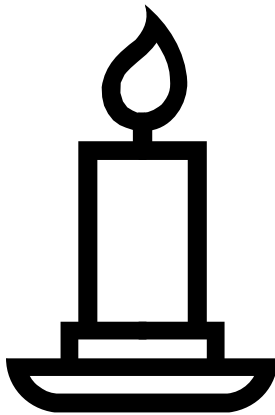
Thursday, November 15, 2007 at the Community Hall of Friends Village in Woodstown, Business Meeting 7:30 pm, Program 8:00 pm



Following our Quarterly Business Meeting, Mr. John Berenato of the Woodstown Development Group, LLC will be presenting the plans for the redevelopment of the former Owens Supply property located at the corner of East Avenue and Broad Street in Woodstown. Photograph at right is from approximately 1910.

Hosts and Hostesses: Marie Haaf, Deb Tierno, Howard Reigel and Bill Aldrich

December 7, 2007 Woodstown by Candlelight



One night a year, a quiet little town dazzles visitors and residents alike with a spectacular Candlelight Tour. That town has been doing this Christmastime tour for 30 years and they have it down pat even to the tiniest detail. Stroll down lamp lit Main Street, past Victorian and Colonial homes aglow with candles in all the windows. Smell the evergreen boughs and trees decorated with old-fashioned ornaments and balls. Glimpse the doors of businesses and homes alike, decorated in hopes of winning the Best Decorated Door contest. Listen to the carolers, the string and brass musicians, even the town crier, echo in the night. It is the 31st anniversary of **Woodstown by Candlelight**, Friday December 7th, sponsored by the Pilesgrove - Woodstown Historical Society. This year there are 12 homes, as well as many businesses, churches and schools, open to the public.

Some familiar favorites, as well as some new homes to the tour, are open this year. Homeowners are sharing their personal collections as well as holiday memories with visitors. House tours begin at 6:00PM and are open until 10:00PM.

Many tour takers have made this an annual holiday event that they look forward to. A tasty dinner can be bought and enjoyed at the Fire Hall and then it's off to see the artisans and crafters at the Municipal Building. Dinner is available from 4:00pm to 7:00PM at the Reliance Fire Hall.

And a tour would not be complete without the free wassail and homemade cookies available at the First Baptist Church. All in all, this year's tour promises to be yet another successful, interesting tour for friends and visitors to Woodstown.

The enthusiastic support of our tour by the community has enabled us to purchase and continue the restoration of our Historical Society Museum on North Main Street and to restore the Eldridge's Hill Schoolhouse that was moved to the Museum property. Your continued support will further the restoration efforts and will enable us to expand our collections.

The Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Historic Society would like to thank everyone (the homeowner's, tour committee members, volunteers, businesses, schools and churches) that help make the tour a success.

Carolyn DePrince and Chris G.
216 North Main Street



Donald and Janice Johnson
34 North Main Street



Ora Kokol
8 Wyndham Way



Jamie and Lauren Morgan
49 North Main Street





**Dave and Carolyn Layton
25 Bowen Avenue**

This Victorian house, circa 1890, was built by the Woodstown Presbyterian Church to serve as its manse. It remained continuously as the home of the church's ministers and their families for 106 years. The parsonage originally cost a little over \$2,500 to build. At this time there were only two houses on Bowen Avenue. In 1996 the Laytons purchased the home from the church and are now the first private owners of the home.

The home features original chestnut woodwork, staircase, pocket doors and more. Some unique aspects of the home include a funeral door in the foyer, a fire place with a Victorian fire back and the original tiled hearth.

The Laytons have completed many restoration projects throughout the last eleven years. Their latest project, which was completed in 2005, was a three story addition in which the bathrooms were remodeled and the kitchen was enlarged.

Museum

Persons or families that may have antiques or interesting articles that they might be willing to have on display, either as a loan or gift, may call Elizabeth Myers at 856-358-7853. The Society is also interested in any historical records or books pertaining to Pilesgrove or Woodstown.

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We would like to gratefully acknowledge our Sponsors.

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Brian DeMaris

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Museum Hours: Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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Annual Dues	\$20.00
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