Notes & Comments

The American Revolution Center

Last year the American Revolution Center moved a step closer to becoming reality, with the completion of its purchase of 78 acres of land in Montgomery County from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The settlement also included the sale of an additional forty-seven acres to the County to be maintained as open space. 75% of the Center’s land will remain open space. After over a decade of negotiations, planning and development, the museum is on its way to becoming the first museum in the United States dedicated to commemorating the complete story of the American Revolution and its legacy. There are still many hurdles to be overcome before the building of the Center can begin.

Sheila B. Kellogg, Artist

Sheila Bromley Kellogg, of Malvern, an artist and a Society member, died of a stroke Dec. 7 at Paoli Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Kellogg's portraits and landscapes were shown at galleries in Wayne and New Hope. This painting of the Cedar Hollow Quarry appeared on the cover of the Fall 2005 issue of the Quarterly (Vol. 42, #4).

She was active in the restoration of Maj. Gen. William Alexander, Lord Stirling's quarters at Valley Forge National Historical Park. She had served as president of the local and state chapters of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century and was past president of the Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century. Her ancestor was a Dutch settler in Manhattan in the 17th century.

Mrs. Kellogg grew up in Gladwyne. She graduated from the Westover School in Connecticut and from Garland Junior College in Massachusetts. After studying art for a year in Italy, she earned a bachelor's degree from the Moore School of Art and Design in Philadelphia. Since 1967, she had been married to Thomas Kellogg. They met as teenagers at Silver Lake in the Poconos, where their families were vacationing.

Mrs. Kellogg battled health problems, including breast cancer, heart disease, and a broken hip. "She was a fighter," her husband said, "and had incredible recuperative powers." In addition to her husband, Mrs. Kellogg is survived by a son, Edward; a daughter, Laura; her mother, Marjorie Bromley; two sisters; and three grandchildren.
Facsimile Map Book Published


Reportedly printed in an edition of 420 copies which are being bound in batches (ah, points for collectors with regard to which binding) as demand dictates, the reproductions are in color on a glossy thick paper. Seventeen title pages of the atlases from which some of the plates are derived are also included, reduced to fit a few on each page. Most, if not all, of the maps are in the public domain. The quality of the reproductions, the result of a high density scan, are very good.

If this proves successful, other nearby areas (hopefully ours) may get a similar treatment.

Preserve America Designation

At the January 7, 2008 meeting of the Tredyffrin Board of Supervisors, it was announced that Tredyffrin had been designated a ”Preserve America” community. Preserve America is a White House initiative that recognizes communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. The designation enables Tredyffrin to apply for Preserve America grants, which fund research and documentation, interpretation and education, planning, marketing, and training. The Township has not yet made a determination whether to apply for a grant.

Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust Fundraiser

As part of ongoing efforts to rebuild the historic Jones Log Barn, the Trust has announced their spring fundraiser. “In the Mood...Jazz on the Porch & Dancin’ in the Barn” will be held at Cedar Hollow Design Center in Malvern on April 4, 7-10 pm. Catered by Queen of Hearts, with music by jazz saxophonist Dave Renz & 6th Street Quarternion, this promises to be a wonderful evening in support of an historic cause. See the Trust website for complete details: www.tredyffrinhistory.org.

April Meeting of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society

Please join us on Sunday, April 20, when Clarissa Dillon will present “From Birth to Breaching: Childhood in Colonial America.” The meeting will be held at 2:00 pm at the Easttown Library and Information Center. All TEHS events are free of charge to members, with a nominal fee for non-members.