

The Historical Commission continues to be very busy! In 2010, we put into place a system for acquisitioning donated items. This will not only help us to keep records on the donations, but also helps us to consider what is really something we want to keep or not as our space grows more full! This new system seems to be working very well. Early in the year, Emmett Robinson of King Street Recording completed the conversions of our cassette-taped interviews to cd. The cost was about \$100 per tape, but was well worth it to keep this piece of history intact. We received 2 cds for each tape, and Emmett keeps the digital copy so that we can get additional ones if they are ever needed. All of our property files have been checked and a list of what is missing from each generated. The missing items will be filled in as time permits (photos, deed research, etc), but this greatly helped us to organize ourselves as to what was needed in each. From an email request of a SEPTA commuter, we were able to locate posters commemorating the 100th anniversary. Those posters are now in our possession and will be sold to help fund future projects for the commission, such as book publishing. We are currently selling reprint copies of the 100th anniversary book, A Century in Malvern, for \$35 and our 2006 book, Malvern Items, for \$25, coloring books of various buildings in the Borough for \$7 each or 2 for \$10, magnets for 2 for \$1, the aforementioned posters and reprint map posters for \$10 each, coins from the 75th anniversary for \$1 each, and most recently reprint postcards for \$.50 each or the set of 5 for \$2. We hope to get some of these items on Ebay in the next year to access former residents and collectors. The Commission manned booths at Malvern Blooms in April, Fall Fest in October, and Victorian Christmas in December. In addition to selling our increasing collection of historical items, we are now displaying items of interest that can be safely transported to these events and are not in danger from being exposed to the elements. Mostly these are postcard, photos, and small items that can fit into a display case. We continue to submit articles to the Borough newsletter, and because of these and our presence at the Business and Professional Association's events, have had a number of visitors and donations to the History Center, as well as requests for help on matters from genealogy to old photos of buildings to where particular residences might have been located.

For 2011, we are planning much of the same as last year. Nancy Schmitt is writing a new book about Women in Malvern which we hope to have it published sometime this year and we are continuing to develop Historic Ordinances with Sandy and the Borough Solicitor and hope to have something for the Planning Commission and Borough Council very soon.