

2022 was again a productive year for the Historical Commission. With a few exceptions, we held bi-monthly public meetings. Major topics of discussion were the completion of our woven blankets for sale, the recommendation to appoint Jonathan Hoppe to fill our open commission seat (which Borough Council accepted), and the renovation project for the George C. Highly Malvern History Center, which was to be completed in the first quarter of 2023.

We chose 5 (five) residential recipients for our annual Preservation Awards, plus 1 (one) Chairman's Award, and made a presentation of the winners at a Council meeting in October.

Our annual training session, hosted by the Chester County Historic Preservation Network, was held in November of 2022. Our Vice Chair Barbara Rutz and past Chair Lynne Frederick attended, and learned about implementing and choosing design guidelines for preservation.

We hosted a *Town Tour & Village Walk* in August, with the tour theme as *Founding Mothers and Fathers*. The First Baptist Church graciously permitted our use of their grounds, where we, civilian volunteers, and our friends from the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBPF) staged 5 (five) vignettes on some of the Malvernites buried in their graveyard. Approximately 200 persons from around Chester County attended. We also thank our donors (Wegmans, Kimberton Whole Foods, and Wawa), whose contributions kept our attendees hydrated and fed.

Other events we participated in as a commission included the 154th Malvern Memorial Parade in June, where we marched with the Borough Council and volunteers. In July, we attended the Fire Company Fair in lieu of one of our Tuesday meetings and enjoyed fried oreos and playing bingo. In September, Lynne invited the commission to share her Malvern School of Music tent at Craft & Mercantile, where we debuted a sample of our woven blankets for presale. The very next day, we were one of the tables set up at the PBPF's Battlefield Heritage Day. In November, Lynne again invited us (along with the PBPF) to set up a table with our items for sale at Malvern School of Music for MBPA's Christmas on King.

Barbara Rutz gets all the credit for her hard work on the woven blankets that we have available. The commission chose the 9 scenes on the blanket, and Barbara was the point contact with the production

company. After going through 3 (three) digital samples and 1 (one) tactile sample, we accepted presales for the blankets and received the orders the week after Christmas on King. In December, we had multiple open houses in the History Center for people to pick up their preorders. Several orders were hand-delivered by commissioners, as well.

We were invited by Borough Manager Tiffany Loomis to refresh the History Center. Fourth-quarter meetings were spent choosing wall paint and carpeting, and after-meetings and other available times were spent boxing up our entire room so the Public Works crew would empty the room and remove the carpet.

Our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram continue to be popular, with Catherine Raymond doing the bulk of posting with photos and stories multiple times per week.

Respectfully submitted,
Hugo Schmitt, chairman