

Sewickley Valley Historical Society Signals

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September is a VERY busy month!

Saturday, September 6

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

24th Annual

Sewickley Harvest Festival

Come visit the SVHS tent on Broad Street, where you can purchase historical merchandise, meet members of the Board and staff and learn what we do in the community.

Join us!

Saturday, September 13

approx. 9:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

A Walking Tour of Old Allegheny with Lunch at the Modern Cafe

The tour is sponsored by Sewickley Valley Historical Society and conducted by Allegheny City Society, led by John Canning.

See page 2 of this newsletter for details.



Wednesday September 24

7:30 p.m.

Old Sewickley Post Office

Land of Canaan:

The Scots-Irish Presbyterian Experience in Early Western Pennsylvania

A lecture by Peter E. Gilmore, Ph.D.

See page 2 of this newsletter for details.

Saturday, September 27

3:00-6:00 p.m.

A Community Celebration on the Lawn
of the Sewickley Presbyterian Church

Join SVHS in Supporting the Preservation of the Historic House and Property at 202 Beaver Street

See page 3 of this newsletter for details.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

A Walking Tour of Old Allegheny

Sponsored by Sewickley Valley Historical Society — Conducted by the Allegheny City Society
The tour is **FREE**, and you can join us for all or any part of it.

9:15 a.m. — Meet at the Old Sewickley Post Office (200 Broad Street, Sewickley) if you wish to carpool, or

10:00 a.m. — Begin tour at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (West North & Allegheny Avenues)

The tour will begin with an overview of the planned walk, emphasizing the connections between Allegheny and Sewickley Valley families. Highlights of the morning will include Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Calvary United Methodist Church and various homes (Pontefract, William H. Singer, Sr., Rhodes/VanVoorhis, Nevin Family).

Noon — Dutch Treat Lunch at the Modern Cafe (862 Western Avenue) See menu choices below.

1:00 p.m. — Afternoon segment of tour (approximately 2 hours)

Highlights of the afternoon will include stops at Allegheny Preparatory School as well as various homes on North Lincoln Avenue (Thaw, William H. Singer, Jr., Horne/Jones). At the corner of Lincoln and Brighton, we will make connections between the Jones family homes in Allegheny and Sewickley. Going along Brighton Road from Lincoln to Ridge, we will see the homes of the Darlington, Holmes and Willock families. On Ridge Avenue, we will stop at the B. F. Jones, Jr., William Penn Snyder and Byers-Denison homes as well as the sites of the homes of D. T. Watson and Henry W. Oliver.

Approximately **3:45 p.m.** — Arrive back in Sewickley

Lunch choices are as follows: Reuben Sandwich; Deli Club; Grilled Veggie Hoagie;
Large Garden Salad (with or without a scoop of either tuna or chicken salad); Mediterranean Chicken Salad

Lunch is \$12 per person, including beverage, tax and gratuity.

If you plan to join us for lunch, please indicate your choice when you reserve. Your \$12 will be collected on the day of the tour.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Please let us know if you wish to carpool and how many your car can accommodate, if you need a ride, OR if you will meet us at Emmanuel Church. In addition, will you attend only the morning tour? Will you join us for lunch? Will you attend only the afternoon tour?

Questions? Call 412-741-5315

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 p.m., at the Old Sewickley Post Office

*Land of Canaan:
The Scots-Irish Presbyterian Experience in Early Western Pennsylvania*

A PowerPoint Presentation by Peter E. Gilmore, Ph.D.

Presbyterians of Irish origin—the people usually known as the Scots-Irish—helped shape our region and became transformed in the process. A Scottish missionary passing through Pittsburgh in 1798 wrote home that “A great many of the inhabitants have come from Ireland. They seem to be an industrious people, and many of them religious.” This presentation will consider how and why they came to western Pennsylvania in notably significant numbers, their way of life and the role of faith. What made their Presbyterianism—and these Scots-Irish Presbyterians—unique in western Pennsylvania?

Peter Gilmore received a Ph.D. in social and cultural history from Carnegie Mellon University. His research and writing is centered on Presbyterians of Irish origin in western Pennsylvania and the intersection of religion, ethnicity and class. One of his most recent publications is “The ‘Moral Duty’ of Public Covenanting in the Antebellum United States: New-World Exigencies, Old-World Response,” which appeared last year in *The Journal of Transatlantic Studies*. Dr. Gilmore is currently an adjunct professor of history at Carlow and Carnegie Mellon Universities.

REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

3:00-6:00 p.m., on the Lawn of Sewickley Presbyterian Church, Beaver & Grant Streets

*Preserving the Past/Serving the Future
A Community Celebration*



Join Sewickley Valley Historical Society for this fundraiser in support of the preservation and restoration of the historic house and property at 202 Beaver Street, Sewickley!

The afternoon will feature a concert on the lawn, food and refreshments, booths highlighting Sewickley history and the past and future of 202 Beaver Street, as well as an exhibition of the Sewickley-themed work of artist Fritz Keck, plus fun for the kids, including a brand new playground and bounce house!

Sewickley Valley Historical Society, a federally tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization, will be accepting tax-deductible donations from individuals, the greater Sewickley community and corporations in support of this preservation project.

New Members

Peggy Ganong, Sewickley; Rose Gantner, Moon Township; Reg & Priscilla Henry, Sewickley
Patricia C. LaFontaine, Champlain, NY; Tom & Sara McCargo, Sewickley
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In Memoriam

Mrs. Leroy T. Egan; Mr. Fred Hamren; Mrs. Frank C. Schroeder, Jr.; Henry Ericsson Theis

Sewickley Heights History Center presents

THE GREAT GATSBY AFFAIR
AN EVENING OF DANCING & DECADENCE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13
6-10 p.m.

Tickets: \$100 per person; \$125 after September 5; \$150 on event day

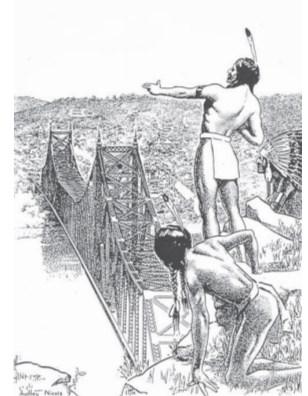
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