

“The horizon of the present cannot be formed without the past.”  
– Hans-Georg Gadamer

# Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society

## NEWSLETTER



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## 2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



Many things happened at the Judson House. The moss was removed from the roof, the building was painted, pillars replaced, the windows wells repaired and the chimney was replaced. A shed was erected for storage which includes an electric hookup, if needed, for any future events. The Judson House also opened up a Tea Pot Shop. They will be selling vintage and new tea pots, cups, saucers, diffusers and several different varieties of teas.

Waterford Days was another success. We added a Cruise 'N to the Saturday events and it was a hit. We are always looking for crafters, re-enactors and volunteers for tour guides on ghost walks. We also need helpers for many other various positions. Waterford Days will be celebrated on July 14, 15 and 16, 2017.

For the first time, we held a “Witches Tea” at the Judson House. We sold all but one ticket and a good time was had by all. We had many requests for more of these events. We will hold another one in 2017. Date to be announced.

We tried another Boo Fest in 2016 but we have decided that it will be the last one. We will also eliminate the October Ghost Walks. Attendance was down considerably. The Ghost Walks at Waterford Days are well attended and we will keep those. We decided to do an “Ultimate Race” in October in lieu of the Ghost Walks and Boo Fest.

Colonial Christmas was upon us before we knew it. We had to postpone the house tours until next year. Thanks to Sandy Ward for bringing her nutcracker and Santa collections to the Eagle Hotel for viewing and to JoAnne Lenart-Weary and B'Linda Wilcox for decorating two rooms in the Eagle Hotel and to the Waterford Garden Club for decorating the Judson House. Colonial Christmas was a success.

Jim Edwards is always changing and adding new items to the Museum with Jack Mattay's help. He acquired an original encyclopedia in Old French with the transcription in English and a copy of the letter George Washington brought from Williamsburg to Waterford telling the French to leave. The gift shop is doing very well at the Museum.

The Eagle Hotel had new gutters installed on the back half of the building and the landing between the second and third floor was fixed. The outside chimney on the North side was repainted and we had the roof nails tightened up on the roof over the restaurant. We also had a KNOX-BOX installed in case of a fire.



### Mark Your Calendars!

Waterford Days will be celebrated on July 14, 15 and 16, 2017!

### NEW OFFICERS

President: Judy Nelson	Eagle Hotel Coordinator: Kathy Williams
Vice President: Jim Edwards	Judson House Coordinator: Marsha Strohmeyer and Marilyn Stubbe
Recording Secretary: Rita Russe	Museum Coordinator: Jim Edwards and Jack Mattay
Treasurer: Kathy Williams	Washington Park: Dave Lessor
Parliamentarian: Ed Pfadt	

# Our Town



We are happy to announce that the town of Waterford will be featured on an episode of Our Town on WQLN-TV 54.1! Our Town is a video scrapbook of the people, places, and happenings of the Waterford, PA, area, as seen through the eyes of its residents. Community members will collect video footage and still photos to showcase their "Waterford stories" and then talk about each of their topics with a WQLN producer in a casual on-camera interview.

These stories combine to create the Our Town: Waterford program, which will air on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. on WQLN-TV 54.1.

Thank you



Thanks to Ronald Sherwood, we are now able to catalogue and scan our history into our computer. Mr. Sherwood sent us the money to purchase Past Perfect Museum Software. It is going to be a very labor intensive job. It will take a few years to complete. If you are interested in helping with this, contact Heidi Longstreet at 814-882-3562 or email her at Heidi72562@msn.com.

If interested in being a part of this production, please contact Jocelyn at (814)217-6055 or email her at [jtaylor@wqln.org](mailto:jtaylor@wqln.org). She must be contacted ASAP to get your packet and to lock in your date and time for your on-camera interview.

## CALLING ALL HISTORY BUFFS! WE NEED TOUR GUIDES!

We furnish all the history and you tell the story. Thursday 10-3, Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 1-4 or by appointment. For the Judson House call Marsha Strohmeier at (814) 796-6581. For the Museum call Jim Edwards at (814) 449-0607. For the Eagle Hotel call Rita Russell at (814) 796-2281.

No Experience Necessary!



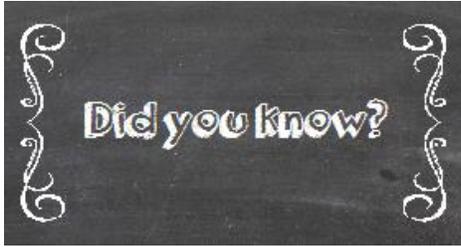
## Calling All Volunteers!



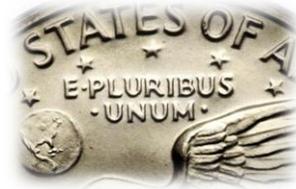
The Historical Society is in immediate need of volunteers for the *Eagle Hotel Gift Shop*! Call Judy Nelson at (814) 796-4817

## FUNDRAISING

We are always looking for suggestions for fundraisers. If you have any ideas for events that you would like to see us do or if you would like to organize a fundraiser, please come to any one of our meetings or contact Judy Nelson at (814) 796-4817 with your suggestion.



Amos Judson travelled to Erie County in 1795 with Colonel Seth Reed. After walking from Connecticut to New York, he met up with Colonel Reed and journeyed from Buffalo to Erie by boat. Amos Judson decided to settle in Waterford and Seth Reed stayed in the



City of Erie. Colonel Seth Reed, who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill, was instrumental in having “E Pluribus Unum” stamped on all U.S. coins. E Pluribus Unum means “Out of Many, One”.



**HELP AMOS JUDSON FIND HIS COINS**



Our medal that Joan Mancuso designed can still be purchased. It is a bronze medal to commemorate George Washington's 1753 visit to French controlled Fort LeBoeuf. The medal also depicts a replica of the Washington statue on the site of the old fort. There is a limited supply. Contact Jim Edwards at (814) 449-0607.

If you're interested in viewing the minutes of our meetings, go online at [Fortleboeufhistory.com](http://Fortleboeufhistory.com) under the “blog” tab.

**Keep your membership current to continue receiving a newsletter. Make sure your 2017 dues are paid.**

Apply for or renew your membership with the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society by mailing a check for the appropriate amount to the following address. In the Memo area of your check, indicate the type of membership you are applying for. Do not send cash.

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