



Leesport Lock House Foundation, Inc.

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Greetings to everyone,

2023 has been very busy with many new visitors to our property. The spring Redware Workshop was very successful. The Berks Encore Walkers included the Lock House in their May "Step into History" Nature Walk and we sponsored the Leesport Memorial Day Program. The June "Step Back in Time" event hosted many fun family activities with strawberries, cake and ice cream to eat! A beautiful garden was hosted for the Garden Tour. In July we hosted the Passport to History group. Our volunteers sold drinks to raise money during the Leesport Area Community Days in September.

Our over 100 year old Sycamore tree's roots were causing a drainage problem and the Borough had it taken down. Hopefully the project will be finished soon.

Please join us for the **Fall Fling on Friday, October 27** starting at 6 pm to enjoy a bonfire, food, hot-chocolate, warm-cider (and maybe some ghost stories).

Holiday Open House will be held Saturday, November 18 from 10 to 4 and Sunday, November 19 from 12 to 3. Please consider donating baked goods to sell. We are looking for crafters to display their products. Stop by for free samples of warm cider and cookies to start your holiday season. The rearranged museum will also be open. Call Beverly Miller for more information at 610-926-5665.

A Redware Pottery program will be held in November and December for the Schuylkill Valley Middle School fifth grade students as part of their Colonial Williamsburg program. We also share colonial, local and Schuylkill Navigation history. Many of our artifacts are on display for them. The King's Academy fifth and sixth grade students will have a similar program at the Lock House.

Our year closes with a Redware Pottery Workshop on Saturday, December 9 at Bethany E. C. Church. Both classes are already filled.

We appreciate all of our members regardless of their participation. We realize that not everyone can help at every activity and are glad for all the help. Preserving local history is a priority. Your financial support is crucial to our success as a non-profit, historic, educational, charitable organization. Please continue or become a supporting member of the Leesport Lock House Foundation. The membership card enclosed indicates your current membership type. Donations are tax deductible.

We hope to see you at upcoming events. Enclosed you will find five of our annual quilt raffle tickets which we are asking you to sell for \$ 1 each. Last year's quilt was won by Ann Strause.

The Lock House will be open in 2024 on the first Saturday of the month from 10 to 2 pm starting in April. We are closed on Labor Day weekend. The house is also available for small group meetings and tours.

Thank you,
Elaine Strause, President
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