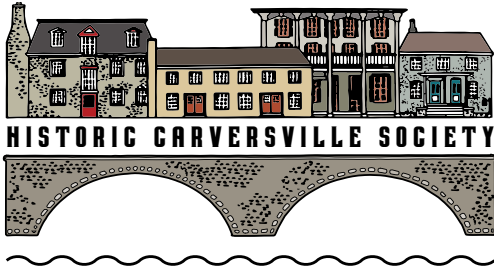


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CARVERSVILLE DAY

May 18th  10-3:00

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THE PLANNING HAS BEGUN FOR THIS YEAR'S CARVERSVILLE DAY!

We have **artists and crafters** who are excited to show you all their new work, so grab your morning coffee and see what they have been creating. It's a wonderful way to buy gifts for yourself and your loved ones while supporting our local community.

The Annual Carversville Cookie Contest is back!

Contest Rules: Prepare 4 dozen of the same cookie (all categories welcome!) for the contest and deliver to the Cookie Contest booth **by 10:00 am**. You don't need to limit yourself to one entry! **The Best Cookie** by popular vote wins a coveted handcrafted **Cookie Jar** by local Artist Nan Kirstein. It's the pride of all bakers!

We will have live music again this year! David Stier will be performing and coordinating with some other local musicians. The lineup will be announced on a later date. What a treat for all!

Our **Magician**, Robert Malissa, is coming back this year to stroll with magic and balloon animals! He will perform a magic show at 11:00 am. We are excited to welcome him back to our festival.

The Prestigious Pet Parade will commence at 12:00 pm. We want you to enjoy all the events and not miss a thing. Dress up your pet and practice your tricks because you could win cash prizes! The Baum-Baicker's are leading the way again, **thank you... Mark and Cindy!**

Last year, we brought back a popular event, the **Tug-of-War**. This event will take place again in the afternoon between Lumberville & Carversville!

Our Annual Live Auction will commence at 2:00 pm and the Raffle drawing and Cookie Contest Winners will be announced after that. We will be auctioning some fabulous items this year!

The **Plant Sale** will take place all day. There will be many beautiful varieties to choose from.

Visit the **Face Painting, Hair Wrapping, Henna Tattoos** and other game activities to be found in the Secret Garden. Look for it next to the **Point Pleasant Fire Engine** in the field behind the Secret Garden. Bryce hopes to bring one or maybe two of the Fire Engines for the day.

Of course, what would a nice day be without some "Good Eats" during all this fun? Savor one of **Chef Will's Carversville Inn Crab Cake & fresh Lemonade**, devour some tasty treats and participate in a Pig Roast courtesy of the **Carversville General Store** as well. We will also have a few **food trucks** to round out the mix. Save room for the **Watermelon Eating Contest at 1:30 too!**

This year, we are excited to introduce a new event from 12:00 on. **Free Will Brewing** will have a **beer garden** for those 21 and older, and we will be able to sample a couple of their local beers.

What about those **Raffle Jars** you ask? We are excited! Each year we depend on very generous patrons to donate funds and items so that we can provide the best raffle jars around to you. Each jar has at least \$500 worth of goods in various forms that go to one winning ticket holder. Start buying those winning raffle tickets when you see the HCS table in front of the Carversville General Store. We will be there for a couple of weeks leading up to Carversville Day to give you plenty of opportunity to buy the winning ticket. We start selling before the event in case you cannot make the day. This may be your lucky year! So, plan your strategy of multiple purchases to increase your chances of winning any of the following jars: Restaurants, Cash, Home & Garden, Treat Yourself and Cruiser Bike. The **winning tickets** will be drawn after the Live Auction around 3:00 pm along with **Cookie Contest** winner announcement. You do not need to be present at the event to win the Raffle but it sure is fun if you are!

The Historic Carversville Society is always eager to share the long history of our village...so stop by the **Historic Society Booth** and see what's new and buy some Village merchandise to show your civic pride. All proceeds support the HCS vision of preservation, scholarship and community events.

If you would like to be a volunteer or you have an idea, email me! You can work a couple of hours in the booth or help in other ways. The day is not complete without the whole village getting involved. Email me at **lviehweger@yahoo.com**. See you in the square...save the date...tell your friends!

Laura Viehweger, Co-chair

From the Board: We are so pleased to have two new members on the board this year.

Leeann Broad: Leeann is a long time resident of Carversville, moving here with her family 25 years ago in 1993, where she raised her two children Tara and Harris. Tara is now in New York in advertising and Harris in Pittsburgh in his first year of medical residency.

Leeann and her family were attracted to Carversville for its natural beauty and quaint village center, along with the eclectic blend of interesting people from all walks of life.

Leeann has decided to join us in volunteering for the Historical Society to help continue offering the many events that make Carversville so loved and special.

Lori White: A Bucks County native, Lori is a newcomer to Carversville moving into the historic district two years ago from Solebury where she lived for the decade prior. Growing up in Newtown, she has always appreciated the history of our area. She attended Wheaton College, Dartmouth College, and William and Mary Law School. She is a regulatory attorney working as in house counsel at SEI Investments for over 20 years. She fell in love with the charm and character of her new old house (circa 1871) the moment she saw it, only discovering what a wonderfully special place Carversville is once she arrived. Lori has joined us to promote the values of HCS and be part of the community. Her favorite thing to do now is take long walks on Fleecydale Road with her dogs Prudence and Maisy.

THE HISTORIC CARVERSVILLE SOCIETY
is thrilled to announce that our village's annual summer Films in the Field tradition will continue in 2019! The weather cooperated for all three movies in 2018 and we are hoping to continue that streak this summer.

FILMS IN THE FIELD 2019
MONDAYS • JUNE 24TH • JULY 29TH
AUGUST 26TH (FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT)

All shows are subject to cancellation due to the weather.
Please check your e-mail for updates in the event that inclement weather is predicted.

THE MOVIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER THIS SPRING.
Please check your e-mail for the announcement.

We encourage everyone to pack a picnic dinner or a snack, along with your choice of adult beverage, and come down early to enjoy what we know will be a perfect summer evening. Connect with old friends and neighbors and meet and mingle with new ones as the sun sets over bucolic Carversville. We can't wait to see everyone there!



PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS EVERYWHERE!

The Historic Carversville Annual Pumpkin Carving was held on Sunday the 28th of October. And what an event it was! With about 50 large pumpkins and a dozen or so “minis” – we had the perfect pumpkin available for each and every carver! Creativity abounded! We had intricately carved pumpkins, creatively thought-out pumpkins, teensy-weensy precious pumpkins, and even a wildly wonderful blue pumpkin! And this year, we even had our very own Halloween Witch! The weather co-operated; we did need light jackets but the day was fine with no rain and lots of enthusiasm. Every pumpkin got attention and additional energy was supplied to our carvers with the General Store doughnuts and spice cookies and lots of apple cider - all supplied courtesy of the Historical Carversville Society. Of course, pumpkin CARVING in CARVERSVille is really a no brainer! Considering our name it's a signature event. A very family-friendly, totally enjoyable afternoon. Parents get to meet each other and visit and kids get to be as messy as they want! There's no competition here. Every pumpkin – and every carver – in our opinion, is a winner! And to make things even better, one of our members takes away all those yummy pumpkin slops for his pigs!! Truly a win-win event. We love this day! The Great Pumpkin thanks Laura Viehweger and Susan Plotkin for putting this event together. See you next October in the Pumpkin Patch!!

ENTER THE
CARVERSVILLE DAY
COOKIE CONTEST

The Cookie Contest is a long standing Carversville Day tradition. While on other days we may prefer to purchase our confections, on this day we are all encouraged to come up with our own unique and tasty sweet treats and share them with the Village in the form of a Cookie Contest entry. Uniqueness is encouraged. In the past, we have had everything from Noel's infamous curry cookies to the most luscious chocolate chip. Presentation counts, too.

The first prize will be determined by popular vote and will be a one of a kind, handmade cookie jar donated by our own potter **Nan Kirstein**.

To enter, please make four dozen cookies and bring them to the cookie booth between 8-10am on Carversville Day.

We look forward to YOUR entry.
Your efforts will help support HCS! Thank you.

2019 PET PARADE
COMPETITION PROMISES
TO BE INTENSE

Behind closed doors or otherwise beyond the view of most Carversvillians, pets and their owners have been rehearsing their tricks and stitching their costumes for the 2019 Carversville Day Pet Parade. Once again, 3 major awards will be presented – for Best Trick, Most Original Costume, and the Judges' Discretionary Award. Each winner will receive a gift card to a local pet supply store.

Competition has intensified in recent years, and this has led to an outburst of originality in costumes. Canines are still the dominant participants, but we have also been graced by horses, goats, ducks, geese, and other entrants from the animal kingdom.

The inimitable Cindy Baum-Baicker returns as Master of Ceremonies after a well-deserved one-year sabbatical. The Pet Parade will step off at high noon. Registration begins at 11:30 in the Town Square.

CARVERSVILLE DAY
MAY 18, 2019
10AM - 3PM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
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BY 10:00
Cookie Contest entrants drop off your 4 dozen cookie entries
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10:00
The Day Starts
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10:00-12:30
Michael Arenella
and the Dreamland Orchestra
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10:00-12:00
Secret Garden Activities
Face Painting, Hair Braiding, Henna Tattoos
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11:00
Magic Show with Robert Malissa
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11:30
Field Games
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12:00 NOON
Pet Parade
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12:00 NOON
Free Will Brewing Beer Garden Opens (must be 21 or older)
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12:30
Live Music by David Stier and local musicians
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12:30
Historic Carversville Walking Tour (20 minutes)
Meets at HCS Booth, led by Marnie
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1:00
Tug of War
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1:30
Watermelon Eating Contest
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2:00
Live Auction emceed by Noel Barrett
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Cookie Contest Voting Closes when a cookie runs out.
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Following Live Auction, announcement of Winners: Raffles and Cookie Contest
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**RAIN OR SHINE! FREE PARKING
FREE ADMISSION**



MY OLD HOUSE

Lori White

George P. Betts, MD, House (c.1871)

My property consists of a bank house and bank barn situated on a hill as you enter the Historic District. The “bank house”, a popular form of home during the period the Delaware River Valley area was being settled, is believed to have been brought over by Northern European immigrants, constructing into a hillside for protection during the cold winters and hot summers of the region.

When I discovered this design and the charm and character of this particular house, I fell in love immediately and believed this was the place for me. I had been residing in a sprawling one story, mid-century home in Solebury. I appreciate the aesthetic of 19th century architecture and this house has much of the original interior features including original pumpkin pine floors and doors, wrought iron hardware, and plain moldings. The scenic setting convinced me to go back in time and go vertical as I now run up and down several flights of stairs and climb the steep incline of my yard. I moved in with my two dogs, Prudence and Maisy, two years ago.

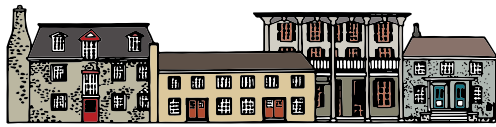
The house consists of two main sections. The first built three bays wide, one room deep and two stories tall was built c.1871. Mark E. Hall purchased the property that year as a sub-division of 35 perches from the Stovers. Mr. Hall is believed to be the builder as he paid \$112.50 in 1870 and sold the property the following year to George P. Betts, MD, for \$1,500. I have yet to find any information on Dr. Betts the first inhabitant and am curious as to whether he may have seen his local patients here.

The facade is a vernacular version of Federal style with a front door pediment with scroll shaped consoles, raised panel shutters and wooden two over two rectangular windows. The roof is low pitched, with a side gable orientation. The walls are covered with wooden clapboard. The second section of the house in the rear was built in the mid 20thcentury creating a third, lower floor. A unique arts and crafts style double staircase with landings was built about that same time and is an interesting element.

A very simple floor plan includes one room on the main street level, with kitchen and dining on the lower level which cannot be seen from the road. The lower level is where we live, with thick original stone walls and a wood stove, practical for our winter power outages, and painted floors. Space in this small house is well conceived with a water closet tucked under the staircase and storage closets and built in shelves throughout. Windows on the back wall look down to the creek behind the house as the hill drops away.

A handsome, vintage red wooden board and batten sided barn sits next to the house, again built in three levels originally likely for hay storage on top, carriage, then stable on bottom. Two large doors front the roadside on main level. Similar to the house, the lower level is thick stone walls with doors opening into the hill sideways. I wonder if the property of my neighbors below my parcel, which includes a meadow along the creek may have been grazed by small livestock who resided in my barn. A wooden feeder remains in one of the interior walls. The massive hand-hewn beams are impressive.

Carversville, the village, surrounds and community, has been a new and wonderful discovery for me. I am grateful to have found this special place I now call home.



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HISTORIC CARVERSVILLE SOCIETY
PO BOX 41, CARVERSVILLE, PA 18913

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Historic Carversville Society was Monday, November 12th at The Carversville Inn. Will and Deni Mathias as always were our gracious hosts.

We reviewed the progress this past year in doing Oral Histories; organizing the archives, house histories and other files we are keeping; the success of Carversville Day despite the bad weather; a successful Clean-up Day; the awarding of a \$2000 scholarship to Emily Madera; the smooth transition of all 3 films in the field this past summer; a fun filled Pumpkin Carving and lastly the Caroling in the Square with Santa showing up in a police car which happened after the meeting but was the last event of the year.

We had a discussion on Carversville Day, and Marnie Newman, HARB representative spoke about the Repair or Replacement in Kind rules newly adopted by Solebury Township for HARB.

As always it was a fun evening and a good time to socialize with all our neighbors.

CARVERSVILLE CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Meet in front of the General Store at 9:30am.
Spruce up the Village for Spring!

Bring your broom, work gloves,
gardening tools, and your energy
and enthusiasm!

Wheel barrows would definitely help too.
We'll supply trash bags, safety vests and
a list of areas that need to be cleaned
of trash. As usual we will have
teams walking the roadsides and we
will pay special attention to the Square.

Clean Up Day only takes about 3 to 4 hours,
especially when lots of people show up.

It's an ideal volunteer task for
your children too!

Help them to appreciate the great
place where we all live!

When the work is done, there will be
burgers, hot dogs, and socializing.

Show your love for Carversville!!
Come help us with spring cleaning on
Clean Up Day!!

★ ★ ★ NOW ACCEPTING ★ ★ ★ MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2019

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Annual Membership

\$30.00

Plus tax deductible contribution

Total enclosed

Please make check payable to HCS and mail to:
Historic Carversville Society, PO Box 41, Carversville, PA 18913

HCS is very happy to announce that we have completed another oral history interview, this time of Bob Kling. Bob was interviewed by Phyllis Haldeman and Sue Crilley, and the interview was recorded on video by Howard Barsky. **You can view it on our website, carversville.org.**