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Keim Homestead Open House & National Historic Landmark Designation Celebration Saturday, July 15, 2017 • 10am-4pm

To commemorate and celebrate this wonderful honor, the Trust is hosting an exciting event at the Jacob Keim Homestead. The Homestead will be open for tours and there will be living history demonstrations going on throughout the day as well. Local historians and politicians will be speaking on the Homestead and its local and national significance.

The Keim Homestead is located at 101 Boyer Road, Oley, PA.

Demonstrations & Activities:

- Militia Muster & Gun Building
- Textile Processing & Leatherworking
- Quill Pen Writing & Butter Making
- Wine Tastings by Ridgewood Winery
- And More!



Upcoming Events at a Glance

- June 17 – 3rd Saturday Program
- July 15 – Keim Open House
- August 19 – 3rd Saturday Program
- Sept. 16 – 3rd Saturday Program
- Sept. 30 – Keim Music Fest
- Oct. 21 – 3rd Saturday Program
- Oct. 28 – Mayhem at Morlatton



Additional Upcoming Events & Programs

3rd Saturday Programs at Morlatton Village



We are happy to announce a new series of programs: The 3rd Saturday Program at Morlatton Village. These programs will fall on the third Saturday of the month – April-October. These site-wide programs will include various formats and topics including exhibits, demonstrations, interactive sessions, and oral and graphic presentations. \$2/Person Suggested Donation.

June 17 – Mouns Jones: Licensed Indian Trader

July 15– Keim Open House

August 19 – Textiles in the Eighteenth Century

September 16 – Topic TBD

October 21 – Topic TBD

Ghosts along the Schuylkill with Charlie Adams *Saturday, September 23 & October 14, 2017 • 6-9pm*

The Trust is once again partnering with Ridgewood Winery, and this year will be hosting two Charlie Adams events at the White Horse Inn. Guests will visit both the White Horse and the Winery as well as one other site and hear all about their ghostly inhabitants. Advanced tickets required.

Keim Music Fest at the Keim Homestead *Saturday, September 30, 2017 • 11am-5pm* *A benefit for the restoration of the Keim Homestead*



Tickets available day of event –
\$10 donation (Ages 10+)
2 Music Stages Including a Kid & Family Stage
Activities for Children
Food available for purchase
Bring instruments, lawn chairs, blankets
More info at www.keimfest.com

Mayhem at Morlatton *Saturday, October 28, 2017 • 6-9pm*

Visit the Village if you dare and take an eerie, candlelit walk down to the river to visit the Fulp House and the Mouns Jones House. You never know what you might encounter along the way! Please bring a flashlight and wear good walking shoes. Recommended for ages 8 and older. Light refreshments and baked goods will be available for purchase.



Additional Upcoming Events & Programs Cont.

HPTBC Annual Dinner "The Keim Homestead: A National Historic Landmark" at the Reading Public Museum Saturday, November 4, 2017 • 6-9pm

This year's annual dinner will celebrate the Keim Homestead. Join us for dinner, a silent auction, and a special presentation honoring Berks County's third National Historic Landmark. Advanced tickets required. Invitations will be sent in early September. If you do not receive one and wish to attend, please contact us and one will be sent to you!

Christmas Tea & A Tavern Christmas December 6, 2017 & December 16, 2017

The Trust will offer its annual Christmas Tea as well as a new holiday event at the White Horse Inn. Join us for music, dancing, and wine tasting in the rustic atmosphere of an authentic eighteenth century tavern. We will have festive, fun crafts for children and there might even be a visit from the Belschnickel. Invitations for the Christmas Tea will be sent in early November. If you do not receive one and wish to attend, please contact us.

Events subject to change. For more information about our events, and to stay up-to-date on all Trust happenings, please check our website and Facebook page.

All events & programs begin at the White Horse Tavern in Morlatton Village unless otherwise noted.



V o L u N t E e R !

None of these great events would be possible without our dedicated volunteers! The Trust is always in need of help and even if you are not a history buff or interested in historic preservation, we've still got a job for you! We can use help with outdoor clean-up, ticket sales & parking for events, as well as historic demonstrators & tour guides. We can even use help cleaning the buildings and setting up for events. We will especially need volunteers for our summer and fall events –the Keim Open House, the Keim Music Fest, & Mayhem at Morlatton.

Or, are you, or do you know a Boy Scout or Girl Scout who is looking for community service hours or to do an Eagle Scout project? You can help preserve the local history while earning hours, a badge, or even your Eagle Scout award. This also applies to civil service groups and students who need service hours. Why not learn and help preserve history while having fun?

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or if they are interested in working on projects at one of our historic buildings please contact us at (610) 385-4762 or info@historicpreservationtrust.org.

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Summer Hours for Morlatton Village

Wednesday & Saturday 9am-12pm

Feel free to stop by and look around as well as visit the other historic buildings in Morlatton during open hours or by appointment for tours or visits. For details and changes please check the Trust's Facebook page or website.

White Horse Rentals

From weddings and birthday parties to small meetings and gatherings, the White Horse Inn is the perfect setting for your special occasion. Located in historic Morlatton Village, Douglassville, the White Horse has a modern kitchen and seating for up to 50 guests. For more information about renting this fully restored eighteenth century building, please contact the Trust's office at 610-385-4762 or info@historicpreservationtrust.org.



Help the Trust 'go green.' If you have an email address and would not mind getting electronic communications from us, please make sure to provide it on your next dues renewal or just send us an email.

 Follow us on Facebook at Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County

A Short Note from the Administrator

The Trust has been keeping busy this spring. The start of the season saw the Trust's first events of the year – the 3rd Saturday Programs at Morlatton Village. On April 15, about 20 visitors joined volunteer Barrie Miller to hear all about gun building in the eighteenth century. Just a couple of weeks ago, visitors learned all about the exciting archaeological discoveries being made at the Mouns Jones House. Unfortunately the Trust's big spring event at Morlatton Village was cancelled due to weather. Scheduled for the Saturday before Mother's Day, this event was to include a variety of living history demonstrations and activities. We are planning to offer as many of these demonstrations and activities as possible during the Keim Homestead Open House on July 15.

On May 20, the Trust hosted the Schuylkill Greenway's Pedal and Paddle in conjunction with our 3rd Saturday Program. About 15 cyclists enjoyed tours of Morlatton Village, as well as the archaeological presentation. The Trust also appeared on Berks County Television's show, Sites and Sounds of Historic Berks County, in April and May to promote our upcoming events and the Keim Homestead. The Trust will likely be making another appearance sometime this year, so make sure to check out future shows – the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30pm!

The Trust is very excited about our upcoming Keim Homestead Open House this summer! We are looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with the community and our supporters. Make plans to join us on July 15 and let's hope for good weather!

Amanda Machik, Administrator



Matching Grant Opportunity!

The stonework now underway on the Mouns Jones House is fully funded. However, completion of the restoration campaign depends on obtaining funds for replacement of the door and windows in the riverside wall, and second floor joists with old white-oak timbers, which are rare and expensive. A local donor has pledged to match **100% of every dollar** donated toward these components, which will cost more than \$5,000. Fortunately, old floor boards had been donated by Donald and Esther Shelley, saving the Trust a considerable amount. Your support for this work would be greatly appreciated, and your dedicated donation will be **DOUBLED BY THE MATCHING GRANT.**

Join Us! Become a Member of the HPTBC!

Members receive our quarterly newsletter, free admission to events & programs, & priority ticket purchasing for the Christmas Tea & Annual Dinner.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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Annual Membership Dues and Contributions

- \$35 Individual
- \$50 Family
- \$75 Sustaining
- \$100 Contributing
- \$250 Patron
- \$500 Corporate
- Other \$ _____

Make checks payable to
The Historic Preservation Trust of Berks
County and mail with completed form to
P.O. Box 245, Douglassville, PA 19518.

- Please contact me about ways I can volunteer.

Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. A copy of the official Registration of the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Thank you for supporting the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County!

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