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52nd Annual Antiques Show slated for June 27-28

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The Lititz Historical Foundation is staging the 52nd Annual Lititz Antiques Show on Friday and Saturday June 27th and 28th. All proceeds will benefit the Foundation's Johannes Mueller House erected in 1792 and the 1793 Christian Schropp House.

The annual two-day event will be held at Bonfield Elementary School, 101 North Oak Street in Lititz.

Attendees will find a well established 40 vendor show, bustling with country goods in air-conditioned comfort. Running in conjunction with the antiques mart, the LHF Membership Baker's Club will offer delicious home-made baked goods including pies, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and more--many baked from well guarded family recipes.

Forty selected dealers from several states will offer quality items having a country flair represented by diverse and multiple categories including textiles, samplers, hooked rugs, primitives, tin, stoneware, red ware, children's toys, fine early pottery and porcelain, silver, kitchen items, a large variety of smalls, ephemera, quilts and coverlets, dolls, holiday items, early glass, homemade items and make do's. Also for sale will be country primitives including paint decorated and grain decorated furniture retaining original surface. Count on a diverse list of lively offerings!



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It's summertime, and our museum and Johannes Mueller House are in full swing offering information about the vast history of Lititz through tours, exhibits, and many artifacts. Also, our new rotating display is now in place. Entitled "The Cigar Industry of Lititz", the exhibit traces the history of this fascinating trade through photos, artifacts, and detailed information. Be sure to stop in and see it today. Additionally, we have created an exhibit on the history of Ideal Cocoa and Wilbur Chocolate of Lititz, filled with many photos, postcards, and advertising items from this company spread out over many decades.

Our annual plant exchange in May was a huge success, as more than 100 persons gathered to exchange plants and to discuss gardening ideas. We couldn't have asked for a nicer day!

On August 10th at 6pm, we will host the Dixieland Express, who will entertain us for this year's Evening of Music. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy a FREE evening of music in our Mary Oehme Gardens. Last but not least, our 52nd Annual Antiques Show takes place June 27th and 28th. As usual, many dealers will be onhand offering antiques, primitives and so much more at John Bonfield Elementary School. Our bake sale will also take place that weekend at the school. As usual, 100% of the proceeds from both events benefit our 1792 Johannes Mueller House.

Finally, I would like to especially recognize the young man below.

David Lucas is a junior at Warwick High School. To earn his Eagle Scout badge, he led a team that completely replaced the watering system in our gardens. He raised all of the money himself to fund the project, and worked very hard to ensure that everything ran smoothly. The project is now completed and turned out perfectly! Thank you so much, David!

Sincerely,
Cory Van Brookhoven
President
Lititz Historical Foundation



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Paid antique show visitors are entitled to free admission to tour the historic 1792 Johannes Mueller House and adjacent 1793 Schropp House museum. Museum grounds and houses are located a short drive or walk from the show site. They include well kept attractive rear gardens as well as an 18th century, colonial atmosphere with Moravian roots.

Show hours are Friday June 27, 10-5 and Saturday June 28, 10-4. Admission is \$8 or \$7 with an ad card.

Members in good standing of the Lititz Historical Foundation get FREE ADMISSION for both days of the show!



52nd Annual
2014 Lititz Antiques Show
 Over 40 Dealers • Country Decor
 Lititz Historical Foundation
 Benefit Johannes Mueller House, 1792
Fri June 27th & Sat June 28th
 Friday 10 - 5 Saturday 10 - 4
 Bonfield Elementary School
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Lititz Public Library & LHF Partner to Offer Family Pass!

To better serve families in the greater Lititz community, The Lititz Public Library and the Lititz Historical Foundation are partnering to offer library card holders a family pass for free admission to the Johannes Mueller House!

The 1792 restored stone and log home, named for the local tanner and dyer Johannes Mueller, offers a captivating glimpse at what everyday life was like for an 18th century tradesman and his family in a closed Moravian settlement. The house retains its original architectural character and has been carefully restored with hundreds of traditional items from the late 1700s and early 1800s. The items are all family heirlooms that have been lovingly passed down through generations of Lititz families and donated to the foundation so that others may explore the diverse historical, regional and social traditions of the early Moravian settlers.

An adult library cardholder may check out the pass at the Lititz Public Library. Good for a family or other group of up to five people with an adult, the pass will be honored during the regular tour season—from Memorial Day to the last day of October; Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Visit the Lititz Public Library at 651 Kissel Road to check out the pass.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we are now giving you the option of receiving your quarterly newsletter via email. This not only saves paper and postage, but it also serves as a great way for you to receive the journal in a much faster way. If you would like your newsletter emailed to you going forward, please send an email to Cory Van Brookhoven at cory@lititzhistoricalfoundation.com and he will be happy to add you to the email newsletter list. *Thank You!*

Political Meeting Ends In Big Riot Part 1

Excerpted from the Lititz Record, Thursday November 5, 1908

Lititz was the scene of one of the most disgraceful disturbances in years last Saturday evening when a riot was in full swing on the streets. The Fourth Ward marching club of Lancaster, who came to Lititz to take part in the Republican rally held at the Springs Hotel, started the trouble, and without reason, beat a number of innocent citizens. Enraged townspeople cleared the streets of the rioters, putting them to route and badly trouncing those whom they caught. Four offenders were taken to the town lockup.

The Fourth Ward club left Lancaster at 7 o'clock on Saturday evening by trolley, and arrived at Lititz about 8 pm and took part in the parade, in command of Edward Caldwell. It is alleged that at different times members of the club remarked that they intended to "do up" the town. After the parade, a fifteen year old boy who was celebrating Halloween tossed some corn on a Fourth Warder near the Springs Hotel. Two of his companions with red coats knocked the boy down. Charles Beck started to pick the boy up, but as he did, he was knocked down and badly beaten for his efforts.

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Around this time John M. Pfautz, chief burgess of the town, arrived at the scene. He told the Lancaster men who he was and asked them to behave. They told him they did not care who he was, nor for anything he could do. Harry Sheaffer, another citizen, came up about the same time and was quickly knocked down by the Lancaster men, who beat and kicked him, breaking his nose, burning his ear and injuring him. He was hurt so badly that Dr. Hertz was called to attend. Dr. Lewis N. Moyer, a druggist, not knowing what had happened bent down over Sheaffer, who was lying prostrate.

"Are you hurt, Harry?" he asked. "At that instant a torch grazed me" said the druggist, "and it hit Sheaffer in the face and a blow sent him down over Sheaffer. There were nothing but red coats about me and I wondered where the Lititz people were" he stated. Moyer was dragged along the pavement and was beaten and kicked. They next turned upon William B. Oehme the barber, who took refuge in his shop in the Rudy Building. Howard Evans was also struck on the head above the right eye with a torch by Frank Dussinger, a member of the Fourth Ward gang. Jacob Wenger, Chester Hoffman and others were also struck with lit torches. While six and seven at a time jumped upon their victims, others from the gang formed a circle around them. Facing the crowd and brandishing their fire, they held off any person who tried to help.

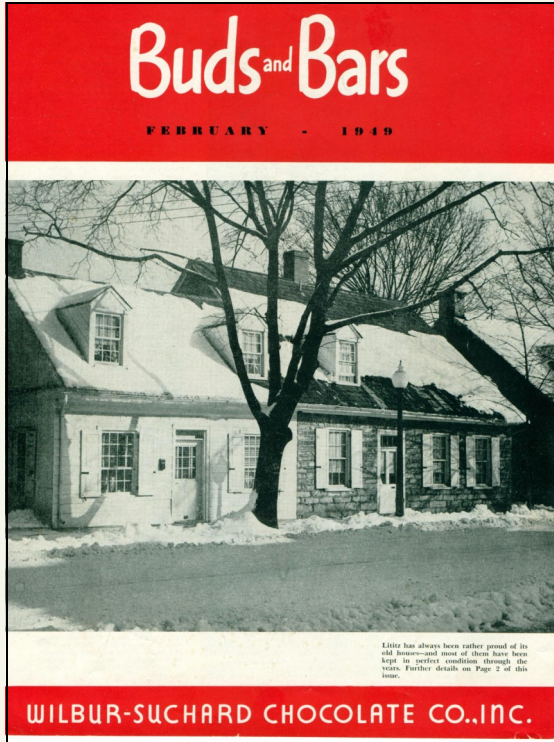
The alarm spread rapidly through the town and the number of enraged Lititz citizens increased. At first they stood by, uncertain what to do, blinded and bewildered by the brazen attacks like deer in headlights. When Burgess Pfautz saw that something had to be done to stop the bullies, he ran home and grabbed a revolver. The Lancaster crowd seemed to gain additional anger, owing to the fact that they came from the ward in which W. W. Greist, candidate for Congress, has his home and used his name as a slogan. While they were attacking, the Fourth Ward men yelled "Billy Greist will see us through...we are all together...Fourth Warders stick."

With several deputies at his side, Burgess Pfautz did his best to cease the riot, but was singled out for attack. The burgess displayed his former college football training by keeping a cool head, dodging the strikes aimed at him. The leader of the ward shouted out that he was not afraid of any man in Lititz, but before he finished his sentence, a town blacksmith broke through his guarding torch, and sent him falling to the ground.

The townspeople were becoming more and more enraged, but the Lancaster mob stuck together, with close encounters becoming numerous between the rioters and the residents. A rush was then made for the burgess. Pulling out his revolver, he fired in the air and then aimed at the red coats. When the men saw that he meant business, they became alarmed. When the Lititz people noticed they had a leader, they charged the Lancaster men.

Above: The Lititz Springs Hotel, the site of the riot of 1908. To be concluded in our Fall 2014 issue!

DID YOU KNOW...?



Did you know...the February 1949 issue of "Buds and Bars", the monthly employee publication for the Wilbur-Suchard Chocolate Company (now Wilbur Chocolate) featured our 1792 Johannes Mueller House on the cover!

Answer to the Spring 2014 Picture Quiz: This was a photo of Lititz National Bank from 1906. Currently, this location is Roma Pizza.

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