

# Friends of the 1803 House Fall 2014 Newsletter



## OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE 1803 HOUSE

The 1803 House will be celebrating an Old-Fashioned Christmas in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, **Saturday, December 6, 2014** from **noon to 4 p.m.** Come to the 1803 House and imagine a colonial Christmas experience in Emmaus in 1803.

A fire at the open hearth, warm cider, holiday treats, a Christmas tree with colonial decorations, holiday decorated fireplace mantels, window sills decorated by members of the Emmaus Garden Club, ornament-crafting for children, demonstrations on making beeswax, paper cast ornaments and basket weaving, "1803 House Church Baby" sale, annual homemade wreath sale and holiday house tours.

We thank the Emmaus Garden Club for displaying their special talents with the colonial decoration of our window sills. The club will be conducting a contest for the best decorated window sill. Come and select your favorite window sill decoration for colonial time.

Come and see the 1803 House prepared for the holiday season.

Other historic sites in our town will be open at the same time. Contact Dick Farmer at 610-967-4401 for details or visit our website, [1803house.org](http://1803house.org).

*By Richard Farmer*



Become a member of  
"The Friends of the 1803 House."

Help us to preserve a part  
of Emmaus history.

Join Today!

Website: [www.1803house.org](http://www.1803house.org)



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# Volunteers Needed...

[Help...clean, paint, repair, groundskeeping and restoration]

Contact The Friends of the 1803 House and they will put you to work.

Email: Friends@1803House.org

Phone: 610-965-0152

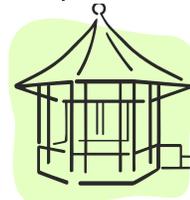


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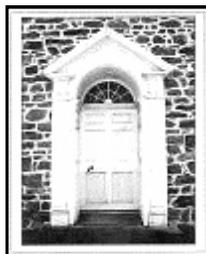
Large Tent

Gift cards from Staples  
[for printing costs]

Large dry erase or chalk board



## 1803 House Tours



Given by "The Friends of the 1803 House"



call 610-965-0152

*The 1803 House is listed in  
the National Register of  
Historic Places...*



55 South Keystone Avenue, Emmaus, PA 18049; [www.1803house.org](http://www.1803house.org)



Our mission is to help preserve and maintain the 1803 House, as a museum for the community of Emmaus...

Dear Friend of the 1803 House,

Because of our membership, a very talented Board of Directors, and the generosity of the community, we continue to advance the historic significance of Jacob Ehrenhardt Jr.'s and his family's homestead. We especially appreciate the response to our annual financial appeal. Because of this generosity, we continue to create programs that enlighten the community about the history of Emmaus. We are making our fifth annual appeal on behalf of the 1803 House programs. We respectfully ask for your special financial support of this historically significant site in our community.

Thanks to efforts of the Borough of Emmaus and Eagle Scout, Sawyer Long, a new brick walk, was installed to provide handicapped accessibility to the interior of the House. "A Very Merrie Halloween" was again a success. We had more juried crafters, more children's activities, historic tours, pulled pork dinners and more. We continued with pretzel sales, beverages and literature sales at the Emmaus Farmers Market. The Old-Fashioned Christmas event is currently being planned. We are beginning further development of the property by establishing a new herb garden. We have officially acquired additional land contiguous to the 1803 House and the adjacent stream.

We continue our educational partnership with nearby Seven Generations Charter School and local school districts. We have held many educational events at the House for students, and have conducted tours for home schoolers, public school children, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and individuals, upon request. Jacob Ehrenhardt's homestead and farm, supported solely by the Friends of the 1803 House, continues its formal relationship with the Borough of Emmaus and participates jointly with several of their special programs.

Our goals for next year include continued restoration and preservation of the House, more historic educational events, more acquisitions, completion of a site master plan, installation of a colonial fence between the property and the adjacent railroad property, completion of requests for grants, increased membership, and member participation. We are also planning paint restoration projects and further preservation of the kitchen/entry area.

Please make your tax-deductible donation to support the programs of the Friends of the 1803 House in 2014. Stop by and follow the footprints of Emmaus history. Donations to The Friends of the 1803 House may be mailed to Post Office Box 7, Emmaus, PA 18049.

Sincerely,

*Richard Farmer*

Richard T. Farmer

President of the Friends of The 1803 House



## 2014 ANNUAL APPEAL CAMPAIGN DONATION FORM

*Yes! We'd love to support the Friends of the 1803 House.*

*Enclosed is our tax deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$25** - will support the expenses of an educational tour.

**\$50** - will support paint restoration materials.

**\$100** - will support printing and mailing expenses.

**\$200** - will support preservation projects.

**\$500** - will support monthly utility expenses to operate this museum home.

Mail this form with your tax-deductible contribution to:

**THE FRIENDS OF THE 1803 HOUSE**  
P.O. Box 7  
Emmaus, PA 18049

**Any amount donated will support the effort to preserve this historic landmark.**



# A Very Merrie Halloween



Despite a soggy morning, A Very Merrie Halloween turned into a beautiful fall afternoon. Over 660 people visited the 1803 House to enjoy the festivities. Crafters and vendors sold fused glass, painted gourds, metal spoons, handmade soap, original jewelry, handmade baskets and quilted items, fall wreaths, American Girl clothing and Halloween costumes, homespun artwork, colorful Halloween witches and local fall produce. Brandon Swayser with the Wildlands Conservancy entertained young and old with “not-so-scary” wild creatures. Children decorated pumpkins, made fall wreaths, bird feeders, marched in a Halloween parade and listened to local author and artist Andi Metz’s Halloween stories.

Returning from last year were Kraussdale alpacas and woven items, and a bake sale. Sweet Granny’s kettle corn sold cider and flavored kettle corn. The Moravian church sold Moravian cakes, delicious corn chowder, and roasted nuts. Sweet Memories had unique and delicious confections for sale. Homemade apple dumplings, made by *R & L Home Baked Goods in Harleysville*, were sold and Smokin’ Smitty’s Catering sold pulled pork dinners and hot dogs. Nobody went home hungry!

New this year was the “ Pick a Prize ” raffle. Over 50 donated baskets were available for raffle, filled with items donated from each of the crafters, baking goods, gift cards, movie tickets, handmade crafts, artwork, golfing items and more.

Haunted gingerbread houses and the 1803 House created by Sadie Kennedy were on display inside the house and board member Janice Stavrou demonstrated weaving on an antique loom. Tours of the 1803 House were provided by informative Board members and old-fashioned games were played on the second floor. And who was that costumed announcer?

The success of A Very Merrie Halloween depends largely on the generous support of our sponsors. Special thanks and gratitude go to our: GOLD sponsors: Bachman, Kulik and Reinsmith Funeral Homes, PC, Corinne H. Machmer, Antiques, Ott Consulting, Inc., Schantz Funeral Home, PC, Sweet Memories, Susan J “Britt” Smith, Antiques, and the Press LVP. SILVER sponsors: Ai Orthodontics, Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., Buss Paint and Wallpaper, Celebration Fireworks, VCA East Penn Animal Hospital, and Wesley Works Entertainment. BRONZE sponsors: Crayola, Emmaus Run Inn, Hendricks & Sons Auto Center, Hillside Orchard, Just Born, Miers Insurance, R & L Home Baked Goods, Schmoyer Funeral Home, Volpe’s Sports Bar, Brandon M. Walsh, D.M.D., Philip F. Weber Jr. P.E. and Wildlands Conservancy.

All the proceeds from A Very Merrie Halloween benefit the maintenance and preservation of the 1803 House.  By Laura Fetzer

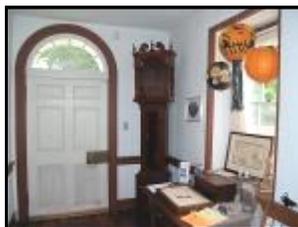
Below: Greeter, Rachel Cubellis



Above: Weaver, Janice Stavrou



Below: Announcer, Deb Galbraith



Right: Pick-A-Prize Raffle



Pick-A-Prize Raffle





  
**Kids  
Activities**



**Author and Artist Andi Metz**



Above photo  
courtesy of the  
East Penn Press.



**Wildlands Conservancy**



Alpacas...spinning  
their fleece



**Juried Fall and Unique  
Halloween Crafts and Creations**



**Food and Beverages**





# Introducing the "1803 House Church Baby"



I am a little "1803 House Church Baby" doll,  
made from a hankie and tied in knots, so small.

On the way to the Moravian church, little ones carry me holding me so carefully  
and when settled in the pews, we play together oh, so peacefully.

At times I may be dropped on the floor, but do not fear  
I do not make any sound, which I want to make perfectly clear.

Of course babies love me as well,  
When my head is filled with sugar cubes or candy, do tell.



The "1803 House Church Babies" are available at any 1803 House event or open house and the Emmaus Farmers Market for \$5.00 to \$8.00



Each Church Baby was created by a "Friends of the 1803 House" board member...

During the American Revolution War, toys, as well as many other household supplies, were scarce. Mothers made dolls from handkerchiefs, giving their children something to play with any time. This doll was at first called a "Church Doll," as it was used during those very long church services and, most importantly, if they were dropped, not a sound was heard.

Another name was a "Sugar Baby"...mothers would put sugar cubes or candy in the head portion and give the doll to the children to suck on during those long Sundays. They were also the only toy the children were allowed to play with on Sundays. Other names were "handkerchief doll," "pew doll," "pew baby" and "prayer doll."

At the turn of the century, around the time the 1803 house was built, these dolls were modified, with lace, ribbon and flowers, to look similar to our "1803 House Church Baby."

## Educational Programs Available



call 610-965-0152 or Email: Friends@1803House.org



Nominal Fee Required

Visit our Website  
[www.1803House.org](http://www.1803House.org)  
or  
Send us an email  
[Friends@1803House.com](mailto:Friends@1803House.com)

  
"The Friends of the 1803 House"  
Board Members - 2014

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### Alison Saeger Panik receives Teacher Award!

Alison Saeger Panik, an 1803 House Board member and her fifth grade students were surprised in early May while weeding the 1803 House Herb Garden. Representatives from a local radio station arrived to present her with the WLEV Apple for the **Teacher Award!** Alison was nominated for the award by one of her students' parents. It was a very special moment in the backyard of the 1803 House!



# Join Today...Become a Friend of the 1803 House...

The Friends of the 1803 House, a nonprofit organization, needs your membership support to achieve its mission of preserving and maintaining the house as a museum for the community. By joining the society, you can help preserve the past while ensuring the next generations of Americans will learn from the lessons of our history.

*Please fill out the form below to join*

*or*

*go to our website at [www.1803house.org](http://www.1803house.org) for membership forms*

## Be a Friend - Membership

Join the Friends of the 1803 House. Help restore and preserve this unique part of history in Emmaus.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Student Membership      \$5
- Individual Membership      \$15
- Family Membership      \$25
- Friend Membership      \$50
- Cornerstone Membership      \$100
- Higher Levels Available      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with your tax-deductible contribution to:  
**THE FRIENDS OF THE 1803 HOUSE**  
P.O. Box 7  
Emmaus, PA 18049



Method of Payment:

Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_