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A Tale of Two Volunteers • 33rd Annual Historic Old Annville Day on June 11 • Annville Library 5K • Library Renovations Begin

President's Message, by Michael Schroeder

It was the greenest of FOOA volunteers, it was the most seasoned of FOOA volunteers, it was a time for historic-district walking, it was a time for old limestone house gawking, it was a job for colorful Excel spreadsheets, it was a job for slick Google Forms, it was a season for flier distribution, it was a season for website reconstitution, it was a time of the year to start barbecuing chickens, it was a time in the essay to stop mimicking Dickens.

All of which is a much-too-corny way of saying that in this President's Message I'd like to gratefully acknowledge the recent labors of two FOOA volunteers—the first, one of our newest Board members, Craig Robinson, who joined us last September, and the second, the organization's co-founder and former longtime Board member and past president Owen Moe, who's been devoting his time and energy to FOOA for nearly half a century.

Craig popped up on our radar screen last June with an email signaling his interest in joining FOOA and volunteering in Quittie Creek Nature Park. He soon proved his mettle and in September was elected to the Board of Directors. By late fall he was heading up our Façade Grant Program Committee, which had lain largely dormant since spring 2020 in consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

FOOA's Façade Grant Program lies at the heart of our mission of historic preservation. That's why it's the main recipient of proceeds from Historic Old Annville Day—and why the Façade Grant pot ran dry in 2020: we had to cancel HOAD.



FOOA board member Craig Robinson, left, and FOOA volunteer and webmaster Owen Moe, right.

Last year's HOAD proceeds will allow for around \$4,000 in façade grants for 2022. An avid walker and spreadsheet-adept from his many years in the financial services industry, Craig refined the spreadsheet that former FOOA Treasurer Megan Ball and I created in 2019 for our book, *Preserving History, Building Community* that listed and briefly described all the buildings in the historic district—a list taken from the original December 1978 application to the PA Historical & Museum Commission for historic district status. Megan had also begun keeping a running list of visibly distressed properties in the historic district.

In January, at Craig's prompting, we filed a Right-to-Know Request with Annville Township for a list of the street addresses of all the township's rental properties. Craig then filtered out those in the historic district and added that information to what has become FOOA's work-in-progress shared Google-doc spreadsheet,

made up nine columns and more than 500 rows, modestly titled “Inventory of Properties in the Historic District.”

By March, Craig was finalizing a generic letter to all property owners in the historic district alerting them to the Façade Grant Program. In April he hand-delivered some 350 such letters (mainly to save on postage, but also because he likes to stroll the historic district). By early May the Façade Grant committee had received at least one new, currently under review.

Meantime, we had long known that our website, designed years ago and hosted by Mile6.com in Elizabethtown, was basically unreadable on smartphones, the go-to internet device for most people. So in January our webmeister Owen Moe began looking into alternatives. He soon discovered that the free Google-based website templates had evolved greatly since they’d first come out years ago. He investigated and experimented and soon crafted a handsome, clean, streamlined set of web pages that looked great on every device we tried them on and linked seamlessly with our Google Drive folders, where we house our Cloud-based materials, most notably our Digital Archives.

Meantime FOOA Treasurer Matt Woolson configured the link to our PayPal account and helped set up our online store, where people could pay their membership dues, make a donation, or purchase items with a few clicks of a mouse. After numerous test-runs, we unplugged from Mile6.com, thanked owner Tim Haak and his team for their many years of help, and made the switch. We now have a streamlined, mobile-friendly website, one that also saves us several hundred dollars a year in hosting and service costs.

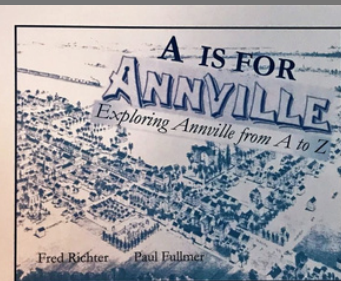
Around the same time that he was revamping FOOA's website, Owen got busy inventing

and elaborating our Spring 2022 Program—a walking tour of 15 of the “Splendid Stone Structures of Annville.” He undertook the research, crafted a brochure, and coordinated with the rest of the Board to develop our first viable seasonal program since the Covid-19 pandemic began two years before. When the easy-to-use Google form on our new website registered more than 100 participants, he closed the registration and organized several training sessions for our half-dozen tour guides, only to see a steady downpour on the scheduled date (Sun. May 1) compel us to postpone the walking tour till the rain date two weeks later (Sun. May 15).

And that’s a highly abridged version of the most recent, behind-the-scenes labors undertaken by just two FOOA volunteers—in this case, as noted, the most seasoned and the greenest. It says nothing about the yeoman work undertaken by FOOA Vice President Doug Nyce coordinating all the moving parts for Historic Old Annville Day 2022—or the efforts of new FOOA Treasurer Matt Woolson to improve our accounting and budgeting practices—or the “Literary Walking Tour” that new Board member Joanna Guldin-Noll is poised to unveil—or Jeremy Long’s stewardship of *The Landmark*—or the longtime, ongoing labors of Rachel Noll to maintain and manage our memberships—atop the other efforts of all the folks active in our various standing committees.

All these and other labors, invisible to all but a handful of people, are what make an organization like FOOA tick. I guess the point I’m trying to make here is that I’m honored and humbled to be working with a group of such hardworking and dedicated volunteers—people whose goal is not to seek advantage or draw attention to themselves, but to quietly and effectively serve their community: true of both our featured volunteers, seasoned and green, and everyone in between. A heartfelt thanks to all – along with a warm invitation to readers interested in serving in Annville’s leading civic organization.

Looking for that perfect gift for the person that loves Annville? Visit the Friends of Old Annville online store at www.fooa.org You can buy historic maps, paintings and books, such as, **A is for Annville, Exploring Annville from A to Z (2017)** by Fred Richter and Paul Fullmer for only \$10



Historic Old Annville Day will be June 11th , 2022

By Douglas L. Nyce, HOAD Coordinator, FOOA Vice President

The Board of the Friends of Old Annville would like to invite you to attend Historic Old Annville Day (HOAD) to be held Saturday, June 11th, 2022 from 9AM to 2PM in downtown Annville. This year will be the 33rd annual celebration! Although the event started 34 years ago (with a year missed due to the pandemic) with just a few tables on the sidewalks, today the event takes place on the nine blocks of West Main Street that are closed for the day. The HOAD Committee of volunteers who organize this classic community street fair with 150 vendors, a great variety of food, historic reenactors, house tours, and three stages of music performances include the following organizers:

- Craig Robinson – Raffle
- Rachel Noll – FOOA Store and Information
- Lee Smedley – Music and Entertainment
- Michael Schroeder – Township Liaison, Traffic and Security
- Jill Palanzo, Kathy Moe, Liz Lingle, Brian Nornhold, Tucker Hull – General Assistance
- Matt Woolson – Treasurer and Public Relations/Advertising
- Nevin Hoover – Township Commissioner and Liaison
- Joanna Guldin-Noll – Reenactors, Tours
- Douglas L. Nyce – HOAD Coordinator, Fundraising, Sponsors, Vendor Coordinator

Please consider joining us as a volunteer by contacting Doug Nyce. If you have a business or are involved in a non-profit, consider renting a stall at HOAD and sharing products or information from your organization. We aim to make this an event that strengthens our community and synergizes our various missions and activities.

Applications are available on the Friends of Old Annville website at www.fooa.org and on the Annville Township website. To reserve a space, for any vendor information, to volunteer, or if you have any other questions about the event, please contact Doug Nyce at 717-480-1584 or email him at douglasnyce@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



Begin Historic Old Annville Day with the Library 5K Walk/Run

The popular 5K Walk/Run to benefit the Annville Free Library is back. Please join us and many of your neighbors to start this day of community activity.

The event begins Saturday, June 11, rain or shine, at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of the Annville-Cleona High School. The course for the 5K walk/run is entirely off-street, follows a well-marked route across school property, then dips into the Quittie Park before looping back for a final circuit around the high school track. Falcon Race Timing provides chip timing and prompt race results. Volunteers along the route cheer and hand out water. Afterward, back at the high school parking lot, participants will find more water stations and refreshments.

Not sure of your calendar or the weather for June 11? Think of signing up as a donation to the library in support of its service and programs.

Registration: \$15.00 for children 11 and under, \$25.00 on or before May 30. \$30.00 after May 3 for all others.

Register in person at the Annville Free Library: 216 E Main St; Annville (717-867-1802)

Register online through the Book It 5k link on the library website: <http://annville.lclibs.org/>



New Membership Fees & Benefits When You Join Friends of Old Annville

The board of directors for Friends of Old Annville recently voted on and approved a new set of membership fees and benefits.

The decision update the fees and benefits was made as costs continue to rise for FOOA to maintain things like the digital archive and the Annville train station.

By creating a new fee structure it will ensure that FOOA is able to continue its mission of preserving historic Annville.

The new fees and benefits go into effect on July 1.

All memberships include access to FOOA's digital archives.

- Individual Digital-Only* \$5.00
- Student & Senior \$10.00
- Individual & Family \$20.00
- Business \$30.00
- Friend of FOOA \$50.00
- Benefactor \$100.00
- Founder \$250.00
- Patron \$1,000.00

*includes digital copy of *The Landmark* and access to the digital archives.

Other levels receive a printed copy of *The Landmark*.



SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 9 AM - 2 PM
DOWNTOWN ANNVILLE ON RT. 422

MUSIC: BLUEGRASS • BAGPIPES • POP • ROCK • KIDS

Bandstand

9:00 • Washington Band
9:45 • Quittapahilla Highlanders
10:15 • The Full Circle - 80s/90s rock
11:15 • Life After Work - acoustic rock
12:15 • Abigail's Garden - Celtic/bluegrass
1:15 • Mockingbird - pop/rock

Rotunda Bros. Stage

10:00 • Jim Rule - children/family
11:00 • Emaylia - jazz, soul, R&B
12:00 • Matt Miske - folk/pop
1:00 • Indigo Cosmos

Fulton Stage

12:00 • Acoustic Blues Jam

Note: Vendor lists are subject to change and accurate as of May 6, 2022.

VENDORS: HANDCRAFTS & HOME DÉCOR

17 Pines Soap Shoppe — soap
1st Floor Attic - antiques
Adam Goss CNC Woodcraft
BJ Wallace Health Bands — health promoting jewelry
Bachman's Woodcrafts — woodcrafts
Bearmont Candles — candles & wax melts
Butterfly House Soap Company — homemade soap
Beverly's Jewelry — jewelry
Bowman Crew Creations — handcrafted wood items
Bright Beginnings Preschool — art project
Butcher Block Antiques — antiques
Cindy's Crafts — knitting & dolls
Clever Fox Crafting — hand sewn items
Colonial Craft Kitchens — cabinetry
Color Street — dry nail-polish
Crafts for Sale by Donna — pot holders etc.

Drunken Smithy — wrought iron
E2 Dog Training — dog training supplies
Girl Scout Troop 70839 — homemade sugar scrubs
Healthy Suds — soap
Hershey Area Art Association — paintings
Happy Barkers Bandanas — dog accessories
Ironwood Forge and Metal — metal art
Inkonic — artwork and invitations
Itumiray — music, jewelry
It Is What It Is — woodcrafts
Just a Little Bling — jewelry
Kreamer Brothers Furniture — furniture
Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church — face painting
LexaKnits/LexaLites — hand knitted scarves
Lila Rose by Rebecca — hair jewelry
Martin's Deer, Elk and Ag - antler lamps
Mill Road Maple — maple products
Michael-Angel-o's Crafts — purses & bags
Moss Lane Soaps — handmade soaps

Paul's Sports Collectibles
Puppet Place — puppets
Signature Home Styles — home decor
Stewart's Gift Peddlers — gifts
Sandscapes Sand Art – sand art for kids
Shop Twenty9 – women's clothing

Stehman House – candles
Scentsy and Handmade Crafts – wax warmers, etc.
The Flower Garden – flower arrangements
Tooth Acres Farm Woodturning — wood craft
Uncle Boulder's Workshop – wooden toys

VENDORS: SERVICES, EXHIBITS & INFORMATION

58 Foundations – home service information
Annville-Cleona Alumni Association – networking
Annville Church of the Brethren – neighbor signs, information, water, cookies
Annville Free Library — games, information
Annville UM Church — information
Antique Tractor Club of the Lebanon Valley – information, display
Compeer of Lebanon County – mental health information
Cornwell Door Service – garage doors
CT Security — home & business security systems
Edward Jones – financial services
Environaire Corporation – Rainbow Cleaning Systems
Friends of Old Annville — event information & Anvillibilia
Grace Life Church – information
Groomer Training Center – pet grooming
Heartfelt History.com
Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Head Start
Lebanon County NAACP
Lebanon County Republic Committee

Lebanon Valley Knit2gether – knitting guild
Law Office of Tucker R. Hull, LLC
Lebanon County Democratic Committee – public service
Lebanon County Dairy Promotion – dairy information and prize wheel
Marine Corps League
Marriott's Power Washing – information
New Cumberland FCU — banking services
Palmyra Kung Fu Center/Yoga
PA Nonbelievers – information
Quittapahilla Highlanders – band information
Quittapahilla Watershed Association – environmental action
Quittie Creek Nature Park – recreation
Quittie Rod and Gun Club
Ricker Sweigert and Associates – financial services
Renewal by Anderson – windows and doors
Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery – art gallery information
Union Hose Fire Company – public service
Unity Church of Palmyra
United Against Puppy Mills – information

VENDORS: FOOD

Allen Theatre and Back Stage Café – Pronio's Sausages
Annville-Cleona Kiwanis — lemonade
Christ Church UCC — snow cones
Cub Scout Pack 440 – gourmet hot dogs
Delicious Dogs and More – hot dogs
Fertile Valley Farm – ice cream truck
Haj Paj Catering – food truck
Kettle Express – food
Lazzaro's Italian Bistro — Italian food
National Multiple Sclerosis Society — pies
Palmyra Area Lions Club – farm show milkshakes

Pappy's Kettle Corn – pop corn
Pho Bar and Grill – food & drink
Rotunda Brewing Company – Bier Garten
Shorty's Funnel Cakes
Sons of the American Legion – food
Swatara Coffee Company – coffee, baked goods
St. Anthony Coptic Church — Egyptian food
Tastefully Simple – cake mixes and spices
The Grilled Cheese Café – gourmet grilled cheese
Wich Way Sandwiches – paninis
Woodland All-American Jerky – beef jerky

Summer Is Coming to the Annville Free Library

To borrow and change a phrase from the popular series *Game of Thrones* on HBO, yes ...Summer is Coming... to The Annville Free Library. Changes are really happening: new roofs are being installed on 228 E Main, the duplex interior is nearly empty, dirt will soon get moved and excavation will start, electric poles will be repositioned, temporary walls will be built in the existing library, and those are just a few of the changes underway and planned as we get ready to start construction on our expansion plans.

In past issues of the *Landmark*, we described the project scope and the \$750,000 Grant from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Bureau of Library Development, Pennsylvania Department of Education. With this grant and the required matching funds raised through our capital campaign program, we will construct the addition linking the existing library at 216 E Main Street in the Annville Historic District to the adjacent library-owned duplex structure at 226-228 E Main St. We have also raised enough money to renovate the interior and exterior of the duplex.

The last phase of the plan will bring needed renovations and improvements to the existing library building. The Expansion Team is very busy finishing the construction drawings, making numerous detailed decisions on materials, and preparing the bid spec documents. As soon as we have required grant paperwork finished, the request for bids will be sent. Then it's time to review the proposals from contractors, sign contracts, and start work this summer on the addition and the duplex. During project construction, the library will be open for business, though we expect some short periods of closure throughout the project. The Grand Opening of the addition and duplex renovations is anticipated for September 2023.

Visit our booth during Historic Old Annville Day on June 11 to learn about the latest details, see floor plans and photos of the duplex renovations, and enjoy activities for the children. The following Saturday, June 18, is our groundbreaking ceremony to recognize that Summer is Here.

With this exciting beginning under construction this summer, we look ahead to the next steps to ready our community library for the future. We want to be able to renovate and upgrade the existing library building and will need funds for this last phase of the expansion project. You can help us to finish Writing the Next Chapter for the Annville Free Library by making a donation today at <https://writingthenextchapter.org/donate/>. Your support will boost us to the finish line!

The Library Development Team



Editor's note: Part Four of *My Little World* by Pat Freeland will resume publishing in the next issue of *The Landmark*.



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