

PRISON MUSEUM POST

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY!

Its time to renew your membership to our fine organization! Members receive four or five great newsletters per year. Each newsletter includes excerpts from old local newspapers. Members are also entitled to free admission to the Museum and a 10% discount in the gift shop. They also get the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping to preserve and promote a fantastic piece of local - and national - history. All for just \$10 a year!

Enclosed are two application forms. We ask that each member recruit one new member. Anyone who wants an application form need only call us at the numbers shown below.

PARANORMAL AND GHOST HUNTERS NEWS

We are told that the *Ghost Hunters* episode featuring the Prison Museum will air on Wednesday, March 12 on the SciFi Channel. Needless to

say, we are anxiously awaiting our debut! We have received numerous inquiries about show. Our website receives an ever increasing number of hits. We believe that the show will put us on the map like nothing else. Keep your eyes peeled on your televisions and your fingers crossed...

Paranormal groups continue to flock to the Prison to conduct paranormal investigations. We have already had four or five groups this year. We believe that the increased interest is due in large part to the *Ghost Hunters*.

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Please help us preserve and promote the Prison Museum by joining the PMA. Our annual dues are only \$10. Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, event updates, 10% off gift shop purchases, and free admission to the museum. For an application, call the PMA office.

IRON WORKS A SUCCESS

The Battle of Iron Works Hill was reenacted on December 8, 2007. The PMA served refreshments to the actors and attendees in the Warden's Office. Everyone had a splendid time. The vibrations from the canon blast did not break any of our windows this year, which was a plus. The British won again.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Board of Trustees met on February 9, 2008 and discussed several items. It was agreed that the **Haunted Event** should be held again in the Fall of 2008. The Board will contact the Freeholders shortly for permission.

The PMA is also going to attempt to coordinate **tours of historic sites** in Mount Holly for our county's fourth graders on a Saturday in May to coincide with **Law Day**. In the past, county schools traditionally had field trips to these sites for fourth graders. The schools have not had these trips in the last two years, however, citing a lack of funding. Anyone interested in helping with this event should contact Jail Attendant Marisa Bozarth at the numbers which appear on Page 1.

The Board also discussed the **preservation of the Association's History**. While the PMA is primarily concerned with preserving the history of the Prison, it has lost much of its *own* history. The PMA has newspaper clippings going back to the time it was formed in the 1960s. These clippings are getting old and tattered and will be lost if not preserved. The Board plans to enlist high school students to photocopy the clippings and organize them chronologically. This and other sources will then be used to document a history of the organization.

BUDDING ARTIST PHOTOGRAPHS JAIL

Pemberton resident and Art Institute of Philadelphia student Jessica Harp has taken wonderful black and white photographs of the Prison for a class project. Jessica is one talented young lady and has a bright future as a photographer. The photos are available for viewing in the gift shop.

MILLS PLANS UPDATE

The Mount Holly Library has sold Robert Mills' original plans of the Prison to the Athenaeum of Philadelphia. The Athenaeum has agreed to provide the PMA with museum quality digital copies. Once they are received, a committee will be formed to investigate reproducing them for sale in the gift shop.

THIS 'N THAT

We discovered a few mice in the PMA office this month and dispatched our ever faithful chief volunteer, Ron Reed, to deal with the situation. Without getting into all the grisly particulars, suffice it to say that two mice have met their maker. Since the deceased expired in our office, we are exploring the possibility of a Mouse Ghost Hunt....

Museum Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
(No admission after 3:30 p.m.)

Admission Fee: \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors over age 55, and free for children under age 5
The tour is self guided. Guided tours and groups rates are also available. Call for further information.