

News&Views

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Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum

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Annual Antiques, Arts, and Crafts Festival

The first special event at the Museum since December 2019 was the Antiques, Arts, and Crafts Festival on July 10 and 11. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers and numerous patrons, it was a huge success!



Museum visitors welcomed the opportunity to browse among the many unique donated items inside the Boal Barn, under nearby tents, and in the open. Vendors offered lunches and snacks; volunteers enticed buyers and gave Museum tours all day long, both days. Photos by Mary Szmolko



< The Boal Barn Snack Shack (with living roof) offered our iconic blueberry milkshakes and a variety of delicious baked goods. ^ Silo, barn, and two antiques vendors.

Photos by Cindy Shaler (left) and Mary Szmolko (above)



Wonderful antiques and collectibles for sale!



The Museum's own sale tent.

Photos by Mary Szmolko

Acoustic Brew Concerts at the Museum

Acoustic Brew has moved its concert series to the Boal Amphitheater. While two concerts this season have been canceled due to rain, the remainder have been highly successful, headlining bluegrass and other acoustic groups from

Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. Tickets are available from www.acousticbrew.org. The July 25th concert is featured in the photos below. (Because it's outdoors, the bands amplify their acoustic instruments and voices.)



This Acoustic Brew concert featured the Ken and Brad Kolodner band. Joining Ken (hammered dulcimers, fiddle) and Brad (banjos, fiddle, lead vocals) were Alex Lacquemont (bass, mouth organ, vocals) and Rachel Eddy (guitar, fiddle, banjo, vocals). Superb musicians, all!



The band members and the audience all enjoyed the comfortable, casual outdoor setting. Photos by Cindy Shaler

Museum Tours and Upcoming Special Events

In spite of the continuing COVID-19 epidemic, this season the Boal Museum is open for tours by reservation plus a number of special events, listed below.

Regular tours include the ground floor of the Boal Mansion, the Columbus Chapel, and the Columbus Vault exhibit. These are offered 7 days a week, cost only \$10 for adults and \$6 for students under 17, and are free for Museum members, children 6 and under, and those active in the military. A tour takes 1-1/2 to 2 hours, depending on the number of questions visitors ask. Call Museum Director Bob Cameron (814-876-0129) to make your reservation in advance. Group tours are also available. (Status of the pandemic may further impact Museum operations.)

Special Events remaining this year:

Sun, Aug 29
7pm

Acoustic Brew Concert: See www.acousticbrew.org for tickets and information.

Sun, Sept 19
10am–5pm

Celtic Festival: To celebrate all things Celtic. Currently planning a round of Highland Games, as well! Presented in conjunction with the Acoustic Brew.

CANCELED DUE TO COVID CONCERNS

Sun, Oct 10
10am–4pm

Olde Europe Renaissance Festival: From Italian food to Renaissance art, enjoy the foods, music, and dances of the six European countries with which the Boal family was connected.



Previous Renaissance Festivals offered a wide variety of performances, food and drink, and exhibits. This year's fest promises to be equally diverse and entertaining.

Photos by Holly Foy (left) and Mary Szmolko (right)



Sun, Nov 28
10am–4pm

Hanging of the Greens: Help decorate the Mansion and grounds for the Christmas season. Always lots of fun!

Home for the Holidays at the Museum:

Fri, Dec 3, 5–8pm*

Candlelight Tours (tours at 5, 5:30, 6, and 6:30pm)

Sat, Dec 4, 4–7pm*

Formal Christmas Tea and Candlelight Tour

Sat, Dec 4, 10am–4pm

Kristkindl Market inside the Boal Barn. Find holiday gifts for friends, family—everyone on your list!

Sun, Dec 5, 12–4pm

Kristkindl Market inside the Boal Barn



The Kristkindl Market was a huge success with local holiday shoppers in 2019. More than 25 vendors participated—and we expect they'll all return this year. Photos by Cindy Shaler

* Starred events require reservations. Unless otherwise noted, to reserve or for more information, please call 814-876-0129 or go directly to www.boalmuseum.com, where you can reserve and pay online.

We Keep Growing...

A variety of projects at the Museum are contributing to our drive for new growth. Here are recent photos of some ongoing work and events at the estate.



< Bill Henning, one of our Gardens and Trails volunteers, moves loads of brush. The brush will either become mulch for the trails or end up in the burn pile.

> The Boal Amphitheater is in bloom, ready for the next Acoustic Brew concert on August 29: The Early Mays). See www.acousticbrew.org for tickets.



< Acoustic Brew volunteers (and pup) setting up for a concert at the Amphitheater.

Photos by Bob Cameron



...and Growing

> The Shakespeare Garden walkway gets the finishing touches from Lew Logan and friendly volunteers. Plays by the Bard will eventually be staged at the Amphitheater, just around the corner of the Barn.



^ The finished walkway bordered with plants mentioned in Shakespeare's works.

> The new living roof atop the Boal Barn Snack Shack.

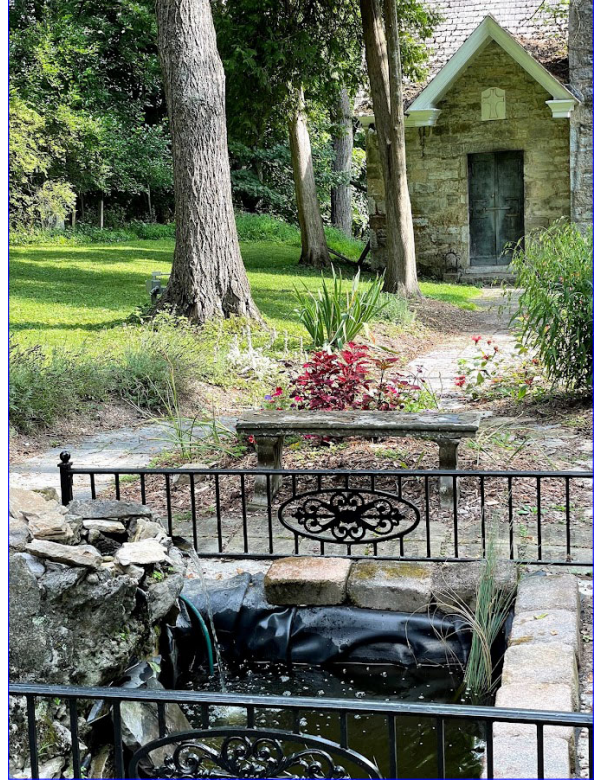


< Davis Rowell received his Eagle Scout award at the Museum. He constructed wood duck nesting boxes, planted trees and shrubs for their habitat, and created an info board on the ducks.

Photos by Bob Cameron



< Penn State's Arboriculture classes use the estate's massive old trees to practice safe tree-climbing.



^ The Sensory Garden at the entrance to the Columbus Chapel now has a restored fountain, adding a lovely sound to accompany the various plants you can smell and touch.



< One of several weddings held this year in the Boal Arboretum, a beautiful setting! Notice the reception tent in the background.

Photos by Bob Cameron

Fashion Show!

Director Bob Cameron has been working for several months on a new collection now on display in the Mansion. Models show beautiful hand-made clothing worn by the Boals in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The dresses, suits, and even underwear were discovered in the attic in several Vuitton trunks. Unfortunately, many had been destroyed.



Just a sample!

Photos by Mary Szmolko

Membership Drive Continues

It's not too late to become a member of the Museum for 2021, to purchase gift memberships for friends and family members, and to make donations to further the Museum's goals of education, entertainment, and community involvement.

Your membership card provides free entry to regular tours for you and your immediate family members during the calendar year. Also, you will receive 10% off in the Museum Gift Shop, discounts on special events, and more. **If you give \$250 or more**, you will receive a complimentary Museum tote bag. (See membership benefits below and giving levels next page.)

Even if you don't plan to visit this year, you can still become a member or make a donation. Any way you do it, we're grateful for your help in maintaining this wonderful historic site for future generations to enjoy!

How to Become a Museum Member

Fill out the Membership form directly on our website, www.boalmuseum.com, or print and mail it with your check to:

2021 Membership
Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum
P.O. Box 116
Boalsburg, PA 16827

Note: If you live locally, we will hold your membership card at the Visitor Center until your first visit. Otherwise, we will mail it to you.

Additional Benefits of Membership

- » Newsletters and updates about the Museum, activities, and coming events
- » Reduced fees at selected special events
- » Opportunities for training, service, and organizational involvement
- » The opportunity to assist in planning special programs and events
- » The chance to take part in the preservation and interpretation of our historic past for future generations to learn and enjoy

Membership Levels

_____ Individual \$30.00

_____ Sponsor \$250.00*

_____ Student \$15.00

_____ Benefactor \$500 or more*

_____ Family \$50.00

_____ Explorer's Circle \$1,000+*

_____ Patron \$100.00

* These levels receive Museum tote bags

Please make your check or money order payable to Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Join us!

We encourage you to visit the Museum for a tour or special event. Reservations are still necessary for your friend or family group until all COVID restrictions are lifted. Please call Museum Director Dr. Bob Cameron at 814-876-0129; he will arrange for one of our tour guides to meet you at the Visitor Center.

Meanwhile, you can walk, run, or jog the ever-expanding Museum trails during daylight hours, schedule a wedding, reunion, or other function on the grounds or in the Boal Barn, or just admire all the beautiful gardens. Please keep in touch: call Bob or leave a message on the Visitor Center phone, 814-466-6210.

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