

News&Views

from the

Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum

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Give the Gift of Membership!

October is **Membership Month** at the Boal Museum, when we promote membership in our Museum as a gift for friends and for yourself. The month began with the **Olde Europe Festival on Sunday, October 8** (see pages 2–5), and will culminate with our **Masquerade Ball on Friday, October 27** (page 2).

Additional activities during the month are helping to preserve and protect the remarkable collections here and—we hope—add members, too:

- » On **October 5**, the United Way Day of Caring, **over 350 local volunteers spent the day at the Museum** helping with wide-ranging projects, such as mulching our now almost-three miles of public trails, building a dance platform for the Olde Europe Festival, raking leaves all over the property, working on the front entrance to the new Columbus Exhibit, and cutting and moving unwanted brush and broken branches. Volunteers came from the Navy ROTC on Penn State's campus, the State College Area School District's Delta Program, St. Joseph's Academy Catholic School in Boalsburg, and the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology. Docents, the NROTC, and many local restaurants provided lunch, and Museum docents gave "mini tours" to help these young people learn about the art and artifacts they were helping to preserve. See pages 6–7 for photos of the day.
- » Each year on Columbus Day, the **Knights of Columbus celebrate Mass in the Columbus Chapel**. While the Chapel holds very few people, those who have been coming for many years and newcomers are always welcome. Many are already Museum members. This year, we welcomed 31 visitors to the service and reception, a record participation!
- » During the Olde Europe Festival, Manuel Rosa gave a lecture about his 25 years of **investigative research into the origins of Christopher Columbus**. His book, Columbus: The Untold Story, is available in our Museum Gift Shop at a reduced price. Listeners were captivated by his new information!

Please Join Us at the Masquerade Ball!

You are cordially invited to
The Boal Mansion and Columbus Chapel

Masquerade Ball

Friday October 27, 2017

At Boal Mansion

7pm to 10pm

Champagne Prelude at 6:45pm

Beverages and Tapas

Tickets: \$75.00 per person

Masks highly encouraged

RSPV by October 21, 2017 to (814) 876-0129



The Olde Europe Festival

Celebrating the six European countries from which the various threads of the Boal family are woven, the Olde Europe Festival included music, dance, food, and drink from Scotland, Ireland, England, France, Italy, and Spain.

Callanish, a Celtic band based in central PA, performs Irish and Scottish music in the traditional style. Their repertoire includes lively jigs and reels, haunting airs, and rollicking songs.

photo by Mary Szmolko

Below: Bruce Young told Irish jokes in between fiddling and playing traditional Irish tunes. He also served as the MC for the other performers.

photo by Art Pentz

Below right: Members of the PSU Society for Creative Anachronism displayed their Medieval fighting skills—and superb costumes.

photo by Mary Szmolko





Members of the Central Pennsylvania Dance Workshop performed traditional dances of the celebrated countries. Visitors to the Festival were able to relax on hay bales to watch and listen to performers.

photo by Mary Szmolko

Unicorns! Yes, unicorns, in all their beauty, were available for petting and photos. Owned and decorated by Amy Romaniec, these ponies magically became every girl's dream for a few moments.

photos by Bill Arden



Percheron buggy rides around the estate were available at no cost, thanks to the gracious underwriting of Joel Confer Toyota. What a handsome pair!

photo by Mary Szmolko



During the Festival, three Museum docents (tour guides) posed in costume with the Boal family's "day carriage," which is displayed in front of the Visitor Center.

photo by Art Pentz

Remaining Special Events for 2017

Sat, Nov 25 Hanging of the Greens

Sat–Sun, Dec 2–3 Home for the Holidays at the Mansion (part of Boalsburg Hometown Christmas): Candlelight Tours* both evenings plus Christmas High Tea on Sunday, Dec. 3*

* These events require reservations. To reserve or for more information: 814-876-0129 or www.boalmuseum.com.
Local media will carry details of each event as it nears.

United Way Day of Caring: 350+ Volunteers Who Really Cared!



Museum Director Dr. Bob Cameron welcomed students from the State College Area School District's Delta Program.

Students from the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology loaded wheelbarrows with donated mulch, then spread it on miles of the estate's trails.

All photos on this page
by Art Pentz



Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy volunteers loaded multiple trailerloads of logs and brush they had cut and collected. This will all be recycled into mulch for the property.

After a hard morning's work on the trails, a few of the hundred-plus Penn State Navy ROTC volunteers head back to the Visitor Center for lunch.

photo by Art Pentz



What Would You Like to Do?

Here are some projects that may interest you:

- » Refurbish antique carriages under the guidance of a specialist
- » Help set up exhibits of antique clothing or fans or saddles
- » Learn to clean delicate artifacts under the watchful eye of an experienced “antique-caregiver”
- » Learn to be a tour guide (docent) to share the history of this Museum
- » Use your gardening skills: a variety of gardens need care

These and more are waiting for extra hands during the fall, winter, spring and summer. Simply call Museum Director Bob Cameron at 814-876-0129 and tell him your area of interest. He'll direct you further.

Memberships and Donations

We welcome new and returning members, and of course welcome large or small donations at any time, either for specific or general purposes.

A one-year membership begins in October and comes with great benefits:

- » Free admission to the Museum and Chapel regular tour, all season
- » Reduced admission to select special events

- » A 10% discount at the Museum Gift Shop
- » Opportunities for training, service, and organizational development
- » Opportunities for interpretation and preservation of our historic past
- » Your membership card

Membership levels are:

- » Individual (\$30)
- » Student (\$15)
- » Family (\$50)
- » Patron (\$100)
- » Sponsor (\$250 or more)
- » Benefactor (\$500 or more)
- » Explorer's Circle (\$1,000 or more)

[Send your membership or donation check](#) to the address at the end of this newsletter, made out to Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum, with "2018 Membership" or "Donation for [purpose]" in the Memo line.

Join us!

You can participate in the growth and development at the Museum in many ways: as a volunteer (a few hours a week, a few hours a month, or at special events); as a Museum member; as a sponsor for special events; as a donor; or simply by visiting for tours with your friends and family. You can use the new walking trails around the Museum grounds at any time, schedule a wedding or reunion on the grounds, or just admire all the new gardens and the amphitheater (between the Mansion and the Barn).

Please keep in touch: call Director Bob Cameron at 814-876-0129 or leave a message on the office phone, 814-466-6210.

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