

News&Views

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The 2017 season at the Boal Museum is in full swing! You and your friends and family are welcome to visit for a tour, to attend our remaining **Special Events** (listed on the next page), to enjoy the walking trails on our 48 acres, or to schedule a wedding, reunion, or similar family event (see last page).

In this issue, we share pictures of the 2017 **Civil War Ball**, **Memorial Day festivities**, and **Antique Faire & Berry Fest**, as well as artifacts in the unusual collections found at the Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum.



*The evening before Memorial Day, we celebrated in style with a **Civil-War Ball** in the Boal Mansion ballroom. Reenactors who were camped out for the next day's festivities joined other costumed dancers from near and far. The Victorian Dance Ensemble provided music and instruction.*

- Photo by Art Pentz

*The next day, those same reenactors were joined by craft vendors, musicians, dancers, living-history demonstrators, and special Boal Museum tours, all as part of Boalsburg Village's annual **Memorial Day Celebration**. Here, the Society for Creative Anachronism stages a medieval battle.*

- Photo by Art Pentz



2017 Season Special Events

Sun, Sep 10	Herb & Garlic Festival, and Teddy Bear Tea for kids*
Sun, Oct 8	Olde Europe Festival
Mon, Oct 9	Columbus Chapel Mass (very limited seating)*
Fri, Oct 27	Masquerade Ball*
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 Dec 3*
Sat–Sun, Dec 2–3 & Dec 9–10	Drive-through Illumination Display & Kriskindl Market

* 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.

The Antique Faire & Berry Fest, July 14–16, was a grand success! Antique vendors displayed a wide variety of items, from furniture to clothing, watches to jewelry, metalwork to toys, and more.

- Photo by Mary Szmolko





A view of the [Boal Mansion](#) through wind chimes made from antique teapots and spoons. Antique sales included recently handmade-from-antique items like these as well as the usual older pieces.

- Photo by Mary Szmolko

The [Berry Pie Contest](#) on Saturday drew lots of entries and eaters alike! Entries had to be at least 50% berries—so berry-rhubarb, berry-peach, and berry-apple were all accepted, and delicious! Here Museum volunteers begin cutting one of the three winning pies.

- Photo by Christine Stangel



A brisk trade in pie slices was carried out after the judging was over!

- Photo by Mary Szmolko

This handsome stagecoach was refurbished by local Amish carriage-makers. It was originally used at the Musser House Hotel in Millheim to carry guests to the train station in Coburn. Theodore Davis Boal bought it in 1902. This and several other surreys, buggies, and carts that are being refurbished now will form the basis of the Museum's new [Transportation](#) exhibit.

- Photo by Mary Szmolko



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 1-year membership comes with great benefits:

- » Free admission to the Museum and Chapel regular tour
- » 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 "2017 Membership" or "Donation for [purpose]" in the Memo line. Or download the membership form at www.boalmuseum.com.



This reliquary containing two pieces of the "True Cross" draws visitors from around the world to the Columbus Chapel.

- Photo by Mary Szmolko

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 donor; or simply by visiting for tours with your friends and family. You can use the new walking trail 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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