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Spring 2011 Newsletter

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The Magnolia Historical Society meets the first Monday of every month at the Magnolia Borough Hall on Albertson Ave at 7:30 pm

No Meeting for the months of July & August

OUR SPRING FLEA MARKET A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

by Jeffrey Brownlow

Our spring flea market was a great success. The vendors as usual were wonderful. We had some nice things to sell on the deck to add to our profit. All of our visitors had a great time and so did our staff. We thank Denis & Kevin Reid from Magnolia Garden Village & Iulucci Landscaping for their work on sprucing up the train station grounds for the flea market. Their team spruced up the children's garden, edged Hannold Walk, re-mulched the property, and trimmed the plants around the property. The photos were submitted by Jason Sawyer. The fall flea market is scheduled for September 17th, 2011 from 9am to 3 pm. Please keep this in mind when you are going to dispose of your used treasures. For any information regarding the flea market contact Elaine Furniss at (856)783-2136.



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About the writer: Jeffrey Brownlow

Hello, I am the Magnolia Historical Society's newest member. I started serving my community at the age of 15 as a junior member of the Magnolia Fire Company and I am still serving Magnolia. I am a graduate of Sterling High School (Class of 2009), and I am currently pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at Camden County College. History has always been my favorite subject in school, and I find Magnolia's history to be quite interesting. The reason I joined the Magnolia Historical Society is to be involved in researching our town's history through the projects and to be part of the communication & technical committee. Hope to see you at future events.

Become a Member Today!

Be sure to join the Magnolia Historical Society today for only \$10. Membership dues help pay for programs, promote our Magnolia community, and to recognize and preserve key historical items and sites. Membership includes a subscription to 'The Station Master Newsletter' that provides notice of upcoming events, meetings, and fascinating facts about Magnolia.

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Newsletter Information

The Station Master is a seasonal newsletter for the members and friends of the Magnolia Historical Society. If you would like to contribute to The Station Master as a columnist, sponsor, or in any other way please contact:

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FROM THE TICKET WINDOW

First of all I would like to thank the 40% of you that returned your surveys. A 40% return is almost unheard of in today's polling data returns. 99.9 were positive. The biggest complaint was that we had too many spot-a-pots at the yard sale. We only had 2 and sometimes it was standing room only. A theme that ran in all the returns was to some how involve young people in the MHS. For the last two months we have been working on just such a proposal.

When you make a change such as in a group, a team, or a committee the first thing you need is the right people. I believe we have that. Jason Sawyer will be stepping down as Secretary, and I have asked Jason to take the post of Communication Chairperson, effective April 18, 2011. Jason will finish out his term as secretary. Jason brings to the table his engineering and design background along with his ability to get the job done. This committee will be incorporated with Publicity Committee. They will continue to do what they do, BUT they will have access to more media equipment than ever before. We will use the Internet more and improve our web page. WE will use 35mm and digital hand held and motion cameras to record our town history. Sound recording will be available for interviews of area residents. NOW as Jack Nickelson would say "You need a few good people." If you are high school age or older and would like to get in on the ground floor, please call Mert Gardner @ 784-8251 and leave your name, address, and phone number, and we will call you back

Well the spring hoagie sale and the flea market is over and it was a success. I would like to thank Ms. Furniss and her hard working team of dedicated men and women that make these fund raisers a success. It takes planning and coordination to pull off these fund raisers as well as this group does. We will be inventorying the train station and printing a directory of what we have and where you can find the information. Book cases will be numbered and lettered to make it easier to find. So you see we are listening and trying to improve where we can in the short term and planning for the long term is underway.

Thank You,
President Mert Gardner

****P.S. Don't forget your ticket.**

Also enclosed within this newsletter is the calendar of events for the second half of the year with a notice to the community on the back. If you lose your calendar and live in the area, just stop into a monthly meeting and pick one up. If you live outside of the area, drop us a line we will send you another.

DID YOU KNOW...

by Jason Sawyer

At one of our regular meetings I asked all in attendance if they had any input or ideas for articles for the newsletter. Everyone at the meeting agreed that they liked the new format, and later after the meeting Mary Martz approached me about writing a follow-up article to a 'Did You Know'. With some digging I found the article from the Spring 2008 edition of the *Station Master* on the 'Legend of the Star'.



In addition to the symbolism of strength of family described in the previous article, these stars found on homes around town can trace their origins back to 18th century and as late as the 1870's in German-American & Amish farming communities. Known as "barn-stars" these decorative features often are in the shape of a five pointed star or can also be in a circular form. Most of the stars found within circular forms can be found on Amish & Pennsylvania Dutch barns and are known as "hex signs", which can also contain picture of animals representing different meanings.

For the most part, the five-point star pointing up represents the same meanings for all people within this region. They represent good fortune, hope, love, fertility, energy, harmony, and protect against fires. Colors serve to give additional meaning to these stars: black—protection & togetherness; blue—protection & peace; brown—friendship & strength; green—growth & fertility; orange—career & encouragement; red—passion & creativity; violet—sacred things; white—purity & energy; yellow—health & love of God.

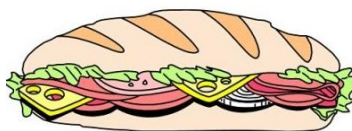


Today, these stars on the homes of Magnolia & other small towns only represent an increase in aesthetic value to some, while others cherish them for their symbolism.

SUMMER HOAGIE SALE—JULY 23RD, 2011:

Hi, we are having a hoagie sale on Saturday, July 23rd, 2011 from 11 am to 1 pm at the train station. Italian, American, and Turkey Hoagies available. Just \$4.00! Call in your orders early, as there will be limited quantities for walk up customers.

To order call Elaine Furniss at 856-783-2136.



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