

Chronicles



CRAIGHEAD HOUSE

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Tracks

President's Message

It's Christmas here by the Yellow Breeches, the time of year that we remember things past.

This issue of *Chronicles* contains a list of the many accomplishments at Craighead House since preservation began in 2012. One might think of the accomplishments as tracks, like footprints in the snow or the creek bed, that show where we have been and indicate where we might be headed.



John Coyle

Fifty years from today, what tracks might a visitor find at Craighead House? What would they conclude about us? They would see kitchen art, and know that we treasured the folk art and culture of the previous century.

They might sit on our outdoor benches and sense our love and reverence for nature, and specifically for the Yellow Breeches Creek. Browsing our library of Craighead books they would be transported them into the bygone world of the Craighead family as hundreds of characters, often based on actual humans or animals, jumped off the pages.

And sitting in the house, handling our "museum" artifacts from 1930, they might sense the presence of the Craighead family and their friends and neighbors.

In their youth, Frank, John, and Jean sojourned in Craighead, Pennsylvania, but they did not stay here forever. Their tracks led West through Wyoming to Montana, and North to Chappaqua, New York. Like them, one day we will be gone from this place. Seeing our tracks, I hope

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Craighead House Committee Corporation is to preserve Craighead House and put it to use as a community learning and support center for educational activities related with the Craighead Naturalists' areas of interest and to house offices and museums related to conservation, writing, art, and local history.

Grants & Projects

The grant requests on which Board members Lu Conser and Tom Benjey worked so hard have come to fruition! All but DCED have awarded us funds to be used toward making the improvements to the parking lot required by PennDOT and South Middleton Township and toward constructing an ADA-compatible outdoor restroom.

This money: \$15,000 from Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, \$25,980 from Cumberland County Planning Commission, \$70,000 from PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources, funds from donors to our Capital Fund, and professional services in the form of in-kind donations should be enough to complete this project. *We are thrilled and so thankful for this funding!*

When finished, the parking lot will be enlarged and have marked spaces, including a handicapped space. A storm water management system will be built to protect Yellow Breeches Creek from runoff from it, an ADA-compatible pathway from the parking lot to the wheelchair ramp at the house will be paved, and an ADA-compatible restroom reminiscent of an old railroad station designed by architect Bob Cianfichi will be built.

A trellis-bench donated by Chip and Dee Fenton will mark the entrance from the parking lot and provide a place for visitors to rest. Completion of this project will finish most of the major outside construction. But much remains to be done inside.

Carlisle Barracks Spouses Club has awarded us a grant of \$100 toward the purchase of a 10x10 pop-up tent to be used at events on and off site. Additional donations to complete the purchase would be appreciated.

We unsuccessfully applied again for a FootPRINT Fund grant from Allegra Marketing, this time in the \$1,000 to \$2,500 range for a new website.

We've Come a Long Way, Baby!

It might be hard to imagine five years have passed since the Craighead House Committee was formed and incorporated. The accomplishments of our all-volunteer board and other supporters from 2012 through December 2017 are indeed significant. We are eternally grateful to dozens of volunteers and numerous donors who had faith in the direction set forth by the Craighead family legacy, and trusted us with the resources to accomplish the many milestones listed below. **Thank you!**

Administrative

- ◆ Obtained federal 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit organization
- ◆ Achieved recognition by the Cumberland County Historical Society on the Cumberland County Register of Historic Places
- ◆ Recognized by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission with a historic marker honoring the Craighead family
- ◆ Eligible for Listing on National Register of Historic Places
- ◆ Obtained zoning variance allowing “museum” use for educational programs
- ◆ Purchased additional land for parking lot



Programmatic

- ◆ Presented over 100 educational programs and activities for adults and children, both on- and off-site
- ◆ Developed an exhibit for the Cumberland County Historical Society
- ◆ Provided programs for other area organizations including Cumberland County Historical Society, South Mountain Partnership, Wildwood Park Nature Center, Mechanicsburg Environmental Club, and Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club
- ◆ Listed as one of the “50 Objects That Make You Think of Cumberland County” by the Carlisle Sentinel (2016)
- ◆ Participated in the national Balancing Nature and Commerce conference, hosted by the Conservation Fund (2017)
- ◆ Installed educational signs outlining the history and significance of the house and the Craighead family

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- ◆ Maintain a website and Facebook page, and publish a quarterly newsletter
- ◆ Printed a brochure outlining Craighead House, its mission, and programs
- ◆ Hosted tours for the Cumberland County Historical Society, Penn State Master Gardeners, Preservation PA conference, and other groups related to the environment and/or historic preservation (over 300 attendees)
- ◆ Hosted Craighead 80/85 Celebration (2017), a day of activities with Audubon Society, Bosler Memorial Library, Clean Air Board, Master Gardeners, falcons, and other presenters (approximately 200 attendees)



Tubing in the Yellow Breeches

Restoration/Renovation

- ◆ Stabilized the house's foundation
- ◆ Replaced the roof
- ◆ Painted the exterior
- ◆ Began landscaping with native plants and recreating the 1930's garden beds
- ◆ Stabilized the most vulnerable areas of the kitchen wall artwork
- ◆ Rebuilt all the porches, exterior (where necessary), and front entry
- ◆ Installed an outdoor education area built by local Eagle Scouts

Fundraising

- ◆ Raised over \$480,000 from local supporters, including \$90,000 for a down payment and closing costs for the property

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- ◆ Have commitments for grants totaling \$110,000 for parking lot improvements and construction of an ADA-compatible outdoor restroom, Funders are PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Cumberland County Planning Department, and Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau
- ◆ Retired the mortgage as of September 2017
- ◆ Submitted 40 grant applications to local, state, and national grantors
- ◆ Received support from G.B. Stuart Foundation, Chesapeake Bay Alliance, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, Cumberland County Planning Department, other funders, and individuals

Remaining Projects



- ◆ Upgrade parking area, including accessible parking and walkway
- ◆ Build ADA-compliant restroom outside
- ◆ Renovate interior, providing education and meeting areas downstairs and office space for non-profit organizations upstairs
- ◆ Refinish/replace floors
- ◆ Repair and paint walls, ceilings, and woodwork
- ◆ Install/upgrade plumbing, electrical, heating & air conditioning systems
- ◆ Install indoor ADA-compliant restroom

You can donate to Craighead House:

on-line at CraigheadHouse.org

OR

By mail to:

Craighead House Committee

P.O. Box 335

Boiling Springs, PA 17007



The new logo comes in several versions that allow it to be used in numerous ways.



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Cumulative giving amounts

Now that the house's exterior paint has dried, we can acknowledge the numerous contributions made by generous donors. Each donor will have his, her, their or its name engraved on a brass plaque adjacent to the image of the raptor corresponding to the donor's giving level. Because cumulative donations are considered, the plaques won't be installed until after the 2017 annual campaign giving is complete.

You can save us the cost and effort of requesting how you would like your plaque to read by sending it in a letter or email message to:

CraigheadHouse@gmail.com

or

P.O. Box 335, Boiling Springs, PA 17007



Support the Shutter Restoration Project

As the latest pictures show, the grand old house is looking her Sunday best with fresh exterior paint, replaced one-story & sleeping porches, restored landscaping and a wide handicap ramp. However, we didn't have the resources to include replacing missing shutters when we made the other façade improvements. About 30 shutter panels need to be replaced or repaired and your help is important. A grant is being sought from the Cumberland Street View program but it requires some matching funds.

If you can donate, we would *shutter* with joy

and gratitude : >)! *(For those who don't use social media, the previous set of characters represent an emoticon for gratitude.)*



Please mark your donation with “ChH Shutters” or “Shutter Project” and it will be used for one of the final steps in restoration of the Craighead House exterior. *Thank you.*



SNOW TRACKS

Story and Pictures by
JEAN GEORGE

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some of our grandchildren may also choose to head out to the wilderness. I hope they will remember our names and our stories as well.

We have no records or artifacts from Christmas in Craighead, PA. If you happen to have photographs from the 1930's, we would love to see and copy them. Indoor photographs that could help us with authentically finishing Craighead House's interior would be especially appreciated.

NEW LOGO!

Raphael Hernandez, Creative Services Manager of the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, was the creative force behind the new Craighead House signature logo, which has its world premier at the top of this issue of the *Chronicles* newsletter. Several formats are available for us to use as needed in letterhead, signage and collateral materials. Two presentations are shown in this document.

We are excited with the inherent message it represents - a marriage of the house architecture with the hues of nature. Craighead House deserves an identity that recalls the legacy of the conservationist family and the outside world where they loved to live, work and play.

