

Updates

CRAIGHEAD HOUSE



This is a short message to let you know what's going on at Craighead House.

The Kitchen Artwork Is Being Preserved



Thanks to a grant from the John J. Snyder Fund of the Lancaster County Community Foundation the artwork painted on the kitchen walls is being preserved. As shown in the photo on the left, a conservator from B. R. Howard Conservation is consolidating loose paint to the wall. Earlier grants from local individuals stabilized the west wall and secured the curling paint to it. The current project is consolidating the loose paint on the rest of the walls.

A 2 feet by 2 feet area of plaster on the north wall has loosened from the lath behind and above the kitchen range in the photo below. Fortunately, the back of the wall is easily accessed from the basement stairway. A section of the plaster and lath on the stairway wall will need to be cut away to adhere the loosened plaster on the kitchen wall to its lath. When that is accomplished, the art restorers will replace the section of plaster in the basement stairway with drywall. They will attach it with screws rather than pound nails through it to reduce further damage to the kitchen wall.



Roger Craighead

Ann and Tom Benjey met Roger Craighead in the summer of 2011 in Bloomington, Indiana where Roger and Tom were receiving therapy for their cancers at the Indiana University Proton Therapy Center. As a teenager, Roger had worked one summer with the Craighead twins at Yellowstone Park when they were doing their grizzly bear study. Roger was a different kind of Craighead; he was tall where they were short and he liked to sleep in where they were early risers. He mostly lugged equipment to worksites for them. The thing he shared with them was the love of photography. He made that his business and was quite successful at it. Roger was weak at the time as he was also undergoing chemotherapy. He had tremendous recuperative powers because he had fought off several other cancers before this one. After returning home, we added Roger's name to the annual campaign list and he became a faithful supporter of Craighead House. We were uplifted every time a return envelope arrived covered front and back with stickers—of the sort we all get in the mail. Those cheerful envelopes told us he was alright. This August, nine years almost to the day when we last saw Roger in person, he called Tom literally from his deathbed. He wanted to know if Craighead House needed more money to complete the restoration. Tom told him we did. Last Saturday checks arrived in the mail totaling over \$13,000. Roger had made Craighead House a beneficiary of some investment vehicles he had with New York Life. Even in his death, Roger helped us.



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Annual Perennials Exchange

The annual perennials exchange is being held at Craighead House on Saturday, April 17. Bring up to five plants to give away in exchange for an identical number of different plants. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. The drawings begin at 10:30, so plants to be exchanged must be here by that time. Come even if you don't have any plants to exchange. It's FREE.



7TH ANNUAL

CRAIGHEAD HOUSE PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

SATURDAY APRIL 17

318 EAST OLD YORK ROAD, CARLISLE, 17015

10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Bring your plants and look over the other plants for exchange
10:30 a.m. Ticket drawing and exchange

IT'S FUN! IT'S FREE! HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...

- If you want to participate in the exchange, bring up to five perennials of the same or different species.
- You receive a ticket for each plant you bring.
- At 10:30 a.m. the ticket drawing begins. As the tickets are drawn, each person gets his or her choice of one plant per ticket.

After the exchange, take time to walk around the property; read the informational signs on the Craigheds, their work, and their home; and relax on the beautiful banks of the Yellow Breeches Creek.



Interior House Renovations

Thanks to the G. B. Stuart Charitable Foundation, The Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation, the John J. Snyder Fund of the Lancaster County Community Foundation, and Carlisle Barracks Spouses Club, we have funding to make many of the needed interior improvements. After a six-month hiatus in the construction industry in 2019 and the resulting construction backlog due to the Corona Virus, we are finally moving forward with the interior renovations needed to acquire an occupancy permit. The architectural and engineering drawings along with the necessary building permit application documents were filed this week with South Middleton Township for review and approval. When granted, this will pave the way for our contractor to update the electrical and plumbing services and install the first-ever central heating and air conditioning in the building. This work is being coordinated with our art conservation efforts in the kitchen, and care is being provided so that the interior environmental changes due to heat and air conditioning are not detrimental to the kitchen art. We hope to receive building permit approval and then begin construction in 4 - 6 weeks. When the work is done and approved, we can finally allow the public into the house for viewing and educational programs.

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