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CRAIGHEAD HOUSE



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March 2022 Edition



Craighead House after snow stopped falling on March 12.



L-to-R. Barbara's granddaughters Emma Hallowell and Mary Hallowell, Barbara Hallowell, Laurie Craighead Rudolph, Laurie's granddaughters Allison and Emily Kirk.

Long-Time Supporter Lost

We sadly report that the last of the Craigheads who spent time at Craighead House in the 1920s has passed. Barbara Gawthrop Hallowell, whom many may remember from the talk she gave in 2013 and who attended the dedication of the historical marker in 2014 with two of her granddaughters, died on January 29 in Kennett Square, PA at 97 years of age. Barbara was the daughter of Ruth Craighead Gawthrop, who was born in Craighead House in 1895 and lived to be 98 years old.

Barbara was born and grew up in Kennett Square, where her mother lived her entire life since marriage. She attended the old elementary school on Mulberry Street and was among the students who walked from it to the new Kennett Consolidated School in 1932. She continued there through ninth grade, then finished high school at George School in Newtown, PA before attending Swarthmore College. She majored in biology, then taught science at the Shipley School and biology at Germantown Friends School before studying Physical Therapy at the University of Pennsylvania.

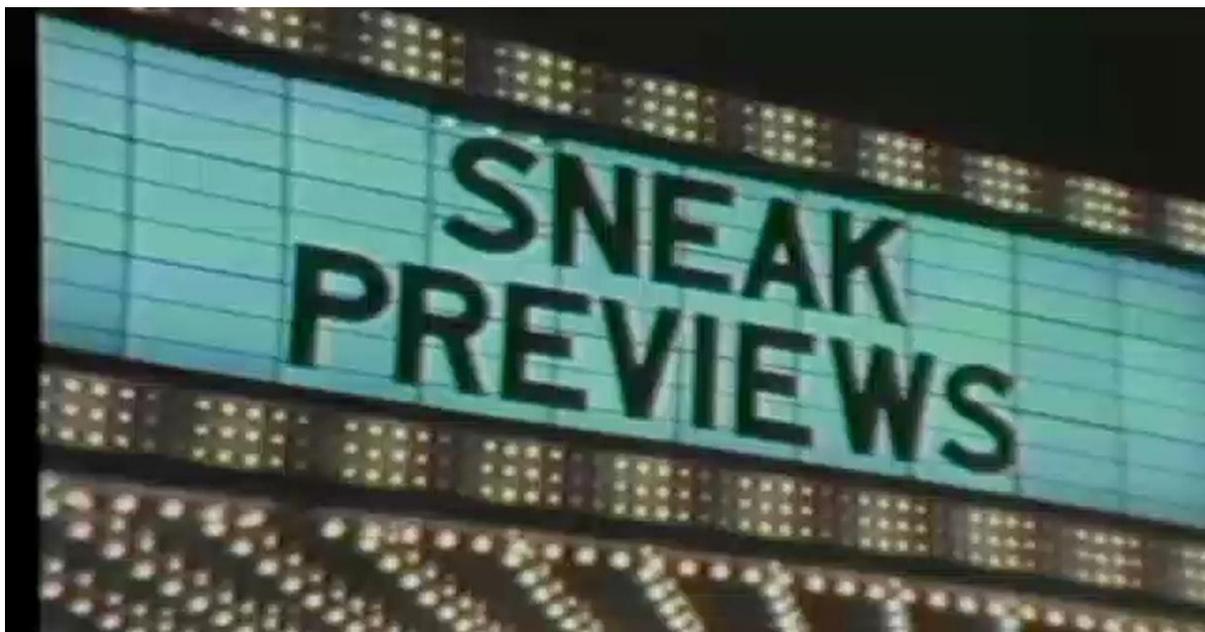
Barbara married Tom Hallowell in 1952 and lived in Little Silver, NJ, to be near his work with DuPont. The Hallowell home with three active children was a busy hub for the neighborhood kids. Barbara bubbled with curiosity and a sense of wonder that inspired many kid-friendly adventures

the house and yard were usually alive with a wide diversity of creatures, domestic and wild.

DuPont transferred them to Hendersonville, NC, in 1971. There, Barbara and Tom restored an old log cabin and spent much time gardening, botanizing, and exploring the mountains, completing the South Beyond 6000 Challenge to climb 40 of the 60 peaks over 6,000 feet in the Southern Appalachians. Barbara loved classical music and played violin, including 14 years with the Symphony of Hendersonville. In 1994, they moved to Kendal at Longwood adjacent to Kennett Square, where Barbara was active on the Land Conservancy, Photography, and Women's Ink (writing) committees.

She was a force of and for nature. She had boundless energy and a deep commitment to teaching about the beauties and vulnerabilities of the natural world. She was instrumental in Little Silver's first Earth Day celebration in 1970 and in the establishment of the Little Silver Conservation Commission; developed nature trails and guided school and community groups; taught continuing education for National Wildlife Federation summits and Blue Ridge Community College in NC; and, along with Tom, wrote a weekly "Nature Notes" column for the *Hendersonville Times-News*. Barbara also wrote *Cabin: A Mountain Adventure*, *Mountain Year: A Southern Appalachian Nature Notebook*, and *Fern Finder: A Guide to Native Ferns of Central and Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada*, which she co-authored with her daughter, Anne. A skilled photographer, she used her photos for over fifty years in lectures on nature and adventure travel subjects, much travel having been in the Canadian Arctic.

Surviving are her son, John F. Hallowell (Margaret), Anne H. Reich (Peter), and Charles G. Hallowell (Megan McShea); eleven grandchildren: Mary, Emma, Ben, Henry, Alex, Julia, Tommy, Kristi, Ani, Amy, and Danny, all of whom loved taking photos, exploring the outdoors, and playing games with Grandma; and two recently born great-grandchildren, Marit and Jack, who brought her great joy in her 97th year.



Others will be added, including a full Camp Craighead schedule, as soon as the dates are set. This year we will have indoor and outdoor events for children of all ages beginning on April 30 and ending no later than New Year's Eve.

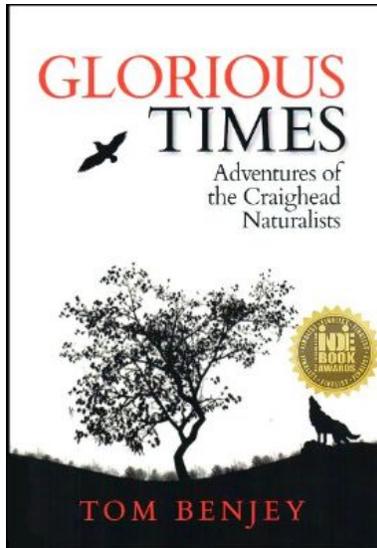


Craighead House's season kicks off with the first of the Garden Talks series at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24. Master Gardener Sarah Maines will give an important update on the Spotted Lanternfly in Cumberland County. Last year, many areas were overwhelmed with these invasive pests, and Sarah will show us how to prepare and manage the onslaught. This talk will be the first talk held indoors after receiving our Occupancy Permit.

The Annual Perennials Exchange is next. This year it's on Saturday, April 30. Bring from one to five perennials and leave with the same number but different plants to diversify your garden. The event opens at 9:30 a.m. Arrive early to see what others bring so you will know what you want when your numbers are pulled out of a hat. Drawing starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp, so be sure to get here in time to put your plants on display and receive tickets for them. It's always a fun day.

Master Gardener Bob MacGregor will present an informative talk on garden soils and composting on June 12 at 2:00 p.m. He will also talk about the relationship plants have with our various native soils and why it is important to "know your soil before you plant your plant". Come prepared to play in the dirt.

Our inaugural Garden Talk series rounds out on August 14 at 2:00 p.m. with native plant and butterfly expert Heather Andrews. She will emphasize the importance of fall-blooming native plants in the garden for the fall migration of birds, butterflies, and other insects, and which plants are the best for our area. Heather has been instrumental in helping design and plant our native plant gardens around Craighead House. Her presentation will be divided into indoor and outdoor segments.



Local author Tom Benjey will be giving a talk about the Craighead family of naturalists at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 22nd. Dr. Benjey's program will be held indoors using digital projection equipment to show slides and photographs as will other presenters who follow.

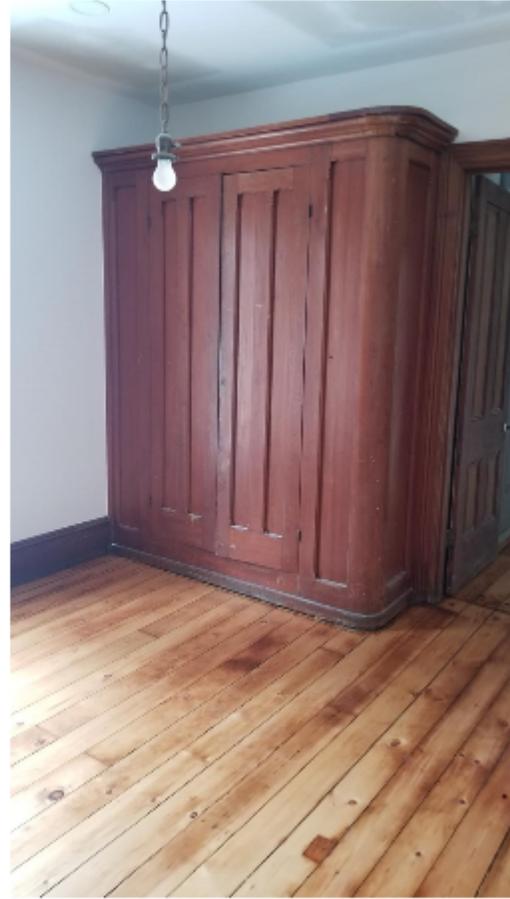
Prof. Noel Potter commemorates the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Agnes at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 26.

Dr. Potter had just been at Dickinson 3 years in 1972 when the rain started falling. Not knowing what to expect, he decided to go out and get some photos of muddy water washing off of farm fields. He had no idea that he was taking photos of what was to be the flood of record in our area. Eventually he could not go north of the Conodoguinet or through Mt. Holly Gap because the roads were flooded. As soon as the clouds lifted, he convinced Ken Laws, who had an airplane, to take him up over Carlisle and Harrisburg. To top it off, his friends at the Pennsylvania Geological Survey had just moved the previous Spring from near the capitol down to Cameron Street (next door to what is now Appalachian Brewing Co). They were on the ground floor and water rose to the ceiling--everything they had from a fine library to sophisticated lab equipment was ruined.

For the record, the official name is "Tropical Storm Agnes"--a Hurricane involves strong winds, and we had very little wind here in PA.

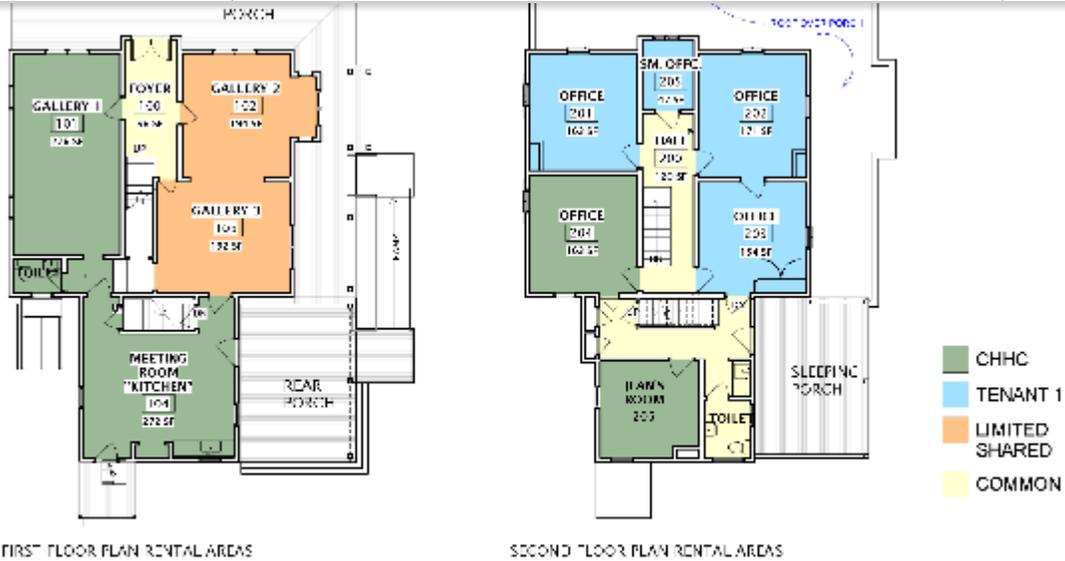


CAMP CRAIGHEAD



Twins' bedroom before plaster work & floor refinishing. Twins' bedroom after plaster work & floor refinishing.

As the before/after photos of the twins' bedroom above show, with the plaster work and floor refinishing finished, the upstairs is ready for painting or wallpapering. After a little detail work on the baseboards and window frames is completed, the upstairs will be ready for tenants to move in. The diagram below illustrates the sizes and locations of the spaces available for offices.



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Volunteers are still needed in two major areas: (1) getting the house ready for occupancy after the contractors leave and (2) helping in various ways to make the programs successful:

- Major cleaning
- Scraping wallpaper
- Painting walls & ceilings
- Stripping paint off four windows

The Communication Committee has an ongoing need for a volunteer to manage our social media.

The Education Committee needs volunteers to:

- Set up and take down tables and chairs before and after programs
- Contact outside presenters prior to programs to confirm program details and logistics

- Plan and conduct each daytime Camp Craighead "Books by the Breeches" children's nature book read aloud and activity
- Assist with programs led by other presenters

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