

*Photo by Joe Maugeri*

**T**redyffrin Township marked its first 300 years in 2007, with a series of events held throughout the year. But the planning of the celebration began much earlier. In mid-2005, Judy DiFilippo, Chair of Tredyffrin's Board of Supervisors, began discussions with Township Manager Mimi Gleason. Easttown and Willistown had celebrated their own tricentennials in 2004. The Paoli Business and Professional Association had recently completed a year of activities recognizing the 250<sup>th</sup> year of the founding of Paoli. The possibilities of how to best recognize this milestone for Tredyffrin were endless.

### **The Early Committee**

To begin the planning of events, Judy extended invitations to Ed Auble, President of the Paoli Business and Professional Association, and Chairman of Paoli 250; Patty Benson, President of the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust; Lee McNeill, a Tredyffrin resident and an employee of Easttown Township, who helped co-ordinate its celebration; Roger Thorne, President of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society; and Bob O'Leary, chair of the Town-

ship's Planning Commission. They first got together in October 2005. Peggy Layden, a longtime Tredyffrin resident, was an early committee volunteer as well. Ideas were discussed and shared and "Tredyffrin 300" was born, co-chaired by Judy DiFilippo and Patty Benson. The ultimate goals of the celebration were to:

- Create an awareness of the Township's significant history;
- Create an appreciation of its historic resources, and;
- Create a "sense of community" by bringing together people of all ages through a variety of commemorative events.

### **Committee Projects**

Committee members met again in February 2006, and were introduced to Jane Pollini of Sage Film and Video Productions. The committee viewed a documentary that Jane had produced for Lansdowne. The group decided that producing a documentary should be included as part of the celebration. The Township agreed to loan the money to Tredyffrin 300 to support



this project. Meetings for the documentary production team began in May 2006.

### The Commemorative Calendar

One of the first activities for Tredyffrin 300 was the creation of a special 2007 calendar. The project was a collaborative effort led by Pattye Benson, who coordinated the fourteen photographs. In May and June of 2006, groups of people were photographed with historic Township resources as backgrounds. Stirling's Quarters was paired with a group of rangers from Valley Forge National Historical Park. Boy Scouts of the Devon 50 troop were featured near their Camp Jarvis log cabin. Choir members of the Mt. Zion AME Church were captured while singing on the steps of their historic chapel in Devon. The calendar photographs were taken by Conestoga High School graduate Rena DiFilippo Ferris, class of 1991. The digital photographs were edited by James Meadowcroft, MD, and prepared for the final calendar layout by Seth Hinshaw. Calendars were ready for sale by September 2006. Proceeds were deposited to the Tredyffrin 300 account.

### Partnerships and Sponsors

A partnership was formed between the Township and Tredyffrin 300. The Township made financial contributions in 2006 and in 2007 to help support the



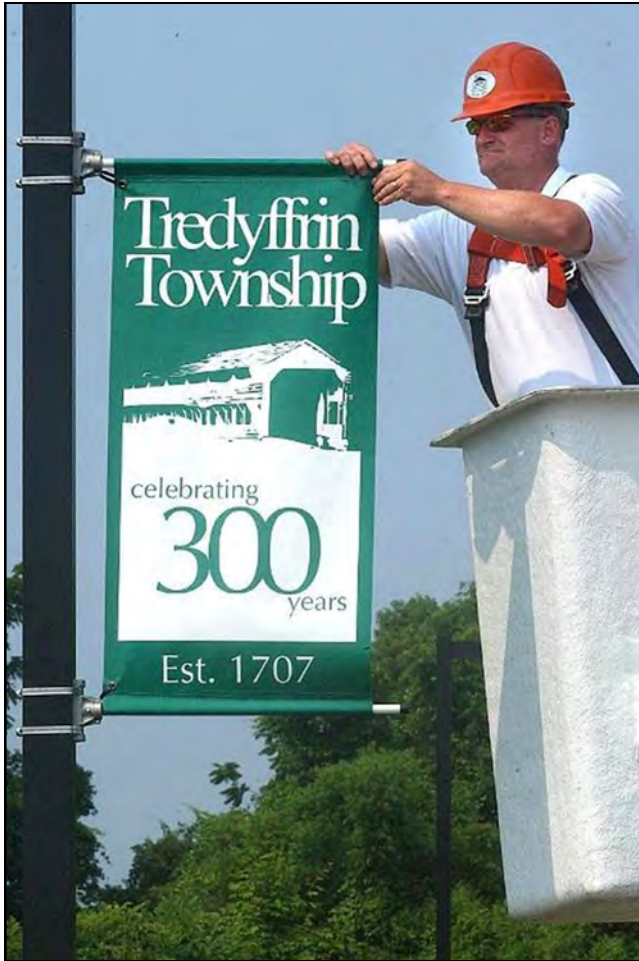
Local Boy Scout Troop Devon #50 posed for a photo for the special 2007 Tredyffrin 300 calendar. *Rena Ferris, 2006.*

planned activities. It also extended a loan for the costs of producing the historical documentary. That loan was paid in full at the conclusion of the events held in 2007.

Tredyffrin 300 reached out to the business and corporate community by inviting them to become sponsors. Several supported this one-time-only celebration, including: Shire Pharmaceuticals, the Vanguard Group, Cedar Hollow Design Center, Unisys, Alliance Bank, the Baptist Church in the Great Valley, BioMed Realty Trust, Braxton's Animal Works, The Fox Companies, Lamb McErlane PC, Matthews Paoli Ford, Paoli Village Shoppes, Partners Advertising, the Picket Post Swim and Tennis Club, Pitcairn Properties, and Traffic.com. Shuler's Jewelers and Devon Hill Motors were special sponsors of the opening event, the Soiree and Auction held at St. Davids Golf Club.



Volunteer firefighters from Paoli, Berwyn, and Radnor fire companies pose for the special 2007 Tredyffrin 300 calendar in front of the historic Strafford train station. *Rena Ferris, 2006.*



John Robie hangs Tredyffrin 300 banners throughout Tredyffrin Township. *Pete Bannan, Main Line Life, 2007.*

### Banners

In order to make the community aware of the Township's special milestone, it was decided that banners should be displayed throughout the community. Bob O'Leary worked with the Conestoga High School art department and held a logo design contest. The winning design was created by Devon Snyder, who was a junior at Conestoga in the spring of 2006. Her graphic design featured the Township's logo, the Knox Covered Bridge. More than 100 banners were hung during the spring of 2007 by John Robie. At the end of 2007 some of the banners in the Paoli area were removed and made available for sale as souvenirs.

### Other Fundraising

One of the Tredyffrin 300 Committee volunteers, Debbie Bookstaber, introduced the use of Cafe Press, a website where one can select articles of clothing, coffee mugs, or canvas bags as souvenirs of the celebration. The Tredyffrin 300 logo was placed on the

article selected and sent directly to the buyer from Cafe Press. A portion of each sale went directly to Tredyffrin 300.

Ms. Bookstaber also coordinated "A Taste of Tredyffrin." Various restaurants in the community were approached about making a contribution to Tredyffrin 300 by offering a percentage of their daily proceeds when a special Taste of Tredyffrin coupon was presented with a bill. Frankie's Fellini Cafe Berwyn, Main Street Cafe, and Nudy's East Side Cafe participated on Tuesday, September 18, 2007. Mesa Grille, Paoli Diner, and Wings to Go in the Paoli Village Shoppes participated each day of the celebration week, September 14-23, 2007.

### Double Quarterly

The Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society published a special edition of the *History Quarterly* in the spring of 2007, as one of the Society's contributions to the tricentennial celebration. The book featured articles, photos, and maps, many from past issues of the *History Quarterly*. Some of them had never before been published. The compilation was done by Society member Mike Bertram. Roger Thorne, President of the Society, presented it to the public for the first time at a Tredyffrin Board of Supervisors meeting in early March 2007. The book was a sell-out.

### Event Leaders

By late July 2006, Sean and Colleen McCauley and Michael and Margaret Tierney had agreed to co-chair a black-tie-optional event. This eventually became known as Tredyffrin at Twilight Soiree and Auction, and was held on September 14, 2007 at St. Davids Golf Club. In January 2007, Jill Whitcomb agreed to manage the sponsor solicitations and the Souvenir Book. Marie Thibault volunteered to organize a vintage fashion show. Hilliary Mallory, the Township's new Parks and Recreation Director, was coordinating the annual Community Day which would become the big "Birthday Party" on September 15, 2007. Lee McNeill volunteered to oversee the event called "United in Song."

John Shimrak helped with the Auction sponsors and Reg Pierce agreed to contact the business community for help. More and more excitement was growing, along with more volunteer participation. Beginning in May 2006, monthly meetings of the Tredyffrin 300 Committee occurred in addition to the individual



event committee meetings. Pearl Nudy took on the Public Relations assignment so that local papers were kept informed of the progress. An article about the tricentennial appeared in the September edition of *County Lines* magazine. In March 2007, a trailer for the documentary had been produced so it could be shown to various groups throughout the community to build excitement for the film and for all of the scheduled Tredyffrin 300 events.

Today's technology was evident during the entire project. E-mails were sent to keep everyone informed. The documentary trailer was shown on the popular website, YouTube. To promote interest in local history among the children, the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust sponsored a history program as part of the Township's summer camp at Teegarden Park. A day of colonial living introduced children to the food, clothing, and life of a soldier. Marching, colonial games, and weaving were led by members of the Friends of Valley Forge.



Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust sponsored camp day at Tee-garden Park. *Patty Benson.*

### Volunteers

Soon September was upon us. The documentary was finished and finally the day of "Tredyffrin at Twilight" had arrived. Auction items were tagged. Flowers from local garden clubs were being delivered as volunteers set up the tables and decorated the large dining room at St. Davids Golf Club. All of the



A re-enactor from the Friends of Valley Forge at Teegarden Park camp day. *Patty Benson.*

events relied upon volunteers to help make them successful. In particular, Rob Robinson of Berwyn, a member of the Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club, must be mentioned. He coordinated volunteers from his organization to help with each of the events, no matter what the need might be; parking attend-

ants at the Fashion Show, greeters at the main tent on the day of the Birthday Party, or helpers to assist guests with their auction items when leaving Friday evening's event.

A special mention must also be made of the two people who volunteered their photographic talents by capturing pictures at each Tredyffrin 300 event. Many of them are included in this *Quarterly*. Joe Maugeri, a resident of Berwyn for 16 years, has a strong interest in history and photography. On taking the aerial shot at Wilson Farm Park, Joe remarked, "The most terrifying part was being 95 feet up in the air on a fire engine ladder. It did give me a great view of Wilson Park that I'll never forget." Joe works as a marketing executive for a large financial services company in Oaks, PA. The other volunteer photographer was Kathy Woehl. She has been a resident of Tredyffrin or Easttown for almost her entire life, and spent all her school years in the T/E school system! She has been taking photos since the 6th grade, and especially enjoys underwater photography. Kathy says, "I NEVER go anywhere without my digital camera!" Kathy owns and operates Sugartown Secretaries, a diverse Administrative Assistance company.

### Beneficiaries

At the conclusion of the celebration events, finishing with a historic house tour and with a concert at Jenkins Arboretum, Tredyffrin 300 had raised enough money to pay back the loan for the documentary. The

remaining funds were disbursed to the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society to help it digitize its 70-year collection of articles and photos, and to the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust to fund the reconstruction of the historic Jones Log Barn. The committee met its original goals of bringing to life the history of this great community, of teaching about its historic resources, and of bringing to the community a variety of events appealing to all ages.

### Preserve America Designation

As 2007 drew to a close, it was announced that Tredyffrin Township had achieved a *Preserve America* designation. This designation says to those who visit here that we embrace our history and are pleased to share it with you. Much of the documentation included in the application for this designation included the story of Tredyffrin 300. Many people came from faraway places to join in the celebration. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create more memories of this wonderful place. Remember, ***you have a history in Tredyffrin!***



“300” balloons greeted guests as they arrived at St. Davids Golf Club.  
*Joe Maugeri.*

### Tredyffrin at Twilight Soiree & Auction

The St. Davids Golf Club provided the perfect backdrop for the kick-off Tredyffrin 300 event, *Tredyffrin at Twilight Soiree & Auction* on Friday night, September 14. This black-tie-optional event was co-chaired by couples Colleen and Sean McCauley and Margaret and Michael Tierney. Guests enjoyed an evening of drink, food, and laughter with many new and long-time friends. The silent auction, chaired by Suzy Ciccarone, featured over 200 donated auction items, including overnight stays, gift certificates, gourmet baskets, and much more. Representatives from Sotheby's were on hand for the exciting live auction which featured a wonderful Rolex ladies watch from Shuler's Jewelers, a beautiful BMW Z4 convertible car from Devon Hill Motors, a pair of tickets to a sold-out Bruce Springsteen concert donated by Tredyffrin Township Supervisor Bob Lamina, and an antique piano and oriental carpet donated by Cedar Hollow Design Center. Howard Zenker, owner of Shuler's Jewelers, also sponsored a Press Party at his jewelry store in Chesterbrook before the start of the Tredyffrin 300 events.



The recently remodeled clubhouse at St. Davids Golf Club, the location of the Tredyffrin at Twilight Soiree & Auction. *Joe Maugeri.*



Tredyffrin at Twilight Co-Chairs (left to right) Michael & Margaret Tierney and Colleen & Sean McCauley. *Joe Maugeri.*



## A Birthday Party for Tredyffrin Township

On Saturday, September 15, Wilson Farm Park was the location of Tredyffrin 300's Birthday Party. The day-long activities kicked off with a parade led by Tredyffrin 300 Co-Chairs Pattye Benson and Judy DiFilippo. Organized by Bob Pacca, the parade featured marching bands from Valley Forge Military Academy and Conestoga High School, antique cars, youth sports groups, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, veterans groups, civic leaders, and more.

Birthday party activities celebrating the township's milestone included colonial crafts (candle-making, weaving, quilting and muster firing drill), moon bounce, rock wall, bungee run, face painting and a strolling 19<sup>th</sup> century flea circus and medicine show, among others. Uncle Sam, Betsy Ross and President Abe Lincoln marked the occasion with a visit, along with civil war re-enactors who set up an authentic encampment in Wilson Farm Park. Among the community groups sharing information about their organizations were Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society, Berwyn Veterans Memorial, Open Land Conservancy, Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust, Tredyffrin Republican Party, Tredyffrin Democratic Party, the Sidewalk, Trails, and Paths Committee, and many, many others. Special food was available all day including hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, soft pretzels, cotton candy, funnel cake, and popcorn. And, of course, what would a birthday party be without birthday cakes? Thanks to Pat DeHaven and her volunteers, there were lots of them. Hilliary Mallory, Parks & Recreation Coordinator, orchestrated the day's events with help from hundreds of volunteers.



*Above:* Troops on horseback from Valley Forge Military Academy participate in the Birthday Party Parade.

*Right:* Uncle Sam enjoyed entertaining visitors to Wilson Farm Park during the Birthday Party celebration. *Both photos:* Joe Maugeri.







Above: Charge! Children enjoyed participating with re-enactors at Wilson Farm Park during the Birthday Party.

Left: A close-up of Revolutionary-era re-enactors. *Both photos: Joe Maugeri.*



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Above: Civil War re-enactors drill at Wilson Farm Park.

Below left: The whole family can enjoy the life of a re-enactor. These volunteers added to the historic spirit of the Tredyffrin 300 celebration.

Below right: Even Honest Abe made an appearance in honor of Tredyffrin's 300th birthday.

*All photos: Joe Maugeri.*



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An aerial view of Wilson Farm Park was taken by intrepid Tredyffrin 300 photographer Joe Maugeri from a Berwyn Fire Company ladder truck. Community organizations lined the allee leading to the Shire Pavilion amphitheater at center rear. Tredyffrin 300 birthday cakes were served in the large tent at upper left. Crowds gathered at the Shire Pavilion amphitheater that evening for the debut of the documentary film, followed by a spectacular fireworks display. *Joe Maugeri.*

## Historical Documentary Debuts in Wilson Farm Park, Followed by Fireworks

Under the stars on September 15, the historical documentary *Tredyffrin...The First 300 Years* made its red-carpet debut in Wilson Farm Park as part of the Tredyffrin 300 celebration. The inaugural showing of the documentary followed the daytime Birthday Party activities. To mark Tredyffrin's important milestone, members of the community were invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets and come out and enjoy the documentary.

The historical documentary, 15 months in the making, highlights Tredyffrin Township's three hundred years of local history through the use of vintage photographs, home movies, conversations with local residents, family mementos, and beautiful local film footage. The documentary was produced by Jane Pollini and Deborah Arnold of Sage Film & Video, with assistance from Executive Producer Pattye Benson, Associate Producer Judy DiFilippo, and many other volunteers.

The documentary includes interviews with more than 25 individuals from the community, including historian Bill Troppman from the Valley Forge National Historical Park; 95-yr. old Malvern resident Connie Braendel; Ruth and Bob Bascom, daughter and son-in-law of Wharton Esherick; and longtime community members Richard Kurtz, Henry Rentschler, Pearl Nudy, and John Beatty, to name a few. Numerous individuals and organizations contributed photos, newspaper clippings, and other memorabilia, including Bill Staats, Herbert Fry,

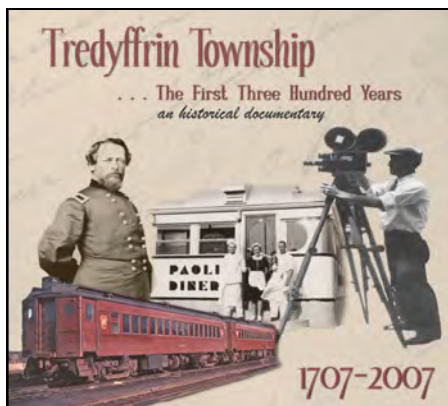


the Baptist Church in the Great Valley, Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society, Valley Forge National Historical Park, and Tredyffrin Easttown High School Alumni Association. Special location sites for the interviews were chosen and included General Howe's Headquarters, Du-Portail House, Nudy's Café, and the Great Valley House Bed & Breakfast.

Following the screening of the historical documentary, as credits rolled, the September sky was ablaze in color with an amazing display of fireworks that could be seen for miles around.



Above: Ninety-five year old Connie Braendel is interviewed for the historical documentary, *Tredyffrin...The First 300 Years*. Pattye Benson, 2007.



Left: Cover of the documentary DVD. Deborah Arnold & Jane Pollini, Sage Film & Video, 2007.

Below: The events of September 15, 2007 were capped by a fireworks display by the renowned firm Zambelli Fireworks Internationale. Joe Maugeri.



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## Tredyffrin 300...United in Song

Tredyffrin 300... *United in Song* celebrated the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary through music. Local music groups performing on Sunday, September 16 at Conestoga High School included Surrey Services Choir, the Noteables, Temple Brith Achim choir, Upbeats and others. Chairing the *United in Song* event, Lee McNeill asked each participating group to perform a selection of music that highlighted their musical talents in an uplifting, inspiring way. The audience was not disappointed. As a special finale to the musical performance, the many musicians returned to the high school stage for a stirring rendition of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" under the direction of Frank Orman, musical director of St. Monica's Church in Berwyn.



Above: The choir of Surrey Services was an enthusiastic participant in *United in Song*.

Left: The Noteables, a local women's singing group on stage for *United in Song*. Both photos: Joe Maugeri.

## Valley Friends Meeting Celebrates Its Local History

The Quaker home of the Valley Friends Meeting on Old Eagle School Road in Wayne celebrated Tredyffrin 300 by hosting two lectures for the public. On Sunday, September 16, Marc A. Brier, a member of Valley Friends Meeting and a park ranger at Valley Forge National Historical Park, presented the lecture, "*Friends, Foes & Tolerance: The Relationship of the Great Valley Quakers with the Patriots and British in 1777-1778.*" The second lecture, on Sunday, September 23, featured Nancy Gibbs, the Coordinator of Interpretation of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and also a member of Valley Friends Meeting. Her lecture was titled "*The Holy Experiment, the Founding of Pennsylvania.*" Both of these lectures presented a wonderful opportunity for the public to enjoy the Quaker history in the peaceful simplicity of the Valley Friends Meeting.

A photo from the balcony of the Valley Friends Meeting as guest lecturer Nancy Gibbs presents "*The Holy Experiment, the Founding of Pennsylvania.*" Joe Maugeri.



## Crossroads of Fashion...Style & Function of Three Centuries

Another highlight of the Tredyffrin 300 events was *Crossroads of Fashion... Style & Function of Three Centuries*, a special vintage fashion show and dinner held at historic DuPortail House in Chesterbrook on Thursday, September 20. Chairing this event, Marie Thibault provided a window into the past and a look to the future of fashion. The evening included a discussion of fashion from the Colonial period to present day, vintage clothing samples, and a special runway fashion show of the latest exciting fashions supplied by Van Cleve Collection of Paoli. Assisted by 25 fashion show models and another dozen dressing room assistants, Marie appreciated the vintage clothing that was donated by many, many people for the event.

Bella Veksler, professor of Fashion History and Fashion Design at Drexel University, provided the historical commentary on the fashions. As part of her studies of different styles and designs, Bella created a collection of 102 miniature historical costumes titled "From Feminine to Feministic", which covered the period from 1730 to 1914. She had a number of these miniatures on display at the event. Yellow Springs Catering provided a wonderful dinner, including a special treat with Tred-tinis (a martini creation of vodka and pomegranate juice) to celebrate Tredyffrin 300. Adding to the atmosphere of the evening was a collection of antique cars, including a rare 1927 Pierce Arrow convertible. A sold-out audience enjoyed the evening. Proceeds from the \$75 per-person ticket went toward the expenses of Tredyffrin 300.



Left: *L to R*: Victoria Lamina models the 1865 day dress of a woman of status and wealth; Paige Braxton wears an 1810 regency period dress with empire style and beautiful brocade fabric; and Kelly Whitcomb is in a colonial period working-class dress. *Pattye Benson*.

Below Left: Rare 1927 Pierce Arrow convertible car adds to the atmosphere of the Vintage Fashion Show. *L to R*: Pierce Arrow car owner, Dorando Faggioli; Tredyffrin 300 Co-Chair, Judy DiFilippo; Fashion Show Model Katie Limbach; Vintage Fashion Chair Marie Thibault; and Tredyffrin 300 Co-Chair, Pattye Benson. *Kathy Woehl*.

Below: *L to R*: Vintage fashion model Amy Kane wears a Civil War-era ball gown with black lace detailing at the neck and see-through sleeves. Katie Limbach is in an 1870's pink bustled dress and holds a period ruffled parasol. *Pattye Benson*.



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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Historic House Tour

Over 200 people attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Historic House Tour on Saturday, September 22, sponsored by the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust. To celebrate Tredyffrin's colonial past and the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this tour presented guests with a unique opportunity to visit nine of our community's most historic treasures. The Tour included the following historic properties: General DuPortail's House (circa 1740) in Chesterbrook; Dingley Dell (1740) in Paoli; Charles Barton Keen House (circa 1908) in Strafford; General Anthony Wayne's Quarters (circa 1757) in Wayne; Detwiler Farm (circa 1732) in Malvern; Post Office - Tablet, PA (circa 1840) in Malvern; and Brookfern (circa 1750) in Strafford.

By special arrangement, Valley Forge National Historical Park opened General Maxwell's Quarters (circa 1775), where guests enjoyed refreshments in the grand dining room of this historic property. Each historic home on the tour was staffed with knowledgeable guides. The house tour admission of \$35 per person included the individual house history booklet and map with parking details. Pattye Benson, President of Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust and Historic House Tour chairperson, looks forward to celebrating our local history with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic House Tour, scheduled for September 20, 2008.



Above: Featured stop on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Historic House Tour was Detwiler Farm (circa 1732) in Malvern. The property is well-known to TEHS members as the home of Bill and Sue Andrews, hosts of the Society's annual summer picnic. *Joe Maugeri.*



Left: General DuPortail's House (circa 1740) was the ticket pick-up point for the Tour. *Pattye Benson.*





Above: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Historic House Tour included the quarters of General Anthony Wayne (circa 1757).

Below: Cedar Hollow Design Center on Yellow Springs Road had its roots as a post office in the town then known as Tablet. This historic property dates to 1840. *Both photos: Allen Barol.*



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### **Vox Renaissance Consort in the Garden**



The perfect ending to Tredyffrin 300 events was held on Sunday, September 23, at Jenkins Arboretum. Presented in the picturesque outdoor setting of the Arboretum, the public enjoyed an outdoor concert, *Vox Renaissance Consort in the Garden* by Vox Ama Deus. Since its founding by Dr. Valentin Radu in 1987, Vox Ama Deus, with its lively, costumed performances of Renaissance vocal music and court dance, has delighted audiences in nine countries. To celebrate Tredyffrin's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this concert featured music from the 1700's, contrasting pieces from American and European composers. Dr. Harold Sweetman, Executive Director of Jenkins Arboretum, provided lasting memories of Tredyffrin 300 through the arrangement of this special public concert.

Top: Posing at Jenkins Arboretum outside the Executive Director's home are Vox Ama Deus costumed performers, directed by local resident Valentin Radu.

*Photo courtesy Vox Ama Deus, 2007.*

Left: Members of Vox Ama Deus performing at Jenkins Arboretum. *Joe Maugeri.*



## The History of Flat Judy

If any of you have children or grandchildren you may be aware of the series of books entitled “Flat Stanley.”

These books were written in the 1960's by Jeff Brown. The plot of the book is that the main character, Stanley Lambchop, is flattened when a bulletin board falls on him. Stanley survives and makes the best of his altered state, and soon he is sliding into rooms through the opening at the bottom of closed doors and being kind to his younger brother by playing as a kite for him. Stanley even helps catch some art museum thieves by posing as a painting on the wall. One special advantage is that Flat Stanley can now visit his friends by being mailed in an envelope.

The Flat Stanley project was started in 1995 by a Canadian 3rd grade teacher. It is meant to facilitate letter-writing by school children to each other as they document what Flat Stanley has done with them. This project provides an opportunity for students to make connections with students of other member schools and individuals. Flat Stanley and his journal are mailed to people, and they are asked to treat the figure as a “visiting guest”, add to his journal, and take photos of him in different places before returning him to his owner. In 2005, there were more than 6,000 classes from 47 counties that took part in the Flat Stanley project.



tional Historical Park. After Pattye set up the photo shoot for the calendar, she always thought that there was more for Miss Tredyffrin 300 than simply posing as calendar girl, Miss July.

As a way to incorporate Miss Tredyffrin 300 into the Flat Stanley idea, Pattye decided to design a Flat Judy. Sign-a-Rama in Paoli created Pattye's vision of “Flat Judy” based on a photograph of Judy DiFilippo. Flat Judy toured the community, visited some of Tredyffrin's historic sites, was featured in local newspapers, cable TV shows, had her own Blog, and maintained a very busy social calendar! A couple of favorite photographs featured Flat Judy with Pennsylvania Governor Rendell and Shire Pharmaceutical President Matt Emmens; with the Channel 6 ABC Action News van; and with Comcast Channel 8 host Jen Boyett.

*All photos this page: Pattye Benson, 2007.*



Co-Chairing Tredyffrin 300 events with good friend, Judy DiFilippo, Pattye Benson had one of those “middle of the night” inspirations. She was looking for a way to involve the community and get people excited about the upcoming Tredyffrin 300 events. For those of you who have a 2007 Tredyffrin 300 calendar, you will see that the month of July featured our Township Supervisor, Judy DiFilippo, as Miss Tredyffrin 300 at Maxwell's Quarters in Valley Forge Na-





## About the Authors

### Pattye Benson

Pattye Benson is married and lives in a 300-year-old stone Georgian farmhouse, the Great Valley House of Valley Forge, in Malvern, PA. For 24 years, since purchasing this historic property, Pattye has enjoyed entertaining guests as a bed & breakfast owner and innkeeper. Pattye's stories of innkeeping could fill a book (or two), and she wishes she had a nickel for every time a guest has asked, "Did George Washington Sleep Here?"

Pattye enjoys collecting antiques and has an extensive collection of vintage clothing and antique quilts. Active in the community, she sings with the Noteables, a women's choral group. In addition to living in one of the oldest houses in the area, Pattye's passion for historic preservation continues through her efforts as President of the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust. She also serves as a member of Tredyffrin Township's Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB).

Pattye was excited to serve as co-chair of Tredyffrin 300 and enjoyed all the events that celebrated the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She was particularly honored to serve as the executive producer on the historical documentary, *Tredyffrin...The First 300 Years*, created to celebrate and honor the history of the community. Her involvement with Tredyffrin 300 and the documentary provided Pattye with an exciting opportunity to meet many members of the local community and share their memories of Tredyffrin.

### Judy DiFilippo

In its first 300 years, Judy DiFilippo was the 3<sup>rd</sup> woman to be elected to the Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors. Only one other woman, Tracy Massey, has held the position of Chairman. 2007 marked the 6<sup>th</sup> year that Judy was elected by her fellow Board members to serve in that role. She is currently serving her fifth four-year term on the Board. During her tenure, she has been involved in the construction of a new Township building and the preservation of open space, including the 90 acres known as Wilson Farm Park. She served as Chair of the park's Steering Committee and chaired the Grand Opening Day celebration for that facility in 2004. Ms. DiFilippo is the current Chairman of the Chester County Planning Commission and is the immediate Past President of the Chester County Association of Township Officials. She is a member of the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust and a member of the Chester County 2020 Board. She served two years on the Chester County Open Space Advisory Committee.

Ms. DiFilippo has been a resident of Tredyffrin Township for almost 30 years, living 23 years in the planned community of Chesterbrook. Six years ago, she and her husband, Luigi, moved into their current home, a converted 18<sup>th</sup> century stone barn in Devon. She is honored to represent the nearly 30,000 residents of Tredyffrin Township and was pleased to serve as co-chair of the Tredyffrin 300 Committee to help plan and coordinate the celebration activities to mark that milestone in our Township's history.

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

Additional content relating to this article may be found on the Web at: [www.tehistory.org/pubs.html](http://www.tehistory.org/pubs.html)

You may find additional information about Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust, including updates on the 4th Annual Historic House Tour, at: [www.tredyffrinhistory.org](http://www.tredyffrinhistory.org)

The Tredyffrin Township web site is [www.tredyffrin.org](http://www.tredyffrin.org)