

#### August 2015

#### Summer Time Activities



Take a Tour of the Academy...

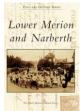
This is a 2-part video showing our Lower Merion Academy building and our special library collections. Take just a few minutes to become better acquainted with your historical society...<u>click here.</u>



#### FIRST 300 Read a Book...



<u>The First 300: The Amazing and Rich History of Lower Merion.</u> This book demonstrates in words, sketches, and photographs how one community has witnessed and participated in a hefty slice of cultural and demographic change in American history. Includes more than 800 vintage black and white photos. It is still available online to read and to enjoy...<u>click here</u>.



#### Buy a Book...

**Lower Merion and Narberth.** Authored by The Lower Merion Historical Society and edited by Jerry Francis and Sarah Francis; it is part of the *Postcard History Series* that is published by Arcadia Publishing Company. It is 128 pages with more than 200 historical images. The book can be purchased directly from the Historical Society and in area bookstores. To purchase a copy of the book online...<u>click here</u>.



## Got a Question...

Logon to the *World Wide Web* at <u>http://lowermerionhistory.org</u> and ask your question. Our website has a powerful *search engine* that will inspect and retrieve information from all of our library collections and display to you the results. And it's FREE...<u>click here.</u>



#### Read our Newsletter...

Read about today's current events in our eNewsletter *Milestones*. If you missed reading an issue or want to look back on some of the Historical Society's past activities and events...<u>click here</u>.



## "Like" Us on Facebook...

Go to our Facebook page and **Like** us...your page will then be updated with antique photos and a description of the area. A convenient way to get to know and become acquainted with your history...<u>click here</u>.



## Visit Us on YouTube...

What a treasure...this links you to *Living History With Ted Goldsborough* where there are more than 25 interviews and 80 episodes of oral interviews. See and hear first hand the people and their stories that made our Lower Merion and Narberth such a treasured place...<u>click here</u>.



## Go on a History Tour...

Bryn Mawr Day 2015 - Coming next month with details to follow in the September issue of Milestones, but in the meantime, note the date on your calendar...Saturday, September 12th.



## Take a Tour of the Cynwyd Train Station...

This is a 4-part video highlighting this 6-year revitalization project; the people and the challenges that went into making this 1890 Pennsylvania Railroad Station come alive

again...<u>click here</u>.



## Go to the Movies...

Movies in the *Cynwyd Station Park*, starts at 8:00pm...bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy an evening under the stars with your neighbors.

- Friday, August 14th "Song of the Sea" (2014) Ben, a young Irish boy, and his little sister Saoirse, a girl who can turn into a seal, go on an adventure to free the faeries and save the spirit world.
- Saturday, August 29th "Vertigo" (1958) Directed by Alfred Hitchcock, a retired San Francisco detective suffering from Acrophobia investigates the strange activities of an old friends wife, all the while becoming dangerously obsessed with her.



While you are in the park, learn more facts about our local heritage, see our *Turtle Island* tree sculpture and our *new* Philadelphia & Columbia Railroad Sleeper stones exhibit. This Fall, the Historical Society will have a *Lecture in the Park* series...dates and times will be announced in the upcoming issues of our newsletter. We are surrounded by our history, re-discover our amazing and rich heritage.



#### Make a Donation and Become a Member...

**PayPal** Help *Preserve Our Past For The Future*. Your financial support is necessary and it is quick and easy to donate and to join the Historical Society...<u>click here</u>.

# RSVP Honors Volunteer with the President's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award

On June 30th Jacqui Baxter and Margaret Brenner of the <u>Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Montgomery</u> and <u>Delaware Counties</u> recognized Jerry Francis as an extraordinary volunteer and for the contributions he has made to our community. Jerry was presented with the *President's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award*, the premier volunteer service award garnering presidential gratitude and national recognition.

Jerry Francis has been an active volunteer with the Lower Merion Historical Society for 35 years, serving as their President for the last 16. Jacqui Baxter, RSVP's Director of Community Engagement states "Jerry is a hands-on leader who has spearheaded such projects as the eco-friendly



restoration of the original 1890 Cynwyd Train Station and the development of the Cynwyd Heritage Trail." Jerry joined RSVP as a volunteer nearly fifteen years ago. Since that time he has dedicated more than *14,000* hours of his time and has been instrumental to the Lower Merion Historical Society.



#### MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

