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46th Annual Bristol Day Coming on Saturday, October 15 Highlights Inside This Issue



The Schooner *North Wind*, a 75-foot vessel owned by the Gloucester City Sail (GCS), a volunteer led NJ non-profit, is excited to provide public sails at this year's Historic Bristol Day. Captain Scott Hughes and his crew will take up to 30 passengers on one hour "Delaware River cruises" from the Bristol Wharf at 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Adults \$20 / Children (under 10) \$10. Tickets can be purchased in advance by going to NorthWindSail.org and click on "Buy Tickets". Select the "Historic Bristol Day" event or go to October 15 on the calendar. Tickets can also be purchased on Historic Bristol Day.

President's Corner

Bucks County has a particularly rich tradition of art and culture. Early 19th century folk and decorative paintings depicted the resident's lives and historical events. Later in that century, skilled artists progressed to formal portraits of contemporaries and landscapes of the rapidly changing countryside. In the first half of the 20th century, many established artists, writers, and artisans moved to the region having been attracted by affordable real estate, the relaxed rural lifestyle, and proximity to New York. To this day, art flourishes in Bucks County and there are many very accomplished artists.

The young Joseph Pavone grew up in Bucks County and was surely influenced by the artistic atmosphere of the region. He was quoted as saying "I was always interested in art ever since I was a baby. [I] used to draw ever

since I can remember, I drew my way through school." After graduating from Bristol High School, Pavone continued developing his artistic skills by studying with German painter, Helmut Meyer-Weingarten, and gaining degrees from Temple University's Tyler School of Art. In 1961, Pavone founded the Radcliffe Art Gallery in a converted carriage house on Franklin Street where he exhibited other artists' work, taught, and provided a gathering space for people interested in art. BCHF grew out of the gallery experience when it became clear to Pavone and others that there was a need for an organization that could stimulate community support and appreciation of the arts and culture that existed in this area.

While BCHF's mission includes providing cultural opportunities for the community, the Grundy Foundation

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UPCOMING NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF BCHF

ATTENTION: Anyone wishing to become a member of the Board of Directors for BCHF must have their letters of self nomination in by the 1st of November. These can be mailed at our address: BCHF, Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007. You can also hand deliver the self nomination letter to any Board Member.

realized that the many artists in and around Bristol needed more. They needed an organization that would provide opportunities for artists to exhibit their works to the public and to exchange ideas and information. As a result, the Grundy Foundation founded Artists of Bristol on the Delaware (AOB) in 2006. Since its founding, AOB has tirelessly worked to fulfill its goals. It has organized and managed exhibitions in a variety of venues including Lower Bucks Hospital, Margaret R. Grundy Library, Lower Bucks Community College, Calm Waters, Center For the Arts, and Silver Lake Nature Center. They have supported their member artists by providing exhibition materials and publicizing member's achievements, honors, and shows. In addition, they have educated both their members and the public with talks at their monthly meetings and in outreach programs and courses. Currently, AOB is striving to establish a permanent gallery so that artists have a stable space to display their art and enthusiasts and buyers have predictable access to that art.

AOB and BCHF have a natural affiliation; our goals

are compatible, and we have worked synergistically on many occasions. For many years on Historic Bristol Day (HBD), AOB members have set up a day long exhibition and they have judged the Children's Art Contest. This year and next, we are going to expand our collaboration. On HBD 2022, we will be holding a silent auction for a fabulous abstract by award winning artist and AOB president, Rose Marie Strippoli (more details are available in this edition). At the BCHF Annual Meeting on November 16, 2022, well known mosaicist Patricia Buchanan will present a talk about her art. Next April, 2023, AOB and BCHF will be jointly presenting an art exhibit at the BCHF headquarters starting with an opening reception. We hope these efforts will stimulate the community's interest in the artist's work and encourage the artists to continue to create.

Debbie Pinney, President

Information used in this article from The Grundy Library archives, Tim Chicirda (BucksLocalNews.com), and members of AOB

Silent Auction

On Historic Bristol Day and for the first time, ever, we will have a silent auction for an original abstract, mixed media painting by AOB president and award-winning artist, Rose Marie Strippoli. This mixed media work is entitled "Design Elements #2" and is valued at more than \$400. Bidding will start at \$200 with \$10 minimum bid increments. Bidding ends at the close of Bristol Day, 4:00 PM, October 15, 2022. The winning bidder will be notified by telephone (call or text) or email and will have 3 days to arrange to pay by cash or check after which the next highest bidder will be contacted. This is your opportunity to own a unique work at a bargain price by one of Bristol's finest artists. So, come by our dedicated silent auction table to see the painting and place your bid (look for the green BCHF sail banner).



A Note From Ways & Means

Save the Date! Come to our Saturday, October 15th Historic Bristol Day Celebration. Our Ways & Means table will be on Radcliffe Street by Great ID'S. Look for our sale item table sporting a new tablecloth, naming us as the sponsoring organization of this annual town event. Sale prices for our merchandise will be in effect and chances for a print donated by Joseph Sagolla will be for sale. Also, something new for you to think about: We are offering a donated picture by another local artist, Rose Marie Strappoli, in a silent auction.

The next Ways & Means meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 17th at 2pm at our BCHF headquarters on Cedar Street. Please join us or call Kathy Barniskis at 215-943-0258 for information.

Advance Ticket Sales

Advance ticket Sales for our house and garden tours on Historic Bristol Day can be purchased two weeks before the event at Great IDs by Anne, The Borough Tax Office, and Mignoni Jewelry Store. As we did last year, the ticket will be in the form of a wrist bracelet which will be accompanied by a detailed program of all events including the addresses of the houses and gardens. The ticket provides you with entrance to all houses and gardens and the Annual Tea, a much-favored event. Advance Sales tickets are \$12.00. The day of sale, tickets will be sold for \$15.00. Buy early and save. Hope to see you on Bristol Day.

Bristol Day Dedicated to Past President

The organizing committee of the 46th Annual Historic Bristol Day is dedicating the day in honor of Catherine McCarry who passed away on June 30 of this year. McCarry was a lifelong Bristol Borough resident and an active BCHF board member for numerous years. She volunteered in a variety of capacities over the years taking part in the Peach Social, the annual Tea and First Night. In the late 2000s she chaired Historic Bristol Day. Catherine will always be remembered for her dedication to this organization.



Archaeological Excavation on Historic Bristol Day at Friends Meeting House

We are excited to continue excavations at the Friends Meeting House which were suspended for a few years due to the pandemic. This year's archaeological dig will build on prior efforts conducted in the grassy yard around the Friends Meeting House at the corner of Wood and Market Streets. Preliminary research revealed that the building was originally built between 1711 and 1713, with a number of changes since that time. Historical photographs and maps showed no other buildings were built on the property that might have disturbed fragile archaeological remains. The large sycamore tree next to the building is also quite old and suggests that the yard has long been an open area. The Friends (Quakers) are enthusiastically supportive of the project and gave their permission to proceed.

Earlier excavations at this property found a stone wall and a variety of artifacts such as window glass, fragments of brick mortar, smoking pipe fragments, ceramic plate fragments, and a large piece of coral. Many of the artifacts date from the nineteenth century.

On October 15, 2022, excavation units measuring five foot by five foot square will be opened to allow for the public to learn professional archaeological excavation techniques.

Some Special Highlights Of Bristol Day

House and Garden Tours - visit these hidden gems tucked away on our charming streets: Bridget and Matthew Shaw's house and garden at 829 Radcliffe St., Patrick Murphy's house at 910 Radcliffe St., Amy McIlvaine's house at 918 Radcliffe St, Linda and Ed Kuzma's townhouse on 16708 River View Circle and Marie and Ed Mayer's garden at 189 McKinley Street.

11th Annual Car Show - The 11th Annual Bristol Day Car Show and Cruise will take place at the Snyder Girotti School beginning at 10 am. New this year - a cruise through Bristol will begin at 3 pm.

Children's Corner in the Snyder-Girotti School - The 4th, 5th and 6th grade gifted + enrichment students of Lori Helkowski will present an immigration skit entitled "Ashore on Ellis Island" at 10:30 am. Between 11 am and 2 pm Cops n'Kids Delaware Valley will be on hand. This organization is dedicated to getting free books into the hands and homes of children. Children can design a bookmark and select a free book. Student Art Contest winners and entries will be on display by 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

Dedication to Catherine McCarry - see article above

Archaeological Excavation - see article above

Schooner North Star - see article on page 1

75th Anniversary of Mignoni Jewelry and Gifts - After serving in the US Navy, Carmen Mignoni completed Philadelphia Watchmaking and Jewelry School and opened a store at 200 Mill St in 1947. The family continues the legacy today. The celebration will include exhibits, photographs, display of tools and music by Pianist Francix X. Danis. Refreshments from 12 noon to 4 pm.

Entertainment - Bracken Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Alumni Corps, Frank Butrey Jazz Trio, Big Al's Red Garter Dixieland Band and the Youth Orchestra of Bucks County's Saxophone Quartet. For the children - sand art, face painting, balloon twisting and Phydeaux's Flying Flea Circus.

Revolutionary War Encampment

Riverside Tea with harpist Gloria Galante

St. Mark Church - 5th grade students will present the "History of St. Mark Church at 11:30 pm

Antique & Classic Boat Show

Anchor Yacht Club's Sailboat Regatta

Walking Tours * Crafters & Vendors

Food Trucks * Grundy Museum

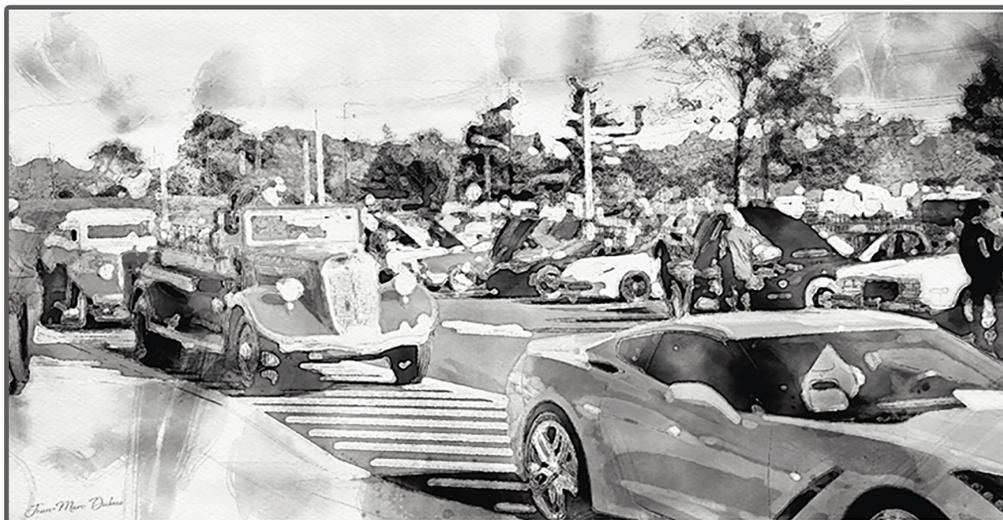
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Snyder-Girotti Elementary School, 450 Beaver St, Bristol PA



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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC starting at 10:00 am until 4:00 pm

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\$15 registration per participant on the day of the show.
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Saturday, October 15, 2022

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46th Historic BRISTOL DAY

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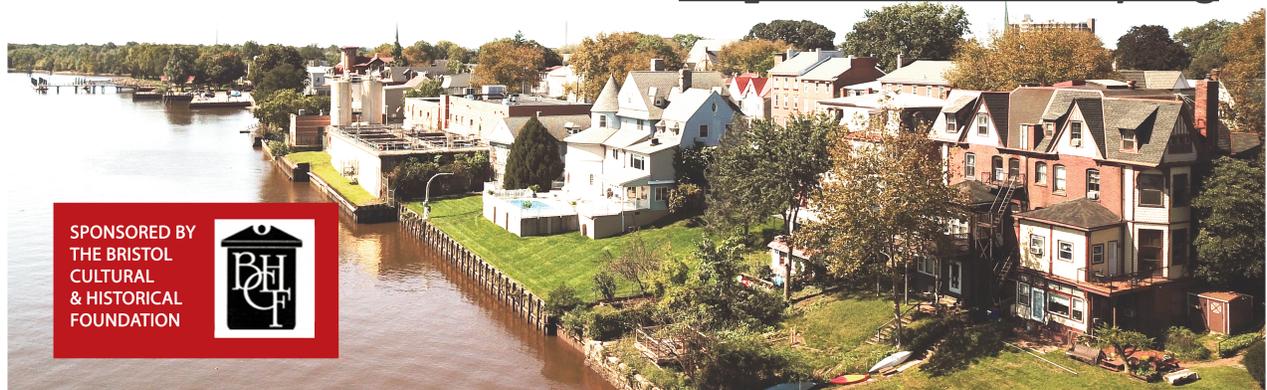
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Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **October 1912** issues of THE DAILY COURIER.

10/3 – **SCHOOL BOARD HAS MONTHLY MEETING.** Fear of Vaccination Bars Children. Twelve Pupils Refuse to Be Inoculated and Are Turned Away.

HELP WANTED. Boys and Girls. Apply Giedhill Wall Paper Co., Bristol.

“**RUSSI, 242 Mill Street.....**Fall and Winter Underwear. You can pick from several weights from the gauze wool to the double-breasted fleece-lined, in two-piece or unionsuits. Prices 25c to \$2.50 the garment. Sweaters – 50c to \$5.50. Clothing made-to-measure; suits and overcoats - \$13.50 and up to \$40.00.”

10/5 – “**Attention! Fifth Ward Republicans.** A Club Will Be Organized by the Fifth Ward Republicans on Monday Evening, October 7 th , in the Store Property at the Corner of Jefferson Ave. & Chestnut St. All Republicans Are Invited to Be Present, and to Participate in the Organization.”

T.B. & P. CARS BEING OVERHAULED. Car number 15 of the upper division of the Trenton, Bristol and Philadelphia Street Railway appeared in service yesterday newly painted and gilded and equipped with new rattan-covered seats of the latest design, with handles to turn them over. The rolling stock of this line is steadily being improved for the comfort and convenience of the traveling public.

“**THE RIVERSIDE THEATRE.....**Saturday Night. 3 Acts – Best Vaudeville. 5 Reels – Best Photo-plays. Admission 10c, Children 5c.”

10/7 – **LOCUSTS DEFEAT BRISTOL PROFS.** In the last game of the season, the Locusts club defeated the Bristol Professionals, better known as “Bob” Mulholland’s nine, in a closely played game. Sharkey, Dugan and Roper starred at bat for the Locusts, while the fielding of F. Sagolla and Joyce was excellent. Wilson and Devlin were the stars of the Profs.

“**Taxi Service.** Seven-Passenger Peerless Limousine. All Occasions – All Hours.

Weddings, Christenings, Funerals. All Trains Met. **W. I. MURPHY, 336 Wood Street.**”

10/10 – **BRISTOL GREEKS TO FIGHT THE TURKS.** Pappajion Will Give Away His Store in Return. Proprietor of Bristol Confectionery Wishes to Battle with Hated Ottoman and Will Place Business in Any Man’s Hands. 45 Bristol Greeks Leave for Front.

“**MULLIGAN’S, 227-229 Buckley St.....**You Know Us on Meats. We Have Only the Best! 50 Blue Stamps with Each Dollar’s Worth of Fresh Meats. Our Saturday Table Bargains Are Making a Hit.”

10/11 – **OX ROAST IS GREAT SUCCESS.** Close to

1,000 people saw the Rev. J. V. Peyton of the Bristol A.M.E. Church conduct the novel ox roast at Pythian Hall on Thursday evening. From three in the afternoon ‘til late at night, the hall was crowded with colored people from Bristol and surrounding towns. The church’s pastor is “champion of America” when it comes to reducing a whole ox to a palatable state before an open fire.

“**Horseshoeing. General Blacksmithing. Place and Care for Sick Horses.** **FRANK LENTENI, Logan and Pear Sts., Bristol.**”

10/12 – **HOLY NAME SOCIETY IN GRAND PARADE.** The Holy Name Society of St. Mark’s parish will participate in a monster demonstration against the abuse of the holy name of Jesus, in Trenton, N.J., on Sunday afternoon. Maurice Keating will officiate as chief marshal and his aides will be William Haney, Neal J. McIlvaine, Eugene A. Barrett, Patrick J. McGee, Owen Silk, Joseph Mazur, Joseph Fox, Benjamin B. Skinn and Louis Russi.

“**BRADY’S, Jefferson Ave. & Wood St.....** .Special Cut Prices for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 12 Lb. Bag Pillsbury’s Best Flour – 41c. 1 Lb. Brady’s Assorted Chocolates – 13c. Can String Beans – 10c. Long or Elbow Macaroni – 10c. Bottle Vanilla Extract – 10c. Best Chuck Roast – 14c Lb. Best Home-made Scrapple – 6c.”

10/16 – **ST. JAMES WILL HAVE A RECTOR.** The parishioners and vestry of St. James Church met with the Rev. W. C. Emhardt of Newtown on Monday evening to consider the question of obtaining a rector for the local church.

A number of Bristol passengers on the steamer “Bristol” were somewhat frightened on Tuesday when an accident occurred to the boat at the Burlington wharf. The “Bristol” and the “Springfield” jammed together and caused the mishap.

10/22 – **SWASTIKA WILL GIVE PRIVATE PRODUCTION.** The Swastika society of the Bristol High School, this evening at a private meeting in assembly hall, will present an amateur musical comedy entitled “Madame Sherry,” under the direction of Erwyn Horn. Cast members include: Betty Smith, Erwyn Horn, Harold Vandegrift, Gilbert Lovett, Lillian Adams and George Musnuff.

“**Homes for Rent on Jefferson Avenue.** All modern conveniences, hot water heater, range, bath room with washstand and toilet, gas. In first-class condition and will be kept that way. Rent \$16 per month. **E. Ratcliffe, Agent.**”

10/23 – **CLUBS WILL UNITE FOR HUGE PARADE.** The first joint meeting of the five ward committees was held on Tuesday evening in the headquarters of the First Ward Club to perfect

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HALLOWEEN

Topeka, Kansas, claims to have the first Halloween celebration in the United States by hosting in 1895 the oldest Halloween parade in the country.

During the 1940s, what did the Halloween parade look like in Bristol Borough? Orange and black were the colors of the day. Store windows on Mill St. were painted by school children and the merchants chose the best window paintings.

Orange pumpkins made of construction paper and crafted by the children trimmed their classrooms. Colorful paper chains handmade by the children decorated the bulletin board. In those days, children walked home for lunch. Once lunch was over, the children donned their costumes. Most of the children, including myself, wore homemade costumes. Our masks we bought from McCrory's 5 & 10 store located on the corner of Mill and Wood Sts.

Our 5th-grade teacher brought her dog after lunch and sat him in a seat. We didn't sit in our regular seats because we wanted to confuse her. Later, she would try to guess our identities. Then the main event, The PARADE! We lined up and went outside to parade down Bath St. as far as Kay's Bakery and then back to school. Along the way parents, other family members and friends often stood and watched as we marched along. Once back in the

classroom, we sat in any chair that we wanted so the teacher could begin guessing who was who. Finally, we had some refreshments. The bell rang, and it was time to go home.

At home, after supper, we put our costumes on again and went outside to various houses in our neighborhood. My favorite costume was as a clown. We knocked on doors and would say, "Trick or Treat," after which we were invited inside, where our neighbors tried to guess who was behind the mask.

Each of us carried a bag or plastic pumpkin for our "treats." We would get spice cookies, pretzels, small candies like Hersey's Kisses, hard candies, apples, and occasionally a tiny cup of apple cider.



We saw windows and porches with paper chains, paper cutout pumpkins, and even real pumpkins carved as frightful faces with a bright candle inside. When it was time to go home, we hurried inside and emptied our treats onto the table to see what was inside.

The next day, for the Christian community, November 1st, was All Saints Day.

Halloween! Happy memories for this writer.
Harold Mitchener

Out of the Past . . . continued

arrangements for the big smoker and parade to be held on Thursday night. With music and red fire, the procession will proceed to Pythian Hall where prominent speakers from Philadelphia and other points will address the amalgamated clubs. A smoker and luncheon will round out the evening.

"Citrate of Magnesia. Fresh Made. A cooling laxative draught pleasantly flavored to suit the most sensitive stomachs. Helps break up a cold. H. H. HEADLEY, Pharmacist, Wood and Washington Sts."

10/28 - "GRAND REPUBLICAN RALLY. Wednesday Evening, October 30 th . Colonial Theatre, Bristol. Come and Hear How Much the Party of Protection Means to Your Prosperity! Ladies Are Invited."

Winterstein's has sent out invitations to another Victrola recital Tuesday evening. A great many notable selections have been added to their stock of records since the first recital held a few weeks ago.

"At the FAMILY. Quality Not Quantity. Tonight! See Our Big Amateur Show. Also, last Thursday's

Pathe's Weekly of Current Events. "The Bugler of Battery B" (a Civil War drama based on an historical incident). "She Cried" (Miss Turner proves herself "the boss weeper" - to see it is to laugh!). Admission 5c."

10/31 - "Goodies for Hallowe'en. If you're looking for a luscious bit of confectionery for your Hallowe'en party, see our window for suggestions. Bulk goods, mixed creams and nuts, chocolate crackers, chocolate pineapples, caramels, Dorothy Kisses and marshmallows. Something for the little ones - Hallowe'en novelties, lime mints, chocolate mints, etc. FABIAN'S PHARMACY, cor. Radcliffe and Mulberry Sts."

"COLONIAL THEATRE. One Night Only - Monday, November 4 th . "A Western Girl," introducing with magnetic soubrette, Miss Trixie Nelson Stanley in the title role, and a selected company of comedians, singers and dancers. Accompanied by Cole's concert band and orchestra. High-class Vaudeville Acts. Prices 10c, 25c and 35c."



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BCHF Calendar of Events For 2022 - 2023

OCTOBER, Sat., 10/15, 10 AM to 4 PM. 46th Historic Bristol Day including car show, decorated motorboat parade, antique & classic boat show, sailboat regatta, house tour & Tea, crafters & vendors, entertainment, food court, children's corner, archaeological dig, student art show and more. Ticket required for house tour & Tea.

OCTOBER Thurs., 10/20 bus trip to Valley Forge Natl. Historical Park, 3-course luncheon, and 80-minute narrated ride on the West Chester Railroad. \$122 for BCHF members; \$127 for non-members. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer/reservation form. Waiting list being taken.

NOVEMBER, Wed., 11/16. BCHF's annual meeting at BCHF headquarters. Presentation by Patricia Buchanan, a Bristol artist and member of the Artists of Bristol, followed by refreshments. BCHF members are encouraged to attend. The public is cordially invit-

ed.

DECEMBER Thurs., 12/1 Holiday bus trip to the Bronx. **SOLD OUT!**

2023

OCTOBER 2023 - Oct. 6 - 17, 2023, Holy Lands & Aegean Majesty (Jerusalem to Rome) cruise on Oceania Cruises' "Oceania Nautica." Call 215 788-9408 for a detailed flyer.

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