

2016 Meeting Dates

April 18 (Historic
Presentation)
May 16
June 20
September 19
October 17

Our meetings are held at
the Heritage Center, 2251
River Road,
@ 7:00 pm.
All meetings are open to
the public.

Please use the Heritage
Center Parking lot which is
accessed from Blue Rock
Road

2016 Important Dates

**Historic Presentation:
Demolition &
Reconstruction of the
Jacob Schock
Homestead**
Monday April 18
7:00 pm

**Open House & Blue Rock
Native American Festival**
Sunday June 4 & 5
(time to be determined)

Heritage Day
Saturday Oct. 15
9 am-4 pm

Plus see inside for dates
for the Circle Legacy
Native American craft
functions

Presentation at the Heritage Center

April 18th
Jacob Schock Homestead
Presentation

A PowerPoint presentation of the
demolition and reconstruction of
the 1739 Jacob Schock
homestead will be presented at
the Heritage Center at 7:00 p.m.

Direct descendants of Jacob
Schock, who began construction
in 1739 of his log home located
along Anchor Road in Manor
Township, will share their family
history and connection to this
farmstead.

The home was located approximately one
mile east of the Susquehanna River located on
a 185 acre tract of land. The land was
purchased by Jacob in 1739 and notes it is in
the valley of the Susquehanna River called
Turkey Hill.

The home was constructed of hand hewn logs
measuring 30' by 40' and it was two stories
high. Jacob lived in this home until his death in
1782 raising 11 children and is buried in the
nearby family cemetery.

The home remained in the Schock family until
the 1960's when it was purchased by the local
utility company who desired to build a power
plant at the base of Turkey Hill.

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Open House & American Indian Festival

The doors of the Heritage
Center will open for our annual
Open House on June 4th & 5th
in conjunction with the Blue
Rock Native American Festival
sponsored by the Circle Legacy
Native American Organization.

10am to 5pm

This event will feature Native
American dancing, Native
American food vendors and
Native American craft vendors.

The Heritage Center is located
at 2251 River Road,
Washington Boro.

Our "Giving Table" will be in
place for people wishing to
donate items, enabling us to
expand the exhibits at the
Heritage Center.

Several items were given last
year and incorporate nicely
into our exhibits.

Also, if you have items you
would allow us to display
during our Open House,
please call Charles Douts or
Glenn Henry.

Please remember the event is
held at the Heritage Center, 1
miles south of the
Washington Boro Community
Park.

Please visit our website for
further details and times as
they become available.

www.bluerockheritage.com

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Willie*



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Get Involved

We are in need some volunteers to help get things spruced up and ready for the public. Workdays are scheduled for Saturday

April 2,

9:00 a.m. to noon
(Rain date April 9)

Some basic outside cleanup is needed as well as a tidying up inside the building. A few hours from each family in the spring goes a long way to making this facet of our community a better place.

Mark your calendar, pack some sandwiches, in the morning pitch in and help together as a family. Then spread a picnic blanket and enjoy the quiet peace of the grounds before returning to your own busy life.

Consider helping us and teach the youngsters hands on community support.

Washington Boro Society for Susquehanna River Heritage

Continuation of Jacob Schock Presentation

In 2004 demolition of the house occurred and the new owners desired to erect it on another site in Lancaster County.

The presenters will be brothers Jacob Eugene "Gene" Schock and Dick who are direct descendants of Jacob and they actually lived in the house at one time.

The home has been beautifully restored and continues to be a historic gem. Unfortunately it is no longer in context to the local area, but it continues to reflect the heritage of Lancaster County.

See before & after photos below.

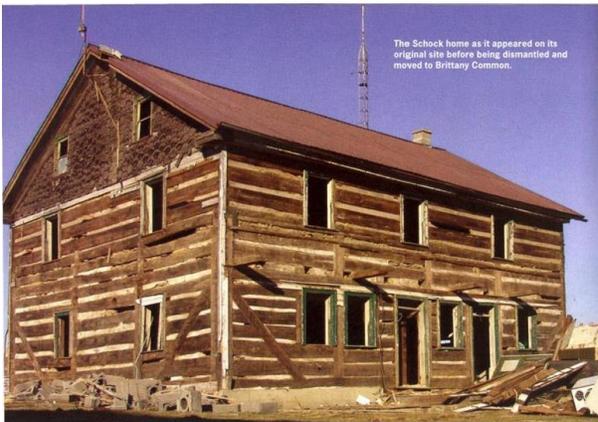
"Willie's the smart one"

Washington Boro Willie predicts early spring.

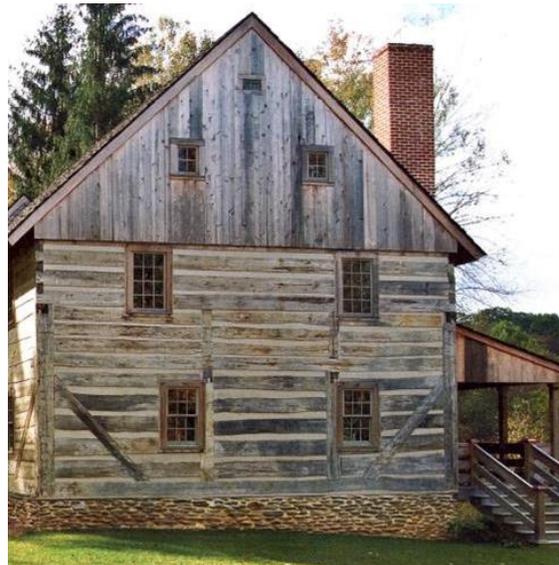
On Groundhog's Day, Willie was spotted along the side of a snow drift on a hillside south of the Tomato Barn.

Willie did not see his shadow predicting that winter is over, signaling it is time to get your peas, potatoes, and onions ready for planting.

Willie has a perfect record for predicting the weather and is noted for his voracious appetite for the famous Washington Boro Tomatoes. He winters near the local tomato fields and anxiously awaits for the first planting in April and their ripening which begins in June.



Photos curtesy of Early American Life magazine
February 2009



Circle Legacy Native American Organization

This Native American organization is planning to incorporate several educational programs in 2016 at the Blue Rock Heritage Center. The mission of this group is to present the enduring traditions of the past as well as the thriving and challenging contemporary culture of Native Americans.

March 19th Brick Stitch Native American Style Earrings Class

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Cost: \$20.00 per person. Payment due at class.

Minimum class size: 8 - Please pre-register.

To pre-register email: BarbaraChristy@Comcast.net. If we do not have the minimum amount of students, class will be cancelled in advance. Last date to register March 12.

Materials needed: (Can be purchased at Coyote Trails, Willow Street, PA.) I will have a number of kits for sale containing wax, mats, thread and needles with me.

Size 10 or 11 beads –2 or 3 colors (I have a limited amount of beads with me.)

Bugle Beads - in a similar color for dangles. You may use 1-2 colors for this.

Size 0 or 00 beading thread. If using dark beads, black thread. All others use white.

**Please bring snacks and something to drink.

April 16 – Eastern Woodland Bow Making; Heiland Benedict, Cherokee & Mohawk

Come and learn the art of making a traditional Self-Bow.

A personal bow you make for your use.

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$300.00 per person

Minimum class size: 3 / Maximum class size: 5

Please register by emailing MaryAnn Robins; maryannrobins@comcast.net or by calling 717-808-8060.

Materials included: all natural supplies will be included

**Pack a lunch – snacks will be provided.

May 15 – Soft Sole Moccasins; Claudia Haddad, Mi'kmaq

Eastern style soft sole moccasins. Your feet will never be the same.

Time: Noon – 6pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person - \$15 down payment and \$15 on day of Class.

Minimum class size: 10 / Maximum class size: 15

Please register by emailing MaryAnn Robins; maryannrobins@comcast.net or by calling 717-808-8060.

Materials included: Leather, sinew and needles.

**Pack a lunch. Snacks will be provided.

June 4th & June 5th – Blue Rock Native American Festival

Held in conjunction with the Annual WBSSRH Open House. This event will feature Native American dancing, Native American food vendors and Native American craft vendors.

Time: 10am – 5pm

Host Drum: Black Horse Butte

MC: Barry Lee

Questions, contact MaryAnn Robins;

maryannrobins@comcast.net or by calling 717-808-8060.



July 9 - Native Eastern Woodland Finger Weaving

We did not have a loom, so "How did we make those sashes and bags?" Come and join me for a look into an old art form, still used today.

Time: Noon – 6 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Minimum class size: 5 / Maximum class size: 10

Please register by emailing MaryAnn Robins; maryannrobins@comcast.net or by calling 717-808-8060.

Deadline: April 8, 2016

Materials needed: Please bring 2 skeins of Medium weight Yarn or Rug Yarn. And a ½ Dowel.

**Pack a lunch. Snacks will be provided.

What is a Native American Pow Wow (Festival)?

Pow Wows are the Native American people's way of meeting together, to join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships, and making new ones. This is a time method to renew Native American culture and preserve the rich heritage of American Indians.

The powwow begins with the Grand Entry. This is the entry of all the people entering the arena. During the Grand Entry, everyone is asked to stand as the flags are brought into the arena. The flags carried generally include the U.S. Flag, Tribal Flags, the POW Flag, and Eagle Staffs of various Native Nations present. These are usually carried by veterans.

Following the veterans are other important guests of the powwow including Tribal Chiefs, Princesses, Elders, and powwow organizers. Next in line are the men dancers. The men are followed by the women dancers. Once everyone is in the arena, the song ends and a song is sung to honor the flags and the veterans. After a prayer, the dancing resumes, usually with a few round dances. After the round dances, intertribal dancing songs are sung and everyone dances to the beat of the drum.

Music for pow wow dance competition and other activities is provided by a "Drum," a group of performers who play a large, specially designed drum and sing traditional songs. The number of members of a drum group may vary, but is usually at least four people, and can be far more. Some members of the drum group may wear traditional regalia and dance as well as drum, other times drummers simply wear street clothing. Drums usually rotate the duty of providing songs for the dancers, each taking a turn at the direction of the pow-wow management. Each drum has a Lead Singer who runs his or her drum and leads the singers while singing. Clothing worn by participants is known as "regalia" and is not called a "costume".

Further information can be found at:
www.powwows.com/what-is-a-pow-wow/

Heritage Day 2016

October 15th 9am-4pm

We were blessed with wonderful fall weather for the 2015 Heritage Day.

Heritage Day events combined with the Penn Manor Future Farmers of America Tractor Pull is filled with free fun family activities.

Craft demonstrations & vendors, homemade pies, chicken corn soup, hay rides, tractor pull competition and pedal tractor competition are some of the features of this annual event. And let's not forget the Antique Tractors and Classic Cars!

Join us by the river on October 15 for the 2016 Heritage Day activities at the Washington Boro Park located at the intersection of route 999 and 441. Bring your kids and appetite for a day of fun by the river.

Want to Reserve Free Exhibit Space?

Plenty of room has been reserved for anyone wishing to display antique equipment, or other items of interest. To reserve a space, free of charge, contact **Doug Kramer at 681-9832** or email doug.kramer@pennmanor.net.

Artisans, Craft Vendors and Flea Market Stands

We're pleased that popular artisans, craft vendors and Flea Market stands will be available offering a wide selection of gift items, trinkets and services. To reserve a stand please contact **Patty Mckonly @ 471-8634** pattymckonly@comcast.net or **Charles Douts @ 684-9542**.

