



THE HOUSE OF YODER NEWSLETTER

December 2013

THE HOUSE OF YODER CELEBRATES ANOTHER YEAR!!

The House of Yoder officially opened on Memorial Day weekend. But before that day, the house had to be cleaned and prepared for the summer. The House of Yoder Board of Directors met on Saturday, May 18. Furniture was dusted, walls were washed, floors scrubbed or vacuumed. The storm windows were taken down and the windows were washed,



The House of Yoder, all cleaned up, ready for another year!

shrubs were trimmed and the yard cleaned.

Liz Fullerton, Vernie and Emma Fisher had cleaned most of the house interior.

Edgar and Mark Yoder hauled new mulch, putting it around the foundation of The House.

The flower beds were weeded and cleaned up. After a days work, the House and yard looked very inviting. The House was ready for another year of sharing the Yoder story and mission.



Dan Yoder, Sr. taking out one of the windows to have it washed.

Pictured at right: Edgar Yoder, Grantville, MD ready to vacuum ashes out of the fireplace.





Edgar and Marie Yoder, putting new mulch around the foundation of The House.



Above: Liz (Yoder) Fullerton cleans fourth floor display.

The House of Yoder is opened from Memorial Day Weekend until the last full week in October. Hosts are needed for Christmas In The Village, held the first full weekend in December.

2013 Week Hosts:

Rita and Virgil Yoder, Irwin, PA; Mrs. Denise Spory, Johnstown, PA; Wayne and Phyllis Kornhouse, Orville, OH; Marlin and Iona Swartzentruber, Bradenton, FL; Jackie and Sterling Edwards, Frostburg, MD; Richard and Jean Sweigart, Mohnton, PA;

Val and Sandy Dzwonczyk, Baltimore, MD; Elwood and Joyce Yoder, Pinellas Park, FL; Alton and Lois Longenecker, Elkhart, IN; Ann and Ralph Sebrell, Harrisonburg, VA; Vernie and Emma Fisher, Salisbury, PA; Marian Sumpter, FL

2013 Day Hosts

Ray Yount, Cumberland, MD; Doris Ours, Keyser, WV; Paul H. Yoder, Grantsville, MD; Dan Yoder, Sr., Accident, MD; Marvin J. Yoder, Salisbury, PA; and Mayla H. Yoder, Berlin, PA.

We are fortunate in welcoming 3 new hosts: Mrs. Denise Spory, from Johnstown, PA. Denise is a retired school teacher. Her husband is the Pastor of the New Life Mennonite Church, in Listie, PA.

Alton and Lois Longenecker, from Elkhart, IN. Lois worked as head librarian at what is now Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Alton is retired from the Mail Room at Mennonite Mission Network.

Marlin and Iona Swartzentruber, from Bradenton, FL. Marlin is retired from Delta American Air Lines. Iona enjoys reading cooking quilting and visiting with friends.

A very sincere welcome to these folks and the hosting program at The House of Yoder.

Where do the visitors come from?

Have you ever wondered where all of the visitors come from that enter The House of Yoder? Here is a listing taken from the sign-in book:

Germany, Japan, China, Korea, Scotland, Netherlands, Australia, England, Denmark, Mexico, Finland, Norway, East Palestine, Czech Republic, Africa, Istanbul, Russia and Spain.

Pennsylvania, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, New Mexico, Arizona, Kentucky,, Kansas, Oregon, Ohio, Wyoming, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Washington, Georgia, Colorado, Connecticut, California, Florida, Virginia, Louisiana, Arkansas, Illinois, Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Delaware, Washington, D.C., South Carolina, South

Dakota and Iowa.

How many visitors??

Approximately

5,008

Please note, not all visitors sign the registry.



Denise Spory, our host, pictured in the center, teaches two young visitors about the latch string door.



THE HOUSE OF YODER

17th ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, November 2, 2013, The House of Yoder held their annual members meeting. Twenty eight people were in attendance.

Along with refreshments, entertainment was provided by "Second Wind", a bluegrass group, consisting of: Olin Beitzel-guitar/singer; Steve Yeash-guitar/singer; Roger Rounds-mandolin/singer; Adam Brenneman-bass/singer; Katie Brenneman-fiddle.



Members enjoying refreshments before the meeting.



L-r: Adam Brenneman, Katie Brenneman, Steve Yeash, Olin Beitzel, Roger Rounds of "Second Wind"

The welcome was given by Doris Ours, President. Lowell Bender led us in meditation and prayer. A musical quartet sang, "I Dream of Happy Days Gone By."



L-R: Lowell Bender, Verna Bender, Jay Sauder, Joyce (Yoder) Sauder

The poem, "The Road Not Taken", written by Robert Frost, was read by Ruth (Miller) Yoder.

The business meeting was held, with the secretary and treasurer's reports being accepted as read. The resignation of Edgar R. Yoder, acting Treasurer and Board of Director was accepted.



Edgar Yoder resigns as Treasurer and Board of Director, after 18 years of dedicated service to the House of Yoder

The House of Yoder is grateful to Edgar and his wife Ellen (she has helped him for many years) for their dedication to The House of Yoder. For eighteen years, Edgar has filled the capacity of treasurer. Thank You Edgar!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Directors that were not re-nominated were: Phyllis Weaver-Hearn because of failing health, and Edgar Yoder, resigning from the Board of Directors. Doris Ours was re-nominated along with: Esta and Keith Yoder, of Winchester, VA and Isolde (Yoder) Porter, of Grantsville, MD

Our three new board members are all descendants of David Y. Yoder (YR26119) and his first wife, Catherine Hochstetler (HS1816). Esta and Isolde are fifth generation and Keith is fourth generation. Keith's great grandfather, Moses D. Yoder and his wife Esta's great -great grandfather, Solomon D. Yoder were brothers.



Esta (Moreland) and Keith Yoder

In 1907 Esta's Great Grandfather, Norman S. Yoder and his wife Annie, moved from the Grantsville, MD area to the Pinto, MD area, approximately 25 miles east of Grantsville, MD. He first worked and lived on the WV side, (of the river), managing

the "Washington Bottom Farm". Later he moved across the river to the MD side, bought a farm and raised his family, lived and died in the area.

The following are the introductions given by the new board member themselves:

Esta: "I was born in Pinto, and grew up in Pinto, MD. My mother is Virginia (Dayton) Moreland, who is still living and my father was Carl. So Carl and Virginia Moreland would be my parents.

I graduated from Allegheny High School and from Goshen College (Goshen, IN) and Michigan State University. So, I've been an educator a good part of my life. Twenty some years teaching. I taught in Michigan, Delaware and in Virginia. I retired last summer from teaching elementary school. We have two children: Lauren Yoder Steiner. Lauren and her husband Kevin live in Boston, MA. Kevin is doing his residency at a Women's Hospital. Lauren is a social worker, working with homeless children. We have a son Jeffery, who is a technical engineer, and graduate of Virginia Tech. and is working in Charlotte, NC, married to a lovely young lady. She is a teacher at a Christian School at Charlotte. We live at Winchester, (VA), just retired from teaching last year."

Keith grew up on a farm located approximately two miles north of Grantsville, MD, on the Dorsey Hotel Road. This farm was owned by his father, Alva and Ruth (Ash) Yoder, which they bought from Alva's father, Simon M. and Catherine (Miller) Yoder. He attended Yoder School and during his third grade, his mother Ruth (Ash) Yoder became his teacher for two or three years. Then his Aunt Esther (Ash) Yoder became his teacher until he attended and graduated from Northern High School, in Accident MD.

Keith: "I grew up back the road, born in Meyersdale, PA, graduated from Yoder School. I remember all of those stories. Lowell (Bender) and Olen

(Beitzel) were the big boys. I remember "Pete" (Mark Yoder) swallowing the pencil. There are a lot of other stories like that. My Aunt Esther, when she wanted me to sing alto, stood me next to Ruth (Miller) Yoder. If Ruth heard me sing alto now, she wouldn't want to take credit for teaching me to sing alto. When I hear somebody singing, I hear Ruth. Benny (Yoder), when we were out threshing and your grandfather, Albert Yoder came around. He said when you're shocking oats next to a pasture, you leave seven feet from the shock to the fence-three feet for the cows neck and four feet for the cows tongue. The boring part is the rest of the story about what I do. I've been with Virginia Tech for 37 years, research and extension lab in Winchester, VA. Lowell, you talked about decisions. One decision we made was 44 years ago Esta and I were married the day before they landed on the moon. They haven't been back to the moon lately."



Isolde (Yoder) Porter

Isolde was born May 1, 1963 in Meyersdale, PA, the daughter of Kenneth L. Yoder and Ruth Gerda (Reimer) Yoder. Kenneth was a former House of Yoder Board Member and building supervisor during the building of The House of Yoder. Ruth was born in Germany and spent time in a refugee camp

during World War II. Isolde lived at McHenry, MD on a farm with her parents until they took over the home farm at Grantsville, MD. She attended Yoder school at Grantsville, MD and Mt. View Christian School at Springs, PA.

Isolde: "Probably most of you know me well, I'm Kenneth and Ruth Yoder's daughter. I'm married to Jim Porter. He isn't here, he's more interested in Porter history than Yoder history. I have two children: Jennifer married to Troy Summers. They live in Columbus, OH and baby Kerrigan. A son Craig who lives in Nashville, TN. I'm recently retired from Beitzel Corporation. Now I'm doing medical coding and billing. I guess I had a mid-life crises and had a change of careers. I graduated from Yoder School also."

Isolde has accepted the treasurer's duties for The House of Yoder.



Doris Ours

Doris Ours, who lives in Keyser, WV, has been re-elected to another five year term. Doris has been a member of the Board of Director, and has served as President since the beginning of The House. She is the daughter of Freda (Yoder) Livengood and Myron Livengood. Doris is a retired teacher and elementary school principal. She is the widow of Harold Ours. Her daughter Glenna and family live near by.



James L. Yoder, Grantsville, MD presenting "A Family Pictorial"

The featured speaker for this years Annual Meeting was James L. Yoder of Grantsville, MD. Jim is the son of the late Alvin and Martha (Maust) Yoder. Jim is well known for his work with family genealogies and family photos. Jim's presentation: "A Family Pictorial" was a slide show, showing many ancestors of the people in attendance at The House of Yoder Annual Meeting. This was a very interesting presentation. Thank You Jim for the wonderful pictures.

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE



Nicole Opel and Dustin Brenneman, serving pop corn to our visitors. Dustin is a grandson to Board Member, Dan Yoder, Sr.



Left to right: Board Member, Dan Yoder, Sr., and Ralph Sebrell, Harrisonburg, VA, host for Christmas in the Village.

Christmas in the Village was held Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7, 2013 at the Spruce Forest Artisan Village. The House of Yoder was festively decorated with greens and candles. Yoder popcorn was served to our visitors. Ann and Ralph Sebrell, of Harrisonburg, VA, served as our hosts. As always, Ann has some sort of paper craft to interest our visitors.



Ann Sebrell, Harrisonburg, VA, demonstrates how to make a paper star.

The House of Yoder Operating Expenses

EXPENSES:

Dues and Services	\$583.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$1,267.09
Miscellaneous	\$910.33
Utilities	\$1,577.20
Insurance	\$1,328.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,665.62

The House of Yoder operates on donations and memberships. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. You may send a check, payable to The House of Yoder:

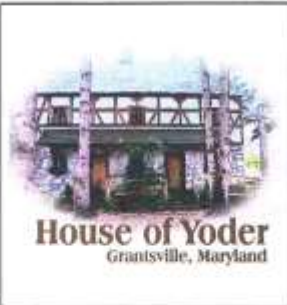
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Christian Yoder (VR2611a) who was robbed and tortured by the McClellandtown Gang. The picture of the dresser with the bullet hole is in the December 2012 House of Yoder Newsletter. You may read the complete story about the Christian Yoder robbery at: www.yodernewsletter.org Click-biographies-stories, wills. Click- The Robbery of Christian Yoder (VR2611a)



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