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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

John and I are happy to report that we made it through yet another hectic Halloween season! The highlight of our month was our Halloween party. I still think about all of the fun we had and the great costumes.

The Mechanicsburg Ghost walk and book signing was a big hit in town. Many thanks to all of you who attended the event. I sold a lot of books and enjoyed seeing many old friends. Mark Nesbitt, Craig and Melissa all had many customers as well. This event will be held again on the 3rd weekend of October in 2009. John and Melissa did a great job conducting the tours. The Haunted 2nd Floor Gallery (*where John and I ended the evening with a short presentation on our investigations*) was full of beautiful art and good food. I think Jim Schmick of Civil War & More and the other merchants and groups involved with organizing the night should be commended for a job well done.

The week of Halloween Fearn.net posted several short movies on the Scariest streets in America. Check out the story John, Craig and I worked on, called Bloody Springs road. It will also be on demand until Nov. 13. Go to on demand, click on Fear net, then Halloween, then Scary Streets. Our show is the *Bloody Springs Road*. It was a lot of fun to do.

http://www.fearn.net/shows/streets_of_fear/b13518_streets_of_fear_bloody_spring_road.html

To view on your computer click the link above.

Now it is time to think about the next few months and fund raising to increase our bank account. Next month we will have our annual **White Elephant sale**. Skim your closets and shed and bring unwanted, gently used items to sell at the meeting.

Please make sure all items are marked and ready for sale. Whatever does not sell will be donated to the Senior Center. Also, please bring goodies to eat and (if desired) a small donation to the center. Last year, I donated playing cards, some games, people brought paper towels, salt for the driveway, coffee creamer, tea bags, etc., any odds and ends you think the center could use or enjoy.

Nothing big, just some thoughtful items to show our appreciation. We've done this for the last few years and it is much appreciated by the seniors who use the center.

I was also featured along with several other paranormal friends in an article in the *Pittsburgh Tribune Review*. To view it on line, go to: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/focus/s_594201.html

In January Melissa and I will be holding an upcoming events meeting. If you are interested in joining this committee for planning upcoming SSP events, please let us know tonight and we'll keep you updated.



SSP's John Weaver & Melissa Telesha greet the crowd at Mechanicsburg's Haunted, Historic Frankenberger Tavern during the town's 1st "Ghost Tours & More" Event on Oct 18. (Despite the silly hat, John insists he is NOT a PILGRIM!)

SSP Polos and Sweat Shirts

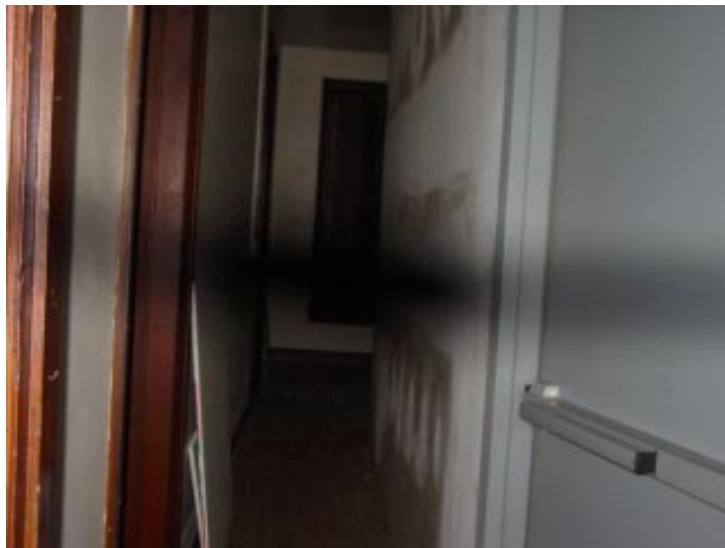
Since we have a lot of new members that have joined SSP in the last few years I think it is time to once again sell Polo and sweatshirts with the SSP logo. If you would be interested in purchasing a new shirt, please tell us tonight. We'll work on getting the details ready to have a sale. I know a lot of new members were interested and I can always use a new shirt with the logo. (Ted E Baor models sweatshirt at Rt.)





On November 29, a luncheon meeting will be held to select new board and committee members needed for the NMMRC. If you would like to be involved with Rick Fisher's vision to establish NMMRC as a non-profit organization, please see or contact John or Melissa at SSP or Rick himself at rfisher@paranormalpa.com Please visit NMMRC's new site (kindly donated by Craig) at www.museumofmysteries.org

Possible Shadow Anomaly at US Hotel (Photo by Al Brindza)



This pic was taken by AMG's Al Brindza at the US Hotel in Hollidaysburg. The USH is a very active haunting and numerous EVPs, Videos and other evidence has been gathered there over the years. (Some of you may recall the IR footage with the bizarre high speed anomaly that rushes by Kelly and Al in one of the upstairs rooms.) Al sent this (and 2 other pics, one with and one w/o the anomaly), to seek my opinion (I also forwarded to Craig). From examination, and Al's comments, at this point I have no rational explanation for the shadows. - JDW
 Al states: "I was using Sony Cyber-shot w/built in flash being near the 1:00 position if facing the lens. As always with a shot like this I tried to duplicate, so far I can't replicate it. The 2nd floor hallway was dark there was no other light source other than my flash going off. One lady behind me had an EMF meter that spiked during this episode and I had my jag of a headache when entering the hallway which lead me to take the pictures." (Kelly has worked with Al many times and feels he is an excellent medium. The "jag" he notes also led to him capturing the excellent "Moundsville Apparition" during a tour of the prison.)



On October 25, Kelly and I were scheduled for 3 different presentations in Gettysburg. We've done these for several years with a bus tour company that offers Ghost Adventure tours. Along with our presentation on ghosthunting, the groups enjoy events such as rides on Mark Nesbitt's "Ghost Trains" and lunch at historic and haunted restaurants such as the Dobbin or Farnsworth House. On this day, there was a 2-bus group from Bloomsburg University coming to the Farnsworth for a buffet lunch. With the dining room seating only about 50, one group would have lunch (during which we do our presentation) while the other learned of the hauntings and history of the Farnsworth in their basement "Mourning Theater".

Kelly and I took our lunch (an excellent buffet) with the first group. Many of them admitted to having experienced ghostly encounters and several knew of the C Q McWilliams house in Bear Gap (in their region) when I played EVP captured there. It was while eating lunch that I experienced a very curious cold spot that has no explanation. In the photo below (taken during the 2nd presentation) I was seated just out of the frame on the left (Kelly was sitting where the white-haired man is. I suddenly felt an intense cold envelop my right leg and then arm - but only coming up to about chest level. (I reached out with my hand and discerned the cold indeed stopped at my chest level; it was warm above it!) I could see the front door around the corner and looked to see it had opened as it was a chilly, rainy day. It had not. There were no other sources visible that could have produced such a cold sensation. I had no instruments readily available to measure it, but I think a 20 degree drop is accurate. I mentioned it to Kelly but she felt nothing on her side. One of the most often reported ghosts at the Farnsworth is a young boy who was killed by a wagon on Baltimore St. A little girl's spirit has also been reported. Could the height of this cold spot suggest it was the spirit of a child?



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• Missed Alfred's annual sold out "Ghost Dinner" in Oct? Here's another chance to experience this fabulous place!


THROUGH THE

VICTORIAN KEYHOLE

*A Series of Culinary & Visionary Encounters with Kelly Weaver
Presented at Alfred's Victorian, 38 N. Union St. Middletown, PA*

**Last event for 2008:
Wed Nov. 19 @ 7pm
"DISCOVER YOUR
PAST LIVES"**

*Details at
www.kellysmagicalgarden.com
Reservations 717 944 5373*




Above: The crowd rejoins the tour after walking through the authentically restored Frankenberg Tavern, Mechanicsburg's oldest structure (1801). Amongst the apparitions reported here is a headless figure seen on the roof!

Rt: Also from the Telesha's Litiz visit is this pic of the spooky looking old church at Linden Hall - the country's oldest resident girls' school (1746). Rick Fisher has visited the campus and spoken with several students and teachers who have experienced ghostly activity there.



Left: Mechanicsburg's Second Floor Gallery. John & Kelly concluded the night of Ghost Tours here with a short presentation on local hauntings they've investigated. This beautiful art gallery (a former church) is the scene of numerous reports of paranormal activity from both the owner and artists who rent studio space. A full investigation will be done sometime in the near future.

Rt: During their 1st Anniversary visit to Litiz, Craig & Melissa discovered the quaint *Corpse House* at the Moravian Church. Similar to the Receiving Vault at Harrisburg Cemetery, this was a temporary storage place for bodies!



MISSED "GHOST TOURS & MORE" OF MECHANICSBURG? DON'T MISS THIS BOOK!



Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries & Rouges of Mechanicsburg is again available! By popular demand Melissa Telesha's great little book has been re-published and is available at Civil War and More in Mechanicsburg. (717 766 1899) Stop and see SSP member Jack Thomas for a great selection of books on regional hauntings and of course, Civil War and other history.

Holiday Happenings at Local Historic Places - 2008

The holiday season is the perfect time (and excuse) to get inside some area historical (and maybe haunted) mansions!

HALDEMAN MANSION 230 Locust Grove Road Bainbridge (near Marietta)

Christkindl Market (FREE Admission!)

Sunday, December 7th 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Support renovations of this irreplaceable piece of Pennsylvania history! Unique gifts handmade by local crafters (Christmas gifts & stocking stuffers), freshly baked desserts & pastries, topped off with a cup of steaming hot cocoa or mulled cider, tour the mansion and grounds, carolers & more!

KINGS GAP ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (CAMERON MANSION) 500 Kings Gap Road Carlisle

Holiday Open House (FREE!)

Sunday, December 7th & Sunday, December 14th 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy a rare opportunity to explore the Cameron/Masland mansion, a gracious mountain stone villa built as a summer home in 1908. Take a self-guided tour of both floors of the mansion in seasonal decor. Light refreshments will be offered throughout the afternoon, and each day will feature a musical performance. All ages are welcome to attend this free event. Please join us for the festivities!

LITTLE BUFFALO STATE PARK 1579 State Park Road Newport

Holiday Trail (FREE!)

December 17th through December 23rd 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Meet Santa in the woods and enjoy the thousands of lights and holiday displays located along this quarter mile trail in the park's East Picnic Area. The Christmas Trail is bigger and better than ever! This is a free program and flashlights are helpful for some areas of the trail.

FORT HUNTER 5300 North Front Street Harrisburg

Annual Tree Display (FREE!)

Visit the Tavern House where Christmas trees decorated by local garden clubs. Saturdays & Sundays—Nov 29th thru Dec 14 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Toy Train Exhibit (FREE!)

Visit the Centennial Barn where HO gauge trains displayed on layout representing communities in Central Pennsylvania. Saturdays & Sundays—November 29th through December 21 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Christmas at Fort Hunter (\$5 Admission Fee to Tour Mansion)

Visit Fort Hunter Mansion decorated for the season with natural trimmings; guided tours are offered. Dec 2nd thru 23rd Tuesday-Saturday (10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.); Sunday 12 noon – 4:30 p.m.

Victorian Tea and Holiday Shops (\$10 Admission)

Elegant refreshment and hot, spiced tea served in the tradition of the formal tea. Plus, Visit four holiday shops – the Christmas Shop at the Mansion, Kids Only Shop, Craft Reunion and Greens Sale. Sunday, December 7th, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“The Carolers” in Concert (FREE!)

Traditional 18th and 19th century Christmas songs performed in costume at the Centennial Barn. Tuesday, December 16th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MECHANICSBURG (Various locations)

Exact times not listed on their site at this time, but the Mechanicsburg Museum Association will have several of its wonderful collection of historic (and some haunted, as hundreds of folks learned during the “Ghost Tours & More” Oct 18) buildings open for special exhibits & programs after Thanksgiving. MMA’s website is: www.mechanicsburgmuseum.org