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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2024, Farm & Home Center, **Buy, Sell & Trade from 2:00 PM. Meeting – 3:30 PM**

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OCTOBER MEETING

President Susan Glass opened the October 21 meeting of the Lancaster County Postcard Club with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. 30 people attended the 3:30p.m. meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$2,720.73.

Dick Pendergrast, membership chairman, reported that he would like to retire from this position and is seeking a replacement.

Dede Schaeffer reported that two long-time members of the club, Jim Morrison and Bob Coup have passed away.

The website for the club has been approved by the board of the club. Brian Smith has volunteered to serve as webmaster. The cost will be \$4.20 per month plus \$12 per year for the domain name. We will continue the Facebook page. When the website goes live, Brian will have a program for the club members explaining the details of its use.

Donna Bashaw was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. The door prizes were won by Pam Tronsor and Steven Mummert.

A very interesting program of Trains and Trolleys of Lancaster County was presented by Leighton Stover.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Schopf, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A special "Thank You" goes out to all our members who are Veterans. According to the Census Bureau, 16.2 million people were identified as veterans in 2022. There are over 700,000 in Pennsylvania. On November 11 communities all over the country will honor those who served in the US Armed Forces.

See you on November 18, the meeting starts at 3:30.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Susan

FUTURE SHOWS 2024

November 22&23: York International Photo & Postcard Expo, York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave, York, Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5, Admission \$5.00

November 29-30: Lancaster Fall Post Card Show, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA, Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-3, Admission \$2.50

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The program for the afternoon will be "Toujours L'Amour in The Great War" presented by member Pam Tronsor. Pam will focus on the idea of romance amid the horrors of the Great War using postcards and sheet music covers.



2024 PROGRAMS

December – Holiday Party

2024 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

November: Shop Signs

OCTOBER POSTCARD COMPETITION

Nine (9) members participated in the postcard competition of Fruits/Vegetables.

First: Pam Tronsor – Fruity Fables – Mr. Fig lost his leaf

Second: Donna Bashaw – *Morel Mushrooms*

Third: Jim Ward - Fresh, white cauliflowers from Roscoff's

Honorable Mention: Brian Smith Exaggerated pumpkin postcard 1908, Bob Kramer – Picking apples 1920s, Leighton Stover - Iowa corn 1915 Panama Pacific Expo., Annetta Buettner - Dandelion, Dick Pendergrast – LA Farmers Market, Renate Sachse - Cherry Almond pie recipe, Travers City, Michigan

JAMES RUDISILL, LCPC MEMBER #66

1924-2023

By Jim Ward

Although Jim Rudisill (image 1) didn't attend meetings, he was a faithful face at our Expos., and a few picnics.



He and I met in 1984, I was enlisted to appraise and prepare a 2-day auction of the paper ephemera in his Aunt Anne's collection. Anne Rudisill had been a faithful customer since 1960. She collected postcards, postal stamps, covers, medals and tokens – world-wide, with an emphasis on Royalty and, in particular, Great Britain. Jim and I became good friends. He taught high school art for many years, but was known as Mr. York; there was never a local Subject that could stump Jim. When he sound the wide variety in postcards, he was hooked. That was July 1990.



He was LCPC's in-house artist. Just a small sampling of his work is shown here. Volume II – Windows to Our Past, includes his art. We're still using his "Award" postcard.

Most of you are not aware of Jim's talent as a silhouette artist. Some of us marveled at the 5 or 6 minute renditions he'd cut out while we sat for that short time. We show here most of the work he did for early club presidents as well as other eager members willing to have his hand in posterity ... on a postcard.

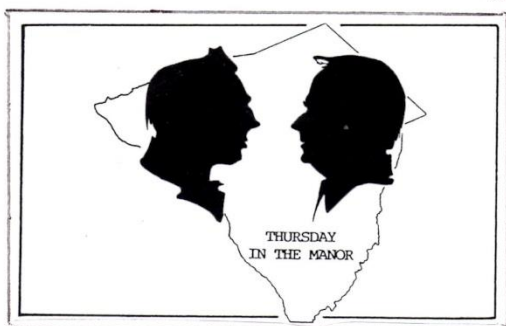


Charlie Griffiths (image 2) and I (image 16) spent many Thursdays outlining our ideas for a postcard club at his home in Manor Township.

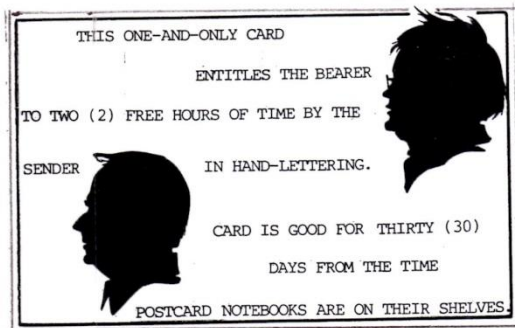


When Helen Hellinger (image 6), member #12, showed up at a meeting everyone enjoyed the evening. She was a "oner." She decided her old car needed a paint job. She went to a Jimmy Wild's and asked what color they had cheap. When the young men behind the counter heard this, they asked what kind of spray she'd used. "No spray" Helen replied. "I'll brush it on." "But that could leave brush strokes" they said. "Then I'll cover those with some giant flowers" Helen answered. The car was green and only needed a daisy or two. No you know who Helen was!

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JIM MORRISON

Farewell to local ‘Keeper of Christmas’

Founder of National Christmas Center drew thousands of visitors for old-fashioned cheer

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DAN MARSCHKA | FILE PHOTO

Jim Morrison, known to generations as “the Keeper of Christmas” in his role as founder and former curator of the beloved National Christmas Center, has died. He was 85. Morrison died Oct. 13 of natural causes at Kadima Rehabilitation & Nursing Home at Lititz, where he spent the last two years of his life, according to those closest to him.

The National Christmas Center opened its doors in 1998 in a 20,000-square-foot building in Paradise Township, where it remained for the next 20 years. During that time thousands of people made their way through the museum to marvel at the antique decorations from Christmases past. The center now operates seasonally in Dauphin County near the county line.

The center had been a lifelong vision for Morrison that first developed as a child in New Jersey, when his mother drove him to Philadelphia the day after Thanksgiving to see the holiday-themed store displays.

“Everybody flocked to see the start of Christmas,” Morrison told LNP | LancasterOnline in 2018. “My mother did so much to make Christmases great.” In the days after Christmas, a young Morrison would roam neighborhood streets lined with discarded Christmas trees and plucked from them any ornaments he could find.

He opened the Christmas Center in Lancaster County in order to bring back the true spirit of Christmas he felt had been lost in commercialism. There was a reason behind the center’s location, as the area has historical ties to Christmas.

“The first documented Christmas tree in America was in Lancaster (city) in 1821,” Morrison was quoted saying to LNP | LancasterOnline in 2018. “It was the Germans that started the tree. Possibly Martin Luther by putting candles on the tree. So many things happen with immigration. They brought their traditions to Lancaster. They would wrap the tree in cotton to look like the new-fallen snow. All the references came from Lancaster and those trees. It’s just a strong Christmas tradition in this area. And I wanted people to learn about that.”

Decades of Christmas

For 20 years, Morrison estimated tens of thousands of people made their way through the museum each year to marvel at the antique decorations that took visitors on a journey through Christmas history; the center was featured in national magazines and on the Travel channel. The center still operates each Christmas season in a leased warehouse in Dauphin County that’s about 5 miles north of Stone Gables Estate.

A celebration of life to remember Morrison, open to the public, will be held at the Star Barn, 1 Hollinger Lane, West Donegal Township, 2–5 p.m. Nov. 20.

To read the entire LNP article online – Sunday, October 22, 2024



Club members gathered at the National Christmas Center on December 18, 2017 for a tour of the beloved creation of Jim Morrison.

LANCASTER FALL POST CARD SHOW

ALSO THIS YEAR - PAPER,
ADV., & BOOK DEALERS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FARM + HOME CENTER
1383 ARCADIA ROAD, LANCASTER, PA, 17601
(OFF MANHEIM PIKE RTE. 72)

For More Information Call:
Dede Schaeffer (717) 392-3955

Admission:
\$2.50



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