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Historic Bristol Day #41 Will Be on the 21st of October **The tall ship "Gazela" will be docked at the newly** **installed extension of the Mill Street Wharf.**

As listed in this edition, all members who have paid by this date are listed in this issue. We would also like to thank all those who have paid their dues over the last 50 years. This is our fiftieth anniversary.

sary.

Historic Bristol Day 2017 on the third Saturday in October, is being planned as you read this issue. Be sure to reserve that date Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017.

Celebrating 50 Years (1967 - 2017)

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2017

OCTOBER Wed.-Fri., 10/4-6. 3-day/2-night fully-escorted bus trip to Hudson River Valley, NY. Hudson River cruise, tour of Wilderstein Historic Site, FDR's Hyde Park home, Eleanor Roosevelt's "Val-Kill" cottage, and West Point Military Academy. \$498 pp double; \$630 single; Call 215 788-9408 for current availability.

OCTOBER Fri., 10/20, 6 to 9 PM. Dinner reception aboard Tall Ship Gazela. See details in this issue of the GAZETTE.

OCTOBER Sat., 10/21, 10 AM - 4 PM. Annual Historic Bristol Day. Private house tours & riverfront Tea. Free tours of Tall Ship Gazela, entertainment, car show, sailboat regatta, children's activities, food court, exhibits, shuttle service, and more. Ticket required for House Tour & Tea. \$12 Advance, \$15 Day of Event. For details, see www.bristolhistory.org

tolhistory.org

NOVEMBER Wed., 11/15, 7:30 PM. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program & refreshments follow. Free. Public is invited. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

NOVEMBER Wed., 11/29. Bus trip to Franklin Inst., Phila., to view "Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor" exhibit. Visit to Irish Memorial and 3-course lunch included. All-inclusive cost: \$98 for BCHF members; \$100 for non-members. Call 215 781-8591 or 215 788-9408 for detailed flyer and reservation form.

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.

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BOOM IN SPORTS HERE SINCE END OF WORLD WAR II. BASEBALL LEADS.

INDUSTRY IN BRISTOL MAKES WIDELY DIVERSIFIED LINE OF PRODUCTS BROADLY DISTRIBUTED.

9/29 - ST. ANN'S NINE WINS CHAMPIONSHIP. A long double from the bat of "Mike" DeRisi with the bags loaded, and a single by "Rabbit" Palumbo, gave St. Ann's A.A. its second consecutive championship of the Bristol Suburban League yesterday afternoon, as the Voltz-Texaco team bowed 11-10 in the fourth game of the playoff series.

THOUSANDS HERE WITNESS PARADE CLIMAXING "BRISTOL

DAYS" LOCALLY. Two Reviewing Stands Erected. Marching Units from Philadelphia, Trenton and Other Points.

"PASSANANTE BROS., Super-Self-Service Market, 1504-06-08 Farragut Ave . . . U.S. NO. 1 Potatoes - 10 lbs., 29¢. Jersey Red-Ripe Watermelons - 39¢ & 49¢ ea. Fresh Opened, Large Frying Oysters - 49¢ doz; Clams - 49¢ doz. Fresh Country Eggs - 83¢ doz. Duz - Lg., 29¢. Oleomargarine - 33¢ lb. Butter - 82¢ lb. Calves Liver - 98¢ lb. Shoulder of Pork - 49¢ lb. Armour, Star, Grade AA Legs of Lamb - 69¢ lb."

President's Corner

As promised in the last President's Corner, I will fill you in about our clean-out adventure in the BCHF basement. We found some hidden treasures and lots of things saved over the years that should never have been saved. I am sure many of us have such things in

our houses. Isn't it a good feeling when they are all gone-through, sorted and then disposed of the "treasures" that are no longer useful? Well, that is how we all felt when we were finished with the clean-out. The basement is neat and tidy and much better organized than before. Much thanks to the crew that spent a good part of the day working to get this work completed.

We did find a few treasures. One of them was a box of plaques that were developed by the organization when it was called the Radcliffe Cultural and Historic Foundation.

The purpose of these plaques was to be given to people to hang on their building after they completed an application proving its historical significance.

We can now continue to offer this service. I have posted the application form on our web site for anyone interested in doing the necessary research about their property.

There is also a rather large, heavy metal office desk in good shape in the basement. If anyone can give it a good home, contact us. As I said, it is heavy, so if you want it you must be able to get it out of the basement through the mурhy door.

Hope to see you on Historic Bristol Day.

Jan Ruano



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Keep the date open to attend the annual membership meeting on November 15, 7:30 PM. After the brief meeting there will be a presentation by Alan Vogenberg. As you are all aware, we are celebrating BCHF's 50th anniversary. Alan will be speaking about some of the history of the organization. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.

Artifacts at Grundy Library in September

By Meagan Ratini and Jesse Walker

Artifacts and research from the 2016 archaeological project conducted at the BCHF building will be on display at the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library in Bristol Borough throughout the month of September. Conducted over the last year, the archaeology project has included excavations, artifact analysis, historic research, and interpretations of the findings. Volunteers from

Bristol Borough public schools, the historic preservation program at Bucks County Community College, and other community members have all contributed to the project. It is one of the first archaeological projects conducted in Bristol Borough. the exhibit will be in The Library's upstairs lobby and will include artifacts, historic maps, and other material from the on-going project.

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Photography by Helen Younglove, Jan Ruano, Jesse Walker, Mark Gesualdi and Margaret R. Grundy Library historical records.



A Note From Ways & Means

Trust your summer was great! Again, our committee has been busy. We have had another successful Peach Social thanks to chairperson and Vice President of BCHF and W&M committee member, Debbie Pinney. It truly "takes a village" and our committee of event volunteers and other BCHF members who help with supplying the bake goods table to make this annual event possible. Thanks to all! Next year the Peach Social will celebrate its 25th year and was chaired for MANY years by our wonderful Sarah Carter.

. . . Speaking of volunteers - this leads me to a plea for volunteer help for Historic Bristol Day on Sat., October 21st. We are in dire need of volunteers to help set up signage, distribute tables and chairs for us and for the food court and ticket tables. This would include help on the Friday night before HBD, also, and take down after HBD. So, some strong individuals and their sons and nephews would do the trick. Please call the Chairperson of HBD, Mary Gesualdi at: 215 990-2537, if you can help with any part of this.

I need volunteers to help house-sit in Historic Bristol Day. Shifts are usually 2 hours long from 10-4, but any part of that span can be arranged and welcomed. Each home will have an exhibit on display to view. It's a fun time to greet our many visitors that day. Historic Bristol Day is a rain or shine event. Please call me or e-mail me at kbarniskis@juno.com, if you can take a shift.

UPDATE ON TRIPS

As of this writing, one seat remains on our Oct. 4-6 trip to the Hudson River Valley of New York and a waiting list is being taken for those wanting two or more reservations. Details on the trip are included in the "Calendar of Events" on the back page of this GAZETTE.

Space is available on the Wednesday, Nov. 29, bus trip to Philadelphia to view the special exhibit, "Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor" at the Franklin Institute. Also included in the trip's itinerary is a visit to the Irish Memorial at Penn's Landing and a three-course, sit-down luncheon at Spasso Italian Grill. The all-inclusive cost is \$98 for BCHF members and \$100 for non-members, which is \$11.95 and \$9.95 less, resp., than what's being charged by one of the well-known area tour companies.

According to an article about the exhibit, which appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Aug. 3, it will feature ten full-size clay warriors which are more than 20 centuries old from the burial complex of China's First Emperor, Qin Shi Huangdi, who died in 210 B.C. In March of 1974, a group of peasants digging a well in drought-parched Shaanxi Province unearthed fragments of a clay figure, which was the first evidence of what would turn out to be one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of modern times. Near the unexcavated tomb

First Fridays have drawn big crowds. Our last First Friday table for this season will be manned by Ceil Graff and Jan Ruano. Look for BCHF in front of Century Eye. I'm happy to say, "They're back!" Yes, the popular oval Bristol magnets have been reordered and are on sale, along with our newly designed BCHF T-shirts, commemorating our 50th anniversary year. Stop by and purchase raffle tickets for the annual picture that local artist, Joseph Sagolla renders for BCHF each year. The drawing will be conducted at the conclusion of HBD. The lucky winner will be called after it ends. You can drop off the raffle tickets that were mailed to you recently at our table on First Friday. Join the activities along Mill St. this September 1st from 5-8 PM.

We will be represented at Italian Day in September. Look for the BCHF table under the newly expanded wharf and dock complex. We will have an assortment of all our sale items. It's not too early to think about stocking stuffers. Our note cards and postcards of Bristol sites would make a welcome greeting to Bristolian friends and relatives who've moved away. All the postcards could be attractively framed for gift-giving. We even have Christmas postcards and holiday garden flags. Show your support for BCHF with your purchases.

All are welcome to the Ways & Means committee meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month with the exception of December and July. Meetings are held at the BCHF headquarters on Cedar St. at 7 PM. Call Chairperson, Kathy Barniskis at: 215 943-0258 for more information.

of Qin Shi Huangdi lay an extraordinary underground treasure - an entire army of life-size terracotta soldiers and horses, interred for more than 2,000 years. Don't miss out on this, the only East Coast stop of this exciting exhibit which will also include about 170 artifacts from the excavations.

As mentioned above, our trip will include a visit to the Irish Memorial, which is a national monument opened to the public on October 25, 2003, and dedicated to the memory of more than one million innocent men, women and children who perished during the years 1845 to 1850 during the Great Potato Famine in Ireland. It also honors those who left everything behind in the hopes of making a better life for themselves and providing for their families back home in Ireland.

Our lunch at Spasso Italian Grill will consist of a salad, choice of grilled salmon, chicken marsala, or linguini with vegetables, chef's choice of vegetables, dessert sampler, coffee, tea and soft drinks.

To check on current availability on the Hudson River Valley trip, call Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

For a detailed flyer on the Philadelphia trip, contact Sue Watkins at 215 781-8591 or Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **SEPTEMBER 1947** issues of the BRISTOL COURIER

9/2 - - LIFEGUARD PROTECTION ENDS AT SILVER LAKE. Yesterday ended the lifeguard service at Silver Lake. The bathers have been protected throughout the season under the supervision of the Bristol Blood Donors.

BRACKEN POST PARADES IN NEW YORK CITY. Members of the Bracken Post, No. 382, American Legion, have returned from the National Convention of the Legion in New York City. About 100 members accompanied the Bracken Post Cadets to the parade on Saturday. The Bristol corps was shown on television and junior majorette, Miss Spezzano, 6, of the corps, was pictured in New York newspapers.

"Now Is the Time to Reupholster Your Suite! Save up to 50% on our new summer prices. Two pieces from \$49.00. Up to one year to pay. Call STEPHENS, 405 Radcliffe St., for a representative to call with samples."

"Mill Street Stores Now Open Wednesdays 'til 6 P.M."

9/3 - - SCHOOL BOARD GRANTS USE OF FOOTBALL FIELD. Use of the Bristol High School athletic field for night football games was granted to two independent organizations at a meeting of the Bristol public school board last night, and the board agreed to try for another year releasing children for religious instruction once a week.

"THE MODEL BAKERS takes pleasure in announcing its re-opening. We now have two stores to serve you better. Our baked goods are made twice daily. 906 Pond Street & Mill and Highway."

"GRAND OPENING," September 4th-5th-6th! Bristol's newest and finest clothing and jewelry store. BOGAGE & SONS, Corner Radcliffe and Market Streets."

9/4 - - PENN AUTO & SPORT STORE WILL OPEN HERE TOMORROW. With the grand opening tomorrow of the Penn Auto & Sport Store at 227 Mill Street, Bristol can boast of one of the finest stores of this type in Lower Bucks County.

FETE YOUNG WOMAN WHO WILL ENTER NOVITIATE. A farewell shower was given by friends of Miss Florence H. Artim, Farragut Avenue, who is leaving on September 8 to enter the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters.

"It's Here! Fruit of the Loom Seersucker Dresses. Need no ironing and guaranteed not to shrink or fade, \$1.39; Two for \$2.50. This special only Thurs., Fri., Sat. PAROLY'S WEARING APPAREL, 304 Mill Street."

9/5 - - HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT EXPECTED TO REACH 800. Enrollment in Bristol High School has reached a total of 772 and a peak of 800 is expected within a few days. This figure is from the 8th to the 12th grades inclusive.

PARROT CHASERS! Bristol Fire Co. No. 1 received a call yesterday - but not to extinguish a fire. Services of members were required in a parrot chase. It appears that a parrot owned by a Bristol Terrace II resident had gained its freedom about three weeks ago. Yesterday, the parrot returned to that area and took refuge in a tree. The firemen were summoned and placed a ladder against the tree but the parrot made off, leaving the firemen "holding the bag."

9/6 - - BRISTOLIANS WILL VOTE ON \$102,000 ISSUE OF BONDS. Citizens of Bristol Borough, when they go to the polls to vote next Tuesday, will be given ballots for a \$102,000 bond issue. The ballot divides the issue into two parts - one for \$67,000 and the other for \$35,000. All of this money is for various types of local improvements.

ENLISTMENTS INCLUDE MANY FROM THIS AREA. The following young men from Bristol have enlisted into the U.S. Army or Air Forces. Ground Forces: Michael Napoli, Vincent Pizzullo, John Potsch, Russell Sinacore, Clarence Staley, Stanley Repetski, George Waite, Anthony Angelli, George Bode, Alfred Ciccanti, Dominick Dillissio and John Fries. Air Forces: Robert Coles.

"Samuel U. Gratz, of the Penn Realty Company, Announces the Opening of a New Service for Lower Bucks County. BRISTOL TRAVEL SERVICE, in the Grand Theatre Building, Bristol."

9/10 - - GILARDI'S MEN'S STORE IS VERY ATTRACTIVE. Gilardi's Men's Store, 322 Mill Street, opened its doors to the public

last Thursday. The business is a two-man partnership composed of Nicholas Gilardi and Peter DeLuca, both of Bristol.

"WANTED. Man or woman to manage Santa's Toyland. Must have pep and personality. Apply to Leon Plavin, 408-10 Mill Street."

"SCHIFFER'S, 230 Mill Street . . . "Save by Sewing!" 30" Black Moire Taffeta - \$1.29 yd. 54" Fall and Winter Woolens - \$2.29 yd."

"THE TOWN TREAT (THE 3T's), Pond and Dorrance Streets . . . Bristol's newest and most modern luncheonette. Specializing in toma-to pies. Featuring Jane Logan Ice Cream, Sandwiches and Sodas."

9/13 - - ST. ANN'S CHURCH OBSERVES FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LORETO. A solemn High Mass, followed by a street procession, was held at the St. Ann's Church this morning in commemoration of the Feast of Our Lady of Loreto. The Philadelphia Italian Band supplied the music for the procession, and members of St. Ann's School, Our Lady of Loreto Society, the Mount Carmel Society, and Our Lady of Grace Society participated. The statue of Our Lady of Loreto was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale DiLorenzo in 1939.

"DR. M.P. COSTANTINI, Optometrist. Eyes Examined. Glasses Fitted. 503 Bath Street."

9/16 - - MANY REGISTER FOR BRISTOL ADULT SCHOOL. The most popular course, as indicated by the first night of registration for the Bristol Adult School, is shorthand, with social dancing running next in popularity. The course of hobbie has been changed to a 2-hour course instead of one hour. In the pottery course, arts and crafts have been added to it.

ESTIMATE 400 AT OUTING AT SILVER LAKE. An estimated 400 persons were on hand for the annual outing of the Bristol Fish & Game Protection Association on the club's grounds opposite Silver Lake, Sunday, to participate in and watch contestants vie for prizes in casting, shooting, archery and other special events.

9/20 - - NEW \$100,000 EDIFICE TO BE ERECTED HERE. With plans outlined for the erection of a \$100,000 edifice for the congregation of the Calvary Baptist Church, clearing of the plot of ground purchased for the church at Green Lane, between Wilson Avenue and Bristol Pike, will get underway on Monday morning. The public is invited to the ground breaking scheduled for Sunday, September 28, at 2:30 o'clock.

MEMORIAL CHIMES TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY, Dedication of memorial chimes and a plaque in memory and honor of all from St. James Church who served in World War II will take place tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

9/24 - - APPEALS FOR AID FOR THE DISPLACED JEWS. Louis Dries, chaplain of the Avath Achim Synagogue, delivered an address to members of that congregation last evening on the eve of Yom Kippur. The address was in connection with the drive for Jewish Allied Appeal to raise 170 million dollars to aid displaced Jews of Europe.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE:

Mill St.. Business property. 4 stores & 4 apts. Big income.

Price \$24,000.

1926 Trenton Ave. Brick house. 8 rms, 2 baths. Price \$4000.

928 Jefferson Ave. Brick house, all conv. Poss. at once. \$5800

"BRISTOL DAYS" CELEBRATION OPENS TODAY; DESIGNED TO FAMILIARIZE RESIDENTS WITH ADVANTAGES HERE. The event is sponsored by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce. Importance of Area as Manufacturing Community; Residential Section Stressed. Sports Program and Parade on Saturday.

FIRST SCHOOL DIRECTORS HERE NAMED IN 1835

FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING BUILT HERE IN 1837.

BRISTOL'S HISTORY IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THAT OF THE EARLY DAYS OF PENNSYLVANIA. BOROUGH WAS FOUNDED BEFORE PHILADELPHIA AND WAS SECOND SETTLEMENT IN THE STATE. ONCE KNOWN AS BUCKINGHAM.

BRISTOL BLESSED WITH CHURCHES OF VARIED FAITHS. TWO CONGREGATIONS HAVE HISTORIES OF OVER TWO CENTURIES. FRIENDS OLDEST (1711). ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH BUILT IN 1712.

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A Peach of A Day

Thanks to event chairperson Debbie Pinney and the volunteer workers and bakers, our 24th Annual Peach Social was a big success. The doors of BCHF headquarters opened promptly at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, and there was a steady stream of people until the event ended at 4 p.m.



Left: The peach prep got underway at 11 a.m. Among the peelers were Mary McIlvain and Pauline Michalski

Below: Ceil Graff and Nick Rizzo had the kitchen detail, slicing angel food cake and topping it with generous portions of juicy, sliced New Jersey peaches and ice cream.



A variety of homemade goodies, including jalapeno peach chutney and peach jam, lined the Sale Table.

The scholarship awards for the graduating seniors of the class of 2017 were:
 Dakota Luna - English
 Yashira Ocasio - Music
 Aaliyah Gibson - Art
 Dakota Luna - The Matilda B. VanAken History Award
 Monies realized for the annual Peach Social goes toward these awards. BCHF gives \$500 per award.



Attendees savor the flavor



THE GRUNDY LIBRARY

GARDENS OF THE JAZZ AGE - Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 6:30 pm
 Jenny Rose Carey, horticultural educator and Director of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Meadowbrook Farm will present a fun, light-hearted lecture on the "Gardens of the Jazz Age". Registration required. www.grundylibrary.org FREE

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT - October 6 through November 4, 2017
 The focus on the exhibit will be the impact of the Grundy family and the mill on the local community. The Mill will be viewed from not only the industrialist's perspective, but will focus more on mill operations and the daily life of its workers and their families. Oral histories from mill workers and / or their family members will be collected. No registration required.

The Grundy Library is located at 680 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA
GRUNDY MUSEUM GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 1967 - 2017

A BARKENTINE* WILL VISIT BRISTOL

On Bristol Day, the Gazela, a tall ship built in 1901 and used more than 60 years as a commercial fishing vessel, will be docked at the new wharf in Bristol. The vessel was retired from fishing in 1969 and was purchased by the Philadelphia Maritime Museum

The Gazela was built in Portugal to carry fishermen to the Grand Banks off Newfoundland. Every spring the ship would leave Lisbon carrying 35 dories ** (stacked on deck). There were approximately 40 men (fishermen, cooks, mates and a captain). The cargo hold was full of salt which acted as ballast; the salt was used to preserve the fish which could be cod, flounder, halibut, haddock and perch. The Gazela could stow up to 350 tons of salted fish in her hold.

Because the Grand Banks was being depleted of fish, the location for fishing was changed to an area between Baffin Island (Canada) and Greenland. Winds in this area made it more difficult to sail ships without engines. So an engine and a new rudder were installed in 1935.

The Philadelphia Maritime Museum was searching for a historic sailing vessel. It was purchased by a philanthropist in 1971. The Gazela sailed to Philadelphia from Portugal tracing Columbus' route to America.

Life for fishermen was not easy. Typically they were up before dawn and ate breakfast. Then a fisherman would be lowered over the side of the vessel in a dory and be given a small

box containing water, bread, fish and cheese, knives, tobacco, whistle and compass. The dory was rowed clear of the ship, sometimes as far as 20 miles in search of fish. If the catch was plentiful, the fisherman would come back to the ship for processing and then go out for a second load. At the end of the day, the recall signal was sounded and the dories returned, were hauled in and stacked for the night. Some fishermen helped the crew process the fish for storing and salting in the hold.

For the winter, the Gazela underwent maintenance. She was re-rigged for the start of the fishing season next May. The original Gazella Primeiro (meaning Gazelle the First) was built in Setubal, Portugal in 1883.

The Gazela serves as a goodwill ambassador from Philadelphia. The ship can be seen sailing the Delaware River. She has participated in festivals with other tall ships. She is used as a training vessel for Naval Sea Cadets and some volunteer programs. The Gazela has appeared in several films.

* Barkentine - a sailing vessel with three or more masts - square-rigged foremast, a fore & aft rigged main mast and mizzen mast.

** dory - a small boat, light weight, shallow draft, high sides, flat bottom, designed to carry large amounts of wet fish.

Note: See photo of the Gazela on page 5

Can You Guess The Year?

1. The U.S. postage stamps went on sale for the first time in what year?
2. Taxes began to be withheld from pay checks in what year?
3. In what year was Margarine patented?
4. In what year did they invent the air conditioner?
5. Medicare bill was signed by President Lyndon Johnson in what year?

Answers:
 1. 1847
 2. 1943
 3. 1869
 4. 1902
 5. 1965

2017 MEMBERSHIP

In the June GAZETTE we listed all members in good standing. Since that time, the following individuals have renewed their membership in BCHF. If you have not yet paid your dues, we urge you to renew your membership so that you will continue to get the GAZETTE in the mail with all of this interesting information and will also be able to take advantage of member discounts on trips and events.

Lucy Butterworth	Mike & Ginny Paleafico	William R. Smith
Howard I. James Collier	Kay Phillips	Gloria Snyder
Sandra Della Croce	Betty J. Rodgers	Elaine Tosti
Pauline Flacco	George & Lynn Salapka	Eugene J. Williams
Tom & Carolyn Hankerson	Tom Shaffer	
Thomas J. O'Reilly	Marie Shively	

2017 Membership Form

2017 Membership Dues: _____ Individual \$12.00 _____ Family \$24.00 _____ Business \$50.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make check payable to B.C.H.F. Mail to: B.C.H.F., P.O. Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007

Historic Bristol Day - Saturday, October 21

The Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation (BCHF) is celebrating 50 years of promoting Bristol's history and culture in 2017. Thus our **41st Historic Bristol Day** (HBD) will be on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, rain or shine.

To showcase Bristol's new wharf and dock area, we will be hosting Philadelphia's tall ship "Gazela", which will be open for free tours all day.

Most of the day's activities will take place along the Riverfront Park and Radcliffe Street. The day's activities will include crafters, information tables, public buildings and places of worship will be open for touring, as well as•

- * Sailboat Regatta organized by the Anchor Yacht Club
- Entertainment - face painter and balloon artist plus **Sea Dogs** - a New Jersey based band and pirate re-enactment group and **Martina Miller** - harpist from Bristol
- Children's Corner at the Grundy Library
 - Bristol Rocks** - children will be able to participate in the latest craze by painting their own rock and then hiding it.
 - Snyder-Girotti Wax Museum** - Mrs. Helkowski's students will portray famous Bristol historical figures: past, present and future
- Car Show
- Art displays by the Artists of Bristol and the school children at the Community Baptist Church
- House Tours, with free shuttle bus service donated by the Bristol Borough School District
 - Ronald and Veronica Walker's house and tea at 922 Radcliffe Street
 - Paul and Sue Monti's porch at 1000 Radcliffe Street
 - Jim and Debbie Fine's house at 120 Walnut Street including a presentation on the 100th anniversary of World War I and how it impacted Bristol Borough
- Food Court (8 food vendors confirmed to date). We are excited to welcome "DeLorenzo's The Burgs"
 - Pizza Truck this year.
- Riverside Theatre - costumes from previous shows will be on sale in their lobby.
- Archaeological Dig - lead by Bristol archaeologist Jesse Walker at the BCHF building at 321 Cedar Street
- Lionel Peanuts Halloween Train Set, donated by Trainpops Attic, will be raffled off on HBD. The train set is valued at \$319.99. Tickets are \$1 each, 10 for \$5.
- Grundy Museum's Golden Anniversary exhibit (see related article)
- Historic Walking Tours (see related article)

Tickets for the house tours and the Tea are \$12 in advance or \$15 on the day of the event. Everything else is FREE! Tickets are available at the Bristol Borough Tax Office, Grundy Library, Mignoni Jewelers, Mill Street Pharmacy and Great IDs by Anne. For more info go to www.bristolhistory.com

Note: We are in need of some manpower to help with hanging HBD signs, setting up and tearing down the event. If you are interested in helping, please call 215 990-2537.

Walking Tours on Historic Bristol Day

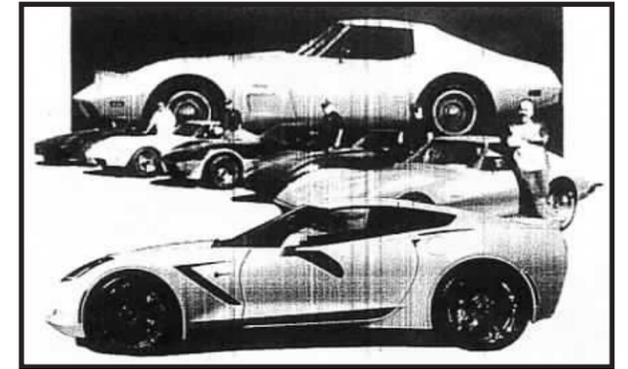
Tours will begin at the red bank on Radcliffe and Market Streets (BB&T). There will be an A-frame sign where tours will begin and the hours of the tours. Tours will begin at 11 am, Noon, 1 pm and 2 pm. The tour will go from the red bank to Walnut Street, Walnut to Cedar, then left on Cedar where we enter the yard of BCHF to watch the archaeological digging by Megan Rattini and Jesse Walker plus others. The tour continues on Cedar Street to Market and ends there.

6th Annual Car Show on HBD

The 6th annual Bristol Day Car Show will be held at Snyder-Girotti School from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The show includes all American and foreign antiques and classics, newer Corvettes, Camaros, Firebirds, Mustangs, Challengers, T-birds, exotics and luxury models.

Registration in advance can be accomplished by visiting www.bristoldaycarshow.com. Registration on the day of the show begins at 9 AM, is \$15.00 and includes a 5 x 7 photo of the car being registered and a chance to win one of eight \$25.00 gift certificates donated by the King George Restaurant.

Attendees get a chance to vote on their two favorite cars, one vote for favorite antique or classic (1900 - 1987) and one vote for their newer car favorite (1988 - 2018). Best of show and people's choice trophy are provided by the Radcliffe Cafe.



Gala on the Gazela, Friday, October 20.

Saturday, October 21.

The Tall Ship Gazela will be showcased at Bristol's new wharf and dock area on Historic Bristol Day, Saturday, October 21. There will be free access for the public to tour the ship. On the night before Historic Bristol Day we are planning a cocktail and dinner party, October 20 from 6 PM to 9 PM for a limited number of people aboard the ship catered by the King George Inn. Dress will be casual. Flat rubber soled shoes are required. A rain date is scheduled for the next night,

Tickets for this unique gala are \$100 each. Because we are limited to 65 people, ticket sales will be on a first come - first served basis by calling **Mary Gesualdi at 215 990-2537**. The phone lines will be open on **Saturday, September 16** promptly at 9 AM. Tickets are limited to two per caller. Note that guests must be able to walk unassisted. If the weather does not cooperate for the rain date on Saturday, we will hold the gala in the King George Inn.

The Gala is open to all, however the only advertising to date has been to members via a mailing in August and this edition of the Gazette. We are looking forward to having a great time with good food and music. Hope you can join us.

Jan Ruano

Archaeology Dig on Historic Bristol Day

By Jesse Walker and Meagan Ratini

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 10 am to 4 pm an archaeological dig will be open to the public. The event is being organized by the historic preservation program at Bucks County Community College and volunteers from BCHF. The excavations will be conducted in the grassy yard area around the BCHF headquarters building at 321 Cedar Street in Bristol Borough. During the dig days last fall, volunteers uncovered metal printers' type, glass marbles, ceramic smoking pipes, and fragments of glass, coal, ceramics, and other historic materials. Please stop by during Historic Bristol Day to enjoy the activities and learn about Bristol's past. If you would like to volunteer, contact Jesse Walker at walkerfamily320@verizon.net. Meagan Ratini also teaches archaeology courses at Bucks County Community College. If you're interested in finding out more about those or other historic preservation courses, email her at megan.ratini@bucks.edu

