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PENNSBURY MANOR

Greetings loyal members, volunteers and supporters! The following newsletter article is submitted as an example to share with friends and family about why Pennsbury Manor is special, and deserves your support!

Pennsbury Manor is the 17th Century recreated country plantation of William Penn. Situated on 43 beautiful, scenic acres, the Manor is the gateway to an extraordinary experience in American history. Pennsbury Manor is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in association with The Pennsbury Society, a 501(c)(3) organization.

What does Pennsbury Manor do?

Day after day, this treasured site interprets Penn's story to visitors and school children through a modern video orientation and the exhibit of 300 year-old artifacts. Visitors love walking about this picturesque and pristine site, which dates back to 1683 when Penn started construction of his country manor house. In many respects, Pennsylvania itself started with William Penn and Pennsbury Manor. Interpreting the rich variety of information about this gentleman and his family, and bringing these unique facts to the public, is the mission we maintain.

Here are some important facts about why Pennsbury Manor is distinctive in the community:

- Pennsbury Manor provides *exceptional* educational opportunities to experience life in 17th-century colonial America, with glimpses into plantation life, government and nation-building.
- Pennsbury welcomes more than *30,000 visitors* a year seeking to know more about an extraordinary man, place and time in our history. More than half of these visitors are children who come to Pennsbury from throughout the region as a part of their 4th-grade education in Pennsylvania history.
- Pennsbury Manor has been *accredited* by the American Association of Museums three times. AAM Accreditation is a widely recognized seal of approval that brings *national* recognition to a museum for its commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards, and continued institutional improvement.
- Pennsbury Manor has received numerous foundation and corporate donations reaffirming that Pennsbury is fiscally sound, and a good investment.

- Every visit to Pennsbury Manor starts at the new Visitor Center, which is proud to host a theater/auditorium with seating for approximately 200, a museum shop, classroom area and distance learning lab; expanded library and research space, collections storage and exhibit space.

How your Support can make a difference:

Education & Youth

Teachers have spoken of the important need for field trips which expand learning by providing relevant hands-on experiences that reinforce and enhance classroom curriculum. Pennsbury Manor takes great pride in offering these hands-on enrichment programs, and funding in this area is essential in helping us provide expanded and even more interesting programs! **The goal for education and youth funding in 2020 is \$.** Here are some exciting options for your support:

Regular school visits – Students from K-12 watch a 15-minute orientation video, take a tour of Pennsbury Manor led by guides dressed in period clothing, and participate in a 30-minute hands-on history activity.

Pennsbury By the Day – a more in-depth and personal experience for the students; we can tailor a program especially for them! No other schools will be on site that day, as students tour the Manor House and outbuildings, participate in hands-on learning activities, explore the grounds and enjoy lunch in the picnic pavilion.

Big School Days – Pennsbury offers four special event days for schools during the year – Pennsylvania Day, Harvest Day, Sheep Shearing Day or William Penn Day. Besides touring the Manor House and outbuildings, students get to move at their own pace as they participate in activities that would not be available to them on a regular school tour.

Programs

In addition to regular daily tours, The Pennsbury Society sponsors an annual cycle of ***80 special events and programs***, including major festival days, workshops, video conferencing, distance learning presentations, seminars, training programs, and summer camps. The support and maintenance of the site is an ongoing challenge, and your support is essential in helping us maintain this beautiful area and in continuing to bring you newer programs with delightful interpretation of William Penn's life! **The goal for programs in 2020 is \$.**

Exhibits

Pennsbury's new Orientation Exhibit promises to be an exceptional demonstration of 17th century artifacts; additional funding is so very important to making it a one-of-a-kind display that **no other museum** in this area can offer! **The goal toward exhibits in 2020 is \$.**

What can you do?

Become involved. Volunteer! Send in your donation today! The community, the teachers and especially the children who visit Pennsbury Manor, have told us again and again the value and fun of visiting the Manor. We are convinced that once **you** experience Pennsbury's impact on education and learning, you will agree we are worth the investment!

A pledge card will be attached