



Wissahickon Valley

*historical society*

Ambler  
Lower Gwynedd  
Whitpain

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## Wissahickon Valley Historical Society's annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 8, 2 p.m.

Hosted by Russ and Jean Bellavance

in their lovely Victorian home at

148 S. Bethlehem Pike

Ambler, PA

Park on Mattison Avenue off of Beth. Pk.

Members and guests are welcome.

Main dish is provided, but attendees are asked to bring  
an appetizer or salad or dessert.

Any questions? Call 215-643-5048

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Decorating "party" on Saturday, Dec. 7

from 2 p.m.

at the Bellavances.



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### **November meeting at MCCC**

Presented in one of MCCC's newest buildings, the November program consisted of a video on the history of the college as well as questions and comments on its future. The college, founded in 1964, was initially located in Conshohocken. In 1972, the college was relocated to Whitpain. **Many thanks to MCCC for hosting the society.**

### **Local groups meet with UD Historic Preservation Commission**

On Monday, November 25 delegates from several local historical groups will meet with the Upper Dublin Historic Preservation Commission to share ideas about the future of Lindenwold Estate. As mentioned previously, the estate is in the process of being sold and having its zoning reviewed. The castle and estate are an important part of the story of Ambler and would be a crucial part of any historic district based on the Keasbey and Mattison company.

### **No meeting in January**

Though there won't be a meeting in January, the Schoolhouse will be open on Thursday mornings from 10 to 12.

Work on the library will continue as well. A librarian/librarians are still needed. With a freshly organized room and a number of new books to be integrated into the collection, this could be a good opportunity for any member.

**Meetings resume on February 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Blue Bell library with a program about gems and minerals of Montgomery County - a personal "Magical Minerals Tour" by Jim Johnston**

### **Boards Votes to Purchase Computer and Museum Program**

The Historical Society's board voted in November to purchase a laptop computer and a program for digitizing our collection. **Krista Lewis** set up the suggested program, and volunteers are learning to use it. **President Russ Bellavance** recently accepted a Wells Fargo bank grant which was used to make the purchases.



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