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Please join us at the 1895 Schoolhouse for the
February 10 meeting
open at 6:30 p.m. for tours and refreshments
program at 7:00 p.m.

Program: The Battle of Whitemarsh



Our speaker, **Bob Bradley**, will give an overview of the events in 1777 following the Battle of Germantown to the march into the winter camp at Valley Forge. Having lost two major battles within a month, the Continental Army was utterly exhausted and needed rest and resupply. George Washington and the army spent weeks attempting to resupply and make their

way closer to British-occupied-Philadelphia, all while figuring out their next move. Find out what happened during the final chapter of the Philadelphia Campaign with the army's encampment in the hills of the Whitemarsh area and Sir William Howe's attack on the Continental position in early December.

Several local sites (St. Thomas Church, Emlen House, Hope Lodge, Skippack Pike) played roles in the Battle of Whitemarsh.

In case of inclement weather, please check our web-site.



WVHS received news last week from the SpringHouse Questers that their recent grant application to have our historic flag preserved and framed has been approved by the state organization.

This is the latest in a series of Quester grants that have helped preserve our building and collections.

Previous grants have enable

us to purchase conservation boxes for storing artifacts - especially textiles.

The blinds on the first and second floor windows that help manage the amount of light in our museum rooms were purchased with Quester grants.

Grants also enabled us to transfer important slides and VCR tapes to CDs and DVDs.

On Monday evening, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. SpringHouse Questers are holding a fund raiser at SpringHouse Estates. The program is entitled

Those Amazing Philadelphia Department Stores

Please consider supporting this fund raiser. Admission \$2

Please check out the historical society's new web-site and "like" us on Facebook.

Watch for the first of our new quarterly newsletters in March. It will contain articles by new board member Joe Langella about the research he has done on his Lower Gwynedd home and by Russ Bellavance about the recently donated first-edition of the Ambler Gazette.

Going forward, we hope to present articles of local historical interest from our members and reader. Please contact us with your ideas.

