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NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM

The Sanderson Museum is currently open! We have returned to our normal operating hours of Saturdays and Sundays 12pm - 4pm. We also can open by appointment for those visiting our area during the week. To schedule an appointment please call 610-329-7884. We normally will return calls within 24 hours.

As you may already know, the museum is 100% run by volunteers. We are always looking for more people to help us continue to share Chris' wonderful collection. Please let us know if you are interested in learning more about joining our volunteer family.



A Summer Evening Reception at the Sanderson

Sally Denk Hoey

A reception to meet our new Museum Administrator, **Makenzie McGonigle**, was held at the Sanderson Museum on Thursday, August 18 this year.



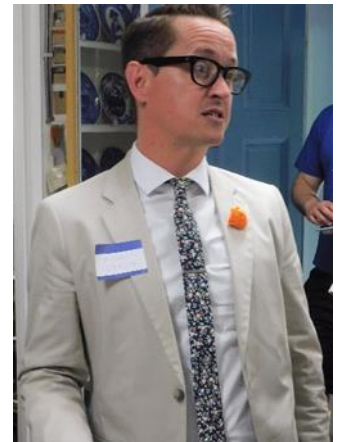
Makenzie McGonigle
New Administrative Manager

Makenzie, accompanied by husband **Kevin**, is vivacious and outgoing, easily making friends with our volunteers.

Gene Pisasale and wife **Phyllis Recca** stopped in to say hello as well as **Andy and Karen Moynihan** who brought their friend, artist **Nancy Barnes**.

Curator **Chuck Ulmann** and wife Mary Ann, intern **Amber Pulcher** and her mom **Pat**, steering committee member **Jim Christ**, as well as assistant curator **Donel Manke** and volunteer **Sally Hoey** (along with husband **Tom**), co-organizers of the reception, all enjoyed refreshments while sharing good conversation.

But as good as it was to see the "regulars," it was especially nice to see new guides and volunteers like **Ed Wordeck**, a professor of Fine Arts at Goucher College in Maryland, **Steven Pierce**, and newest volunteer



Michael Lynch, Volunteer

Michael Lynch, Director for Undergraduate Research at Lincoln University. You will be hearing much more about Michael and his exciting photo initiative in the coming weeks.

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And many thanks to the generosity of **Michael**



Ed Worteck, Volunteer

Majewski, owner of Brandywine Prime, the buffet was a popular place with an overflowing cheeseboard, vegetable crudites, a crostini platter with incredible dips, as well as mini sweets.

It was a happy evening as new friendships were made all around.

Ask to See

Chuck Ulmann, Curator

Two or three times a year, an envelope arrives with a handwritten address on it to the Curator. I always get excited as I hope it is some item that we could add to the collection as long as it meets the collection policy (call or email if you would like to see it).

This time I knew something was coming from California. One never knows where "Chris" items end up before they are returned to the museum.

A letter was enclosed in an archival sleeve and the original envelope it came in. It was addressed to Professor Frank H. Kramer, West Chester. The cancellation on the envelope was dated March 12, 1918 in Kennett Square, PA. In pencil below the address was a note "care of High School." I recognized the handwriting as belonging to Chris .

Chris was the assistant Scout Master for Troop 1 in Chadds Ford. The troop was hosting a "paper

chase" from his home, Washington's Headquarters, which is now part of the Battle of Brandywine State Park. Dr. Kramer was the assistant Scout Master for a troop in West Chester.

He gives directions on getting to his home by trolley no less. "If they leave on the 10 (*am-my addition*) trolley for Lenape, then by train (*Philadelphia and Reading-my addition*) they will reach here at 11."

As one who did travel on his stomach, Chris told them, "...they can cook their dinner on the open fireplace here."

Finally, "I will gladly show them my relics." Chris had a museum every place he lived.

The Curator (that's me) wonders what a "paper chase" is in 1918. Please let me know.

So how did the person get this letter sent to the Sanderson Museum? Chris tells Prof. Kramer to "Give this letter to your Scout scribe." The owner of the letter believes one of his relatives was the scribe!

So "Ask To See" this note from 1918 that is in the Sanderson Museum's accession file for 2022.



Chris' envelope for the letter to Professor Kramer

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Sanderson Museum is run by volunteers just like you! We are people who are interested in history, delight in talking to other people, have a bit of the "pack rat" in them, and want to touch a moment in time.

We offer great benefits:

- Volunteer training
- Invitations to museum events
- Volunteer appreciation passes
- 10% discount in museum gift shop

If you are interested in volunteering your time and/or talents, email Makenzie McGonigle at executivedirector@sandersonmuseum.org or call 610-388-6545 to join our volunteer family.

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