

VENANGO MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Director's update

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Dear Members,

It is finally here—2011 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Venango Museum of Art, Science and Industry. It is a year we have been planning for and are excited to reach this milestone in the life of our museum.

We have been working on some special events, holding some of our regular events and of course having some special fundraisers.

Inside this issue you will find some very unique ways to help support the museum and its celebration. You will also find a list of the upcoming events that are scheduled.

Please join us for as many events as you can because it is you our members who have been the constant support to make the 50 year mark possible.

Sincerely,

Betsy Kellner
Executive Director

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Antique Appraisal Luncheon



First up on our list of events is our Annual Antique Appraisal Luncheon that will be held on Saturday February 26th from noon until 3:00 pm. It will be held on the 5th floor of the Arlington Hotel.

Only 50 reservations will be accepted. The event will start with a nice lunch. Each person is able to bring one antique which will be evaluated in a classroom like setting so that we can all learn about each others items.

We will have four volunteer appraisers who will share their expertise with us. The cost is \$27.00 and we are accepting reservations now. Please call 676-2007 and leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Bus Trip to Erie

On Thursday March 3, 2011 we are planning a bus trip to Erie, Pa. We will depart the Venango Museum at 8:30 am and travel to the Tom Ridge Environmental Center where we will have a green tour of the building and view the movie "PULSE: A Stomp Odyssey". We will then get back on the bus and travel to Molly Brannigan's Restaurant for lunch on your own. After lunch we will go to the Erie Art Museum for a guided tour focusing on their exhibit - Hidden in Plain Sight: Art Treasures from Regional Collections . We will return back to the Venango Museum by 6:00 pm. This will be a fun and educational day. The cost if \$50.00 per person which includes the bus ride and admission to the various exhibits. Reservations need to be made by February 15th.



Paul Roberts to perform

We will kick off our 50th Anniversary Concert series on Sunday April 17 at 3:00 pm with Paul Roberts playing our Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Organ. The cost will be \$10.00.

Paul Robert was born in Warrington in 1960 and, in his formative years, he studied the piano, classical organ and clarinet. While reading Economic History at Liverpool University he successfully completed several music diplomas. His tutors have included Noel Rawsthorne (Cathedral and City Organist of Liverpool) and Arthur Hutchings (formerly Professor of Music at Durham University).

Performing has never been a full-time occupation for Paul and he combines a hectic concert schedule with owning and running his thriving West Country Entertainments Agency, Wessex Entertainments. In 1994 he completed a decade as joint resident organist with Brian Sharp at Sandford Park in Dorset playing both pipe and electronic organs during their long summer seasons.

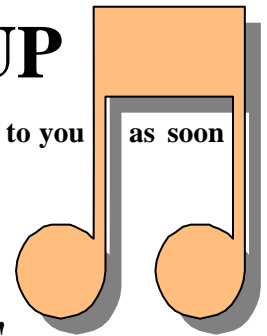
For over twenty-five years Paul has been a consistently prominent name on the U.K. organ circuit, playing at virtually every organ society and pipe organ installation in the country. A regular broadcaster in the U.K. and in other parts of the world, Paul has also appeared on TV in the U.K. and the USA and has been a prolific writer for music journals.

In more recent years, Paul's concert tours have taken him abroad to various parts of Europe, and he has toured America and Canada twenty-five times. In 1996 he completed a "World Tour" which lasted three-and-one-half months and involved concerts throughout Australia, the North and South Islands of New Zealand, the USA including Hawaii and Canada. In addition, he took the opportunity to visit India, Thailand and Fiji. Paul is the first artiste on the concert circuit ever to play all these countries in one continuous tour. In 1998 he performed a tour of South Africa and also returned to Australia and New Zealand. In January of 2010 he returned to the USA for his twenty-sixth tour. He will also tour the US in the spring of 2011. In 2005 Paul was the first British organist to play a solo concert in Radio City Music Hall in New York. This is the largest indoor theatre in the world.

He read about our Wurlitzer Theater Organ on the Venango Museum web site and contacted us about the opportunity to play our organ. Thanks to a grant from the Elizabeth Black Charitable Trust we are able to host him at the Venango Museum of Art, Science and Industry.

Please put it on your calendar to come to the museum on April 17th at 3:00 for a great afternoon of music, refreshments and fun!

THE MUSEUM SUPPORT GROUP



We knew 2011 would be an exciting year for us and we wanted to get some schedules out to you as possible.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts planned for 3:00 pm are:

April 17, 2011 Paul Roberts on the Wurlitzer Theater Organ

May 15, 2011 The Pine Valley Boys—Country, Blue Grass and Gospel at is finest!

In June we will not have a concert but will host a Chamber Mixer on June 16th with Dennis Geib providing background music from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. —please join us.

July 10, 2011 Nathaniel Licht on the Wurlitzer Theater Organ

August 14, 2011 Among Friends, Steve Winslow, Nancy Simpson and Linda Whren providing music using the piano, violin and flute for our listening pleasure.

September 18, 2011 The Bob English Trio, Bob English, Ed Frye. Steve Osgood when these musicians get together you can tell they are having fun while entertaining the attendees.

October 16, 2011 Nicholas Nasbyan a house favorite this 17 year old is as talented as they come and can make us feel the music as it comes from the Steinway.

November 13, 2011 Trio Dejanerio will treat us to some Latin Jazz—this was the group that when they played their last song the listeners pleaded for and got some more tunes. What fun!

December 11, 2011 Kevin Berry Family and HoLEY Jeans.—We will hear the Wurlitzer Organ, Classical piano and HoLEY Jeans. There will be a Sing-a-long and of course the museum will be decorated for Christmas—If you are not already feeling the mood of the season you will be after this delightful afternoon.

Card Parties which begin at noon with a nice lunch and then play cards until 3:00 pm are planned for:

April 21, 2011 September 15, 2011

May 19, 2011 October 20, 2011

June 16, 2011 November 17, 2011

July 28, 2011 December 15, 2011

August 18, 2011



If you have a foursome that's great if not come and we will include you in with a table that needs someone.

Our very popular Sibley Mansion Tour will be held on June 2, 2011 with tours scheduled for 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. We can only accept 30 reservations for each tour so please call if you would like to reserve your spot. The cost is \$20.00 and benefits both the Venango Museum and Life Ministries.

The Golf Shoot out is tentatively schedule for June 22nd through the 25th.

Please feel free to call us if you have any ideas for bus trips.

Fundraiser's, Fundraiser's, Fundraiser's, Fundraisers



This year we are looking outside the box for some of our fundraisers. We would like to ask all of you to put a container on your dresser, window sill or wherever you drop your spare change and to collect it for the museum. Thanks to Agway we have an Oil Barrel that we would like to fill with change. Please help us to meet the challenge. We will have the barrel on display near our front door so when you are going by you can run in and drop your change and see it growing.

Also enclosed you will find flyers for two other fundraisers.

First we are making a commemorative deck of cards to celebrate our 50 Year Milestone—Could you sponsor a card for us for \$50.00 we have to get a sponsor for each card. Please call us to see which cards are available for your sponsorship. After the cards are published we will be selling the decks to make money for the general operations of the museum.

A one-sided oil derrick will be permanently installed on one of the Museum's interior walls. We would like you to be a part of our Oil Derrick Project by purchasing an engraved plaque for \$50.00 with a message of your choice, your name, or the name of a person(s) that you wish to honor or memorialize. In honor of the anniversary 50 plaques will be placed on the Derrick. See the enclosed flyer.

Thank you for your support!