

Chairman's Message

Good evening,

I've just come home from market in Philadelphia and tomorrow our driver is S. Nicholas Stoltzfus. Nic is helping out part-time at the market, and I think it's ironic that Nic is also the full-time caretaker and ambassador of the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead.

He will be doing research on the Stoltzfus family and will be working real close with the Stoltzfus House Committee.

So let's please welcome Nic by coming to our 17th annual auction on May 4th, 2019. If you've never been at the auction perhaps this is the year to do so.

Come and tour the almost finished apartment and see the original Stoltzfus House, the new carriage barn and partake in Lancaster County food, and fellowship with families and friends.

Also bring something and buy something at the auction to help preserve our heritage. We have buses scheduled: for more info contact David Riehl at 717-940-5456. Check out our ad for the auction in the Busy Beaver.

Sincerely,
May God Bless You

Moses Smucker, Chairman
Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead
Preservation Committee

Annual Benefit Auction

May 4th, 2019

1700 Tulpehocken Road, Wyomissing, Pa 19610



The 17th annual benefit auction will be held on Saturday, May 4th, with breakfast starting at 8 am. Auction begins at 9:30 PM, with Quilt auction at 11:00 PM.

Event is FREE for all ages.

Please consider donating something for the auction! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and goes towards covering our expenses as well as future projects sharing Stoltzfus family history and Amish-Mennonite history in Berks County. You can bring things to the auction the day of the auction.

Highlights of this year's auction: Re-enactors will be cooking pioneer food in the Nicholas Stoltzfus House fireplace and author Nic Stoltzfus will give a brief talk about his upcoming coffee-table book on the Stoltzfus family.

Come meet new freundschaft, eat great home-cooked PA Dutch food, bid on some handcrafted goods and quilts, and find out more about our history!

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for our upcoming auction. To sign up as a volunteer, please e-mail us at nicholasstoltzfushomestead@gmail.com.

In particular, we need volunteers to pick-up people in Lancaster, Lebanon, & southern Berks County; volunteers to help direct traffic; and volunteers to help set-up and break-down the auction tent and clean up after the auction.



The Homestead Now Has An Office Phone Line

To schedule tours of the Homestead, rent the Homestead for an event, or request the caretaker to do a presentation about the history of the Homestead at your location, you can now reach us on our new office line: 484-878-2916.



2018 Auction images

Annual Auction at the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead, is held every first Saturday of May. There were plenty of auction items for fundraising and to support the property maintainance.

This gathering is about meeting family members, tasting good homemade food and having good fellowship.



Photos by Elam Stoltzfus and Nic Stoltzfus

Caretaker's Apartment Nearing Completion

Over the past few months, the concrete floor and bare walls of the caretaker's apartment have changed into livable quarters for our caretaker.

Foreman Ben Riehl is the foreman for the project. Aaron Beiler and his crew painted the walls, installed the ceiling panels, laid down the floor (donated by Steve Stoltzfus), and did other general contracting work. Red Hill Plumbing finished the bathroom. Smucker Mechanical installed the heating and a/c. Dan Fisher did the electrical work. Keystone Wood Specialties donated the cabinets, Sim Stoltzfus donated his time for the cabinet installation, and Lapp Tops did the countertops. Roy Smoker personally purchased the appliances and installed them. The Joe & Dorcas Miller family donated a microwave oven. Calvin & Esther Mae Kurtz purchased furniture and basic kitchen supplies and moved them in along with help from Ernie Glick, who also finished the bathroom fittings.

The apartment is located in the downstairs portion of the barn located beside the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead. The barn project broke ground in 2008, with the exterior completed in 2011. With an anticipated cost of \$300,00, the barn and caretaker's apartment were completed for around \$250,000.

Over the years, many Stoltzfus descendants and friends of the Homestead have donated time, money, and labor to finish the barn and caretaker's apartment. Thank you all for your generous contributions!



Stoltzfus Coffee Table Book To Be Released This Fall

Nic Stoltzfus will be releasing his upcoming coffee-table book featuring early Stoltzfus history (1624-1832) as well as the history of the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead. Titled “*German Lutherans to Pennsylvania Amish: The Stoltzfus Family Story*”, the book will be printed by Masthof Press and will be available to purchase online as well at other locations. To sign up for an e-mail list for further details on the book release, please e-mail Masthof at orders@masthof.com. Nic Stoltzfus will also be at the auction to discuss any questions you have about the book.



St. Johannes Kirche in Rottleben were Johann Adam (Great grandfather) and Christoph Gottlieb (Grandfather) to Nicholas Stoltzfus pastored.



Nic Stoltzfus, Rose Beiler, Elam Stoltzfus and Zach Stoltzfus at Zweibrücken, Germany while doing research for the Stoltzfus book.



Interior of St. Pankratius Kirche in Bendeleben, similar to what would have been at St. Johannes in Rottleben while Stoltzfus’s pastored there.



St. Georg Kirche, Bad Frankenhausen, Germany. Johann Adam taught school in the building on the left.



The ordination of Christoph Gottlieb, Sr. was conducted in this Luthern church, St. Georg Kirche.



Elam & Nic Stoltzfus in the pulpit where Christoph Gottlieb, Sr. delivered his first sermon.



The baptistry at St. Georg Kirche.



Nic, Elam and Rose view the journal written by Johann Adam Stoltzfus in the mid 1600’s.



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A new release - this fall
A new coffee table book

*“German Lutherans to Pennsylvania Amish:
The Stoltzfus Family Story”*

Written by Nic Stoltzfus
Photography by Elam Stoltzfus and Nic Stoltzfus
Including new research by Dr. Rose Beiler
& Zach Stoltzfus.
Signature image by Freiman Stoltzfus & more

This group has retraced the steps of the Stoltzfus
ancestors, interviewed historians, visited with people
who live in the communities and completed extensive
archival research in Germany.



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share images, videos, and stay informed with updates.
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Mast Reunion August 2-4, 2019

Mast Tour August 2-2019

Morgantown, Pennsylvania

Masts across the U.S. and Canada (activities for all ages)
will gather to meet each other, tour the area where the
first Masts settled when they arrived in America in the
1700s, and learn more about our Mast heritage.

Meet descendants of 1736 Immigrant Jacob Mast
1750 Immigrant Johannes Mast
1750 Immigrant Jacob Mast (nephew of Johannes Mast)
1750 Immigrant John Mast (nephew of Johannes Mast)

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