

# Come armed for clean-up party April 9

Every spring the society holds a clean-up day to tackle some of the routine maintenance jobs that always need doing every year.

This spring we're putting out an extra special call for help on Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. until noon, because, frankly, winter didn't do us any favors this year.

To put it mildly, the grounds need work. The main perennial bed next to the patio is overgrown with weeds and vines and needs to be cleaned out

before new growth sets in. The boxwoods need attention as do the hydrangeas, which were not trimmed back last fall.

Most of the beds are clogged with leaves and need to be thinned before new mulch can be applied. The same goes for the area adjacent to the research center, which has become a neighborhood trash drop.

In addition, there are windows to wash and archival materials to move from one building to the other.

This is a special appeal to members who enjoy a little physical labor (exercise), and can't help out as volunteers during the week. Please give us a few hours of your time.

Bring along gloves, rakes, tarps, trimmers – whatever will make the job easier – and we'll supply the refreshments. For more information, call (215) 855-1872. But most important, show up on April 9 - and bring a few friends.

## Mayors tell of years in office

Five mayors representing four decades of Lansdale history were featured at the society's March Community Program.

Hugh Cullen, Richard Bitner, John Scheetz and Mike DiNunzio joined current mayor, Andy Szekely, for a chief executives' fireside chat moderated by WNPV Program Director Darryl Berger.

The mayors discussed the highs and lows of their tenures and shared some humorous as well as some poignant stories about their years in office. They also offered their perspective on how Lansdale has changed over the years.



**MAYORS ALL:** From left, current Mayor Andy Szekely, Richard Bitner, John Scheetz, moderator Darryl Berger, Mike DiNunzio and Hugh Cullen.

## Homestead projects for 2011

Several projects are in the works for the Jenkins Homestead before the end of the year.

One of the projects is overdue. The cellar door and portions of the side porch have seen better days and are in need of replacement. The cellar door, which dates back to the days when the homestead was an apartment house, is rotted beyond repair and will be replaced.

The sitting porch on the Jenkins Avenue side of the house was installed after the historical soci-

ety moved in. Much of the wood has rotted, split and come apart, raising potential safety issues. We are currently getting estimates to replace the porch floor, steps and seats.

This year's interior project is a carryover from 2010: Renovating the society's old second-floor office into a tax assessor's study similar to one John Jenkins I may have had in the house during the late 1700s.

Work on the room will proceed as funds permit. Our hope is to have it completed in time for a holiday event at the homestead in December.

### IN THE MUSEUM

The following displays are now available for viewing in the research center's museum room:

- North Penn area winter scenes.
- Old books from our collection (1726-1929)
- Lansdale church photographs and souvenirs
- World War II memorabilia

**COMING IN APRIL:** A display of Lansdale area school photographs, yearbooks, class rings, publications and other memorabilia.