

NORTH PENN VALLEY HISTORY 101

Saturday morning seminars begin January 18

Ever wonder about our local history but don't know whom to ask?

Bring your questions and curiosity to a new Saturday morning seminar series entitled "North Penn Valley History 101" which **debuts January 18, 9:30 a.m.**, at the Jenkins Homestead, 137 Jenkins Ave., Lansdale.

The monthly seminars, hosted by the Lansdale Historical Society, are designed for newcomers as well as long-time area residents who want to learn more about how our region developed over the years into the communities we have now.

Each 90-minute program will have a featured topic and will include a narrated video presentation followed by an informal question-and-answer session about any subjects that come to mind.

The first seminar on the 18th focuses on the topic, "The Railroad Comes to the North Penn Valley," a look at how trains transformed the area from a few sleepy villages and farms into bustling towns that became centers of commerce. Society President Dick Shearer will moderate the seminar.

Attendance is limited to 20 persons (adults 18 and over) and reservations must be made in advance by calling (215) 855-1872 no later than January 15. (Leave name, number of attendees and a phone number, please). If demand warrants, a second session may be scheduled. There is no charge but donations will be appreciated.

Future seminars include: **Feb. 15**, "Education: One-room Schoolhouses to Cathedrals of Learning", and **March 15**, "Lansdale's Downtown Boom Years before the Mall".