

Lower Swatara Township Historic Preservation Society

List of Presentations

Name of Presentation	Date of Presentation	Presented by	Topic Summary	Video Available
Historic Camp Meade	January 22, 2019	Dustin D'Agostino	Local connection to the Spanish American War, Camp Meade, and shared artifacts that he had found metal detecting.	No
The Alleman Family	March 21, 2019	Mikaela Fleisher	Alleman family ancestors beginning with their immigration from Germany in 1753.	No
Genealogy – Finding Your Family History	May 9, 2019	Joanna Matinchek Cain	Classroom-style beginner's workshop on Genealogy.	No
Underground Railroad Stop Recycled	July 18, 2019	John Ziats	Local historic home that was once part of Middletown's Underground Railroad.	No
History of Penn State Harrisburg	September 17, 2019	Heidi Abbey Moyer	Archivist and Humanities Reference Librarian presented the history of Penn State Harrisburg.	No
Samuel Nisley Farmstead	November 21, 2019	Nancy Avolese	History of the Nisley farmsteads and why the Samuel Nisley property was picked as the logo for historic preservation.	No
Middletown and Hummelstown Railroad	January 26, 2020	Charlie High	Early history of the M&H Railroad and impact on Lower Swatara Township.	No
Fulling Mill Inn	July 16, 2020	Paula Rhoades	The history behind the current Fulling Mill Inn B&B and Restaurant.	No

The Raven	January 19, 2022	Dick Phelan & Bob Angelucci	History and sounds of The Raven, a local social club.	Youtube.com
The Magnificent Men and Beyond	March 17, 2022	Bob Angelucci	Part II of the Raven and the history of The Magnificent Men.	Youtube.com
The 1877 Star Barn	May 19, 2022	David & Tierney Abel	The history, relocation, restoration, and preservation of the original Star Barn and outbuildings.	Youtube.com
Walnut Hill Farm	July 21, 2022	Ruth Shireman	The history of the property and families that lived there.	Youtube.com
A Family History of the Development of Shope Gardens	March 16, 2023	Faye Shope Maulfair	The history of the original farm and family development of the land which is now Shope Gardens.	Youtube.com
The Swartz Family and Cemetery	May 18, 2023	Ann Swartz	How the remains of a cemetery on the Schwartz family's homestead helped reveal the early Swiss Brethren community in Lower Swatara Township.	Youtube.com
Swatara Amusement Park	July 20, 2023	Eric (Ric) Farr	The history of the Farr family's swimming venture and expansion into a popular amusement park.	Part 1 only, Youtube.com
The Union Canal	September 21, 2023	Wade Seibert & Dustin Smith	The history and local impact of The Union Canal.	Youtube.com
Honoring Camp Meade and the Fred Greguras Collection	November 16, 2023	Heidi Abbey Moyer	Sharing the Fred M. Greguras Collection and interpreting the local impact of the Spanish American War and Camp Meade.	Youtube.com
The Hustle and Bustle of Middletown's Past	January 18, 2024	Jack Still	Slide show and movie looking at Middletown's manufacturing and local businesses from the past.	Youtube.com

Civil War Ball	March 21, 2024	Victorian Dance Ensemble of the performing troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation	A civil war ball dance demonstration.	No
Jednota	May 16, 2024	Bill Bosnyak	The history of Jednota and why it was here in Lower Swatara Township along with memories as a young boy attending the school.	Youtube.com
Middletown: Small Town with Big Talent	July 18, 2024	Sarah Brennan Peters and Paul Eshleman	A look at <i>The Exciting Invictas</i> , <i>The DuValles</i> , <i>The Intentions</i> , and varies other local bands from the area during 1960s and 1970s.	Youtube.com
Saving Local History by Metal Detecting	September 19, 2024	Dustin D'Agostino	A look at the methods and equipment used as well as the items found, while metal detecting local sites.	Youtube.com
Tinian Manor and Its Progression to the Present Day	November 21, 2024	Faye Shope Maulfair	History of Tinian Manor and some of the changes from its original use and architectural details to present day. Shope Gardens history was also included.	Coming soon.

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