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July Update on the Friends of Neill Log House (FONLH)

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Mission Statement for the Friends of the Neill Log House (FONLH Inc.)

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"We secure funds to restore and maintain the Neill Log House, foster knowledge of its historic significance, and work with interested parties to ensure the continued educational use of the structure and its site for future generations."

Individual support for the FONLH restoration effort will always be needed. Details about how to make individual contributions to FONLH by check can be found on the SHHS website by clicking on "Neill Log House" and then clicking on the (Quiet Giving Campaign) link. To make online donations by credit card or PayPal, go to the SHUC website, shuc.org, and click on the "Projects" link in the black menu bar at the top of the page. A pull-down menu will appear. Select "Friends of the Neill Log House."



Friends of NEILL LOG HOUSE

FONLH logo designed by Natalie Stewart

"At our June SHHS presentation about the Friends of Neill Log House efforts, I reported on how our project got started in August 2020 with an invitation to post information about the log house on what was then a new geotourism site contracted by the National Park Service. This is the **Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Experience** website, **lewisandclark.travel**, and the invitation was based on research we were presented with suggesting that Meriwether Lewis stopped near the log house on his last trip to Pittsburgh. Unbeknownst to me, as I presented this information at

our SHHS program, the Neill Log House link had disappeared from the interactive map of the sites in Pittsburgh due to a glitch in their system. I was invited by the Park Service manager of the site to resubmit our posting, and our newly revised information is now uploaded. Go to the site sometime soon and check out our new link.

Some other Neill Log House supporting activities, anticipated and in planning stages:

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix—We plan to have a presence during the races, to be held during the weekend of July 23–24. Based on initial contact made by Mardi Isler with the Vintage Grand Prix committee, it's likely that we will locate ourselves at the gate entrance to the Neill Log House, with a table, volunteers, brochures and pledge cards. We also plan to display our recently approved park signage.

We will need volunteers to help man our information during the Grand Prix race weekend. Any SHHS member who would like to join us by volunteering over part of these two days should respond to our upcoming SHHS email or by the Contact Us feature on the SHHS website.



Scan to go to
the Neill Log
House link
on the SHHS
website.

Volunteers Needed for Grand Prix

This is an open appeal for anyone interested in volunteering to sit at a table at the Neill Log House during this month's Grand Prix in Schenley Park. Race days are July 23–24. Those who respond will be contacted to fill a slot of an hour or two or three. Signage, brochures, and pledge cards will be on site, along with an officer or board member of FONLH to assist you in what to share with the public. Contact Tony Indovina, President, FONLH, at sqhillhist@shhsoc.org.

Fall weekend of activities centered on the legacy of Squirrel Hill artist Henry Koerner—

The weekend plans start with a documentary film at the Manor Theater and finish with a lecture by Henry's son Joseph, a renowned art historian and Harvard professor. At the center of the weekend will be tours conducted by the owner of the house that Henry Koerner built and lived in. For some background about the house and its owner, read Caroline Boyd's story on the House History page of our website or the article in the October 2021 SHHS Newsletter, "My Happenstance with Henry Koerner."

If you would like more information about how the Friends of the Neill Log House organization came to be and everything we are about, you will be able to access the SHHS's June presentation about the house as soon as it is posted on the SHHS website.