

## Annual Benefit Auction Saturday, May 6, 2023



### Bring something, Buy something

**Auction starts at 9AM - Quilts at 11AM - Books at 12PM**

PA Dutch food, BBQ chicken, old-fashioned homemade ice cream, fresh soft pretzels, whoopie pies, homemade pies, cinnamon rolls and more

OLD Vintage & NEW BOOKS, Amish handmade quilts, household & garden items, furniture, plants, arts & crafts, vintage doilies, vintage and mid-century modern green glass, and much more

One-of-a-kind collection of rare magazines, old newspapers, out-of-print books, old German books, large collectors bibles: 140 lots

Masthof Press & Bookstore selling an inventory of new books

Meet historians and authors: Nic Stoltzfus, Paul Kurtz, Ben Riehl, Benuel M. Fisher, Pud Sam Stoltzfus, Elam Stoltzfus and others

Berks County Parks & Recreation, Darius Puff, a Native American will showcase some artifacts, the Stoltzfus Score geneology research, a replica of bunks from a 1700s trade ship and other displays will featured in the barn

Homestead tours in the old historic house where the Stoltzfus's lived in the late 1700s, Nicholas' original chest, colonial lifestyle and educational items

Bounce house with inflatable slide and yard games for kids

Come meet & visit with friends, neighbors and your Stoltzfus freundschaft



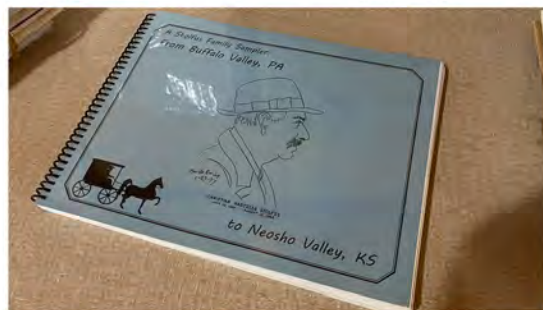
Great opportunity for young families to find good deals for your household

*"Sharing our Amish History & Heritage in Berks County and Beyond"*

Auction Bus Schedule - May 6th, 2023 - Bus Number 1				Bus Number 2			
Time	Location	Address	Comments	Time	Location	Address	Comments
6:20 AM	Leola	98 Hellers Church Rd, Leola, PA 17540	Formerly Amos Zook	6:58 AM	Philips Cheese House	433 Centerville Rd, Gordonville	Meeting along road
6:25 AM	Intersection - Creek Hill & Newport Rd	2754 Creek Hill Rd, Leola 17540	Intersection at Newport & Creek Rd	7:00 AM	Centerville Bulk Food	Centerville & Scenic	Meet in the parking lot
6:35 AM	Mascot Mill	2900 Stumptown Rd, Ronks, PA 17572	Meet in parking lot	7:10 AM	Intercourse Candle Barn	3551 Old Philadelphia Pike,	Meet in the parking lot
6:40 AM	Pond Road	107A Pond Rd, Ronks PA 17572	Amos Zook's place	7:22 AM	Mel Esh place	3666 E. Pequea Lane, Gordonville, PA	Meet in the parking lot
6:45 AM	Gordonville Fire Company	3204 Vigilant St, Gordonville, PA 17529	Meet in parking lot	7:25 AM	Spring Garden Mennonite Church	5157 Old Philadelphia Pike, Kinzer PA 17535	Meet in the parking lot
6:50 AM	Fairview Grocery Store	96 Paradise Lane, Ronks PA 17572	Meet in parking lot	7:30 AM	White Horse Luncheonette	5562 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gap, PA 17527	Meet in the parking lot
6:55 AM	Intersection - Ronks & Rt 30	167 N, Ronks Rd, Ronks, PA 17572	Ronks & Rt 30	7:35 AM	Old Road Mennonite Church	5795 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gap, PA 17527	Meet in the parking lot
7:00 AM	Fisher Harness Shop	267 N. Star, Ronks, PA 17572	meet in parking lot	7:40 AM	Hilltop Bulk Food Store Compass	1403 W Kings Hwy, Gap, PA 17527	Meet in the parking lot
7:10 AM	Fisher Houseware & Fabrics	1098 Georgetown Rd, Paradise PA 17562	meet in parking lot	7:50 AM	Bus Parking Lot (former Kerns Hardware)	450 Pequea Ave, Honey Brook, PA 19344	Meet in the parking lot
7:20 AM	George Town Hydraulics	334 Christiana Pike, Christiana, PA 17509	meet in parking lot	7:52 AM	Honey Brook Hardware	5004 Horseshoe Pike Honey Brook, PA 19344	Meet in the parking lot
7:25 AM	Lapp Lumber	1640 Mine Rd, Paradise, PA 17562	meet in parking lot	7:55 AM	Dream Designs (Dave Reihl)	812 Churchtown Rd, Narvon, PA 17555	Meet in the parking lot
7:30 AM	Gapview Mennonite Church	5324 Mine Rd, Kinzer, PA 17535	Meet in parking lot	7:58 AM	Pool Forge	1940 Main St, Narvon, PA 17555	Meeting along road
7:40 AM	Salisbury Park/Gap	750 White Horse Rd, Gap PA 17527	Meet in parking lot	8:00 AM	Churchtown Blue Ridge Furniture - Smucker Harness	2014 Main St, Narvon, PA 17555	Meet in the parking lot
7:50 AM	SLC Rental - Woodworking shop - Buyerstown	5019 Newport Rd, Kinzers, PA 17535	Meet in parking lot	8:35 AM	Arrival at the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead	1700 Tulpehocken Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610	
7:55 AM	Redwell Repair	15 S New Holland Rd Gordonville, PA 17529	Meet in parking lot	2:30/ 3:00	Depart Stoltzfus Homestead	To Intercourse and White Horse	
8:05 AM	Sheetz New Holland	698 W Main St, New Holland, PA 17557	Meet in parking lot	<b>No need to make a reservation, be at the location and watch for the bus.</b> <b>For more info call 484-878-2916</b> suggested \$25.00 donation for transportation cost Thank you!!			
8;15/20	222 & 568 Adamstown Exit		Standing by the off ramp exit				
8:45 AM	Arrive at NSH	1700 Tulpehocken Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610					
2:30/ 3:00	Depart NSH	To New Holland - and Leola					



There will be 140 lots of vintage books, old German & English bibles, Berks County history, devotional books, vintage magazines, periodicals, and used books at the Auction. Books will be sold at 12:00 PM - To view the complete Book Lot Catalog, download the catalog at [www.NicholasStoltzfus.com](http://www.NicholasStoltzfus.com) web site. Or call Elam at 484-878-2916 and leave a message with your address.



Miscellaneous mid modern century vintage glassware including partial sets, decanters, compotes, vases and much more from the estate of a green glass collector. Includes Empoli glass, L.E. Smith, Indiana Glass, Anchor Hocking. Unusual and hard to find collector's items.





A **1748 Martyrs Mirror** edition will be sold at the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead auction. The book was translated from Dutch to German and then published in Ephrata, Pa. There were 1,300 copies of the 1,512-page German edition published in 1748.

Nearby Franconia Mennonites asked residents of Ephrata Cloister, a monastery-like religious commune of celibate men and women, to translate and publish the book. Peter Miller at the cloister was good with languages and could translate the old Dutch book into German, the language of the Mennonite communities at the time. Miller translated it, and the brothers at the cloister worked to print this collection of stories. The process took several years. The book doesn't have any of the 104 etchings by Jan Luyken of the original. The Martyrs Mirror was also the first printing and the largest book printed in America at that time.

Cover in fragile condition, pages in good condition, contains all pages, Size 15" Long, 9" Wide, 5" Thick  
Donated by a family member and supporter.



**1819 Heilige Schrift - Holy Bible** - Alten Und Neuen Testaments in German text, Lancaster Penn, Johann Bär, (Subscribenten-Verzeichnifs/Subscribed-Directory Lancaster Country, includes many Mennonite and Amish names who paid subscription fees to publish this Bible) Size: 15.5" Long, 11" Wide, 4" Thick, fragile condition, contains all pages. (Front page text in fraktur: (Das Eigenthum von **Jonathan F Lapp**, Hard dekanst an der pendue von Marie Stauffer im Jahr 1895, Geschrieben in dieses Buch den 15ten August im Jahr 1905.) This bible will be sold at the May 6th Auction. Donated by a family member and supporter.





A collection of hand-made quilts. Sold at 11:00 AM



Trip Around the Star  
109" x 118" Queen



Falling Star  
108" x 116" Queen



Lily of the Valley  
104" x 114" Queen



Hand quilted Flower  
Basket - vintage, at  
least 40 years, never  
used.  
80" x 80"



Starburst  
109" x 115" Queen

More quilts will be added to the inventory.

Also included in the auction this year are several unique items such as: two hand crafted charcuterie boards with an etched image of the Homestead, a corn hole set with paintings of the barn and house, several homestead images with old barn wood frames, a puzzle of the homestead, and other items.



A large collection of vintage hand made linens.







**Sandra R. Kauffman**, of Rehrersburg, PA died December 27th, at the age of 75. She is survived by her husband John, her sons Derick and John, and their families. Sandra loved genealogy, flowers, crafts and going to auctions. Sandy was an early supporter of the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead and helped spearhead the petition preserve the Nicholas Stoltzfus Homestead. We are forever grateful for people like Sandy who had a vision and worked hard to bring the family together for this worthy cause.

**Alberta Annette Brinkman**, 102 of, Emporia, KS, died February 12, 2023 at the Emporia Presbyterian Manor. Alberta Annette Stolfus was born in 1920 in Hamilton, Kansas, the daughter of William Albert and Anna (Holmberg) Stolfus. Alberta's father William changed his name from Stoltzfus to Stolfus because he had a business partner who had trouble spelling his last name.

Alberta married Parry Collins Reed in 1942 in Miller, Kansas and after his death, she subsequently married Joseph Jerome Brinkman.

Alberta raised \$10,000 on the occasion of her 90th birthday in 2010 to begin the process of building a barn at the homestead. A banquet in the old Stoltzfus Restaurant, Intercourse set the occasion for her to sign an application to build a barn next to the Nicholas Stoltzfus House. In 2011 construction was begun under the builder David Esh's direction. By 2018 Nic Stoltzfus-- a 9th generation descendent of the immigrant Nicholas-- would move into that same barn to write the coffee table book describing the history of a young Lutheran man in Germany in the 1700's who fell in love with an Anabaptist girl and changed the course of the Stoltzfus family forever.



Recently the Homestead received a collection of special gifts donated by three sisters, Fern Mohler, Betty Stoltzfus and Esther Rittenhouse, granddaughters of John A. Stoltzfus, son of John F. Stoltzfus (b. Sept 18, 1832, d April 1, 1886). John F. was the great grandson of Nicholas Stoltzfus. John F's, son John A. was one of the founders & preacher of the Weaverstown Amish-Mennonite Church in Bird-in-Hand, his other son, Stephen (Steffie) F. Stoltzfus was an Old Order minister and was a member of the Old Order Amish Book Committee and the Amish schools. The gifts include a suit coat, shirt and a pair of pants that belonged to John F. (dated around 1860s), a journal written in cursive German by John F, a pocket sized German new testament that belonged to John A, and family record of the John A. family.

These items will be on display in the Homestead house during the auction, along with a several clothing items from the Amos J. Stoltzfus family dating back to the late 1800s.





## Looking Back - Looking Ahead

We've all heard the saying, "If walls could talk...". These walls have survived several wars, at least one flood, numerous families, total disrepair and now a rebirth. This old house has been through some amazing periods of history.

We haven't yet determined who built the original house or when it was built. Historical experts have determined the original house was one story but there is no documentation to tell us when the second story was added.

However, we do know Nicholas and Anna Stoltzfus settled here during the late 1700's through the early 1800's, tilling the land, growing and weaving flax, and were active in the local Amish church. We know the first generation of the Stoltzfus line in America got their start in this old house.

The lowest point of this great old house was in the late 1990's, when it was on the chopping block to be demolished to make way for retirement homes. The house was in total disrepair and the property had become a hideout for drug dealings and other nefarious activities. Fortunately, word got out about the impending demolition and heroic efforts were undertaken to petition to save and restore the house. As you can see in the photos, below, the restoration is astonishing. We are so grateful to the many people who were part of the vision of preserving the homestead. Many, many Individuals donated labor, money, time, and leadership efforts toward saving the home and property that is our Stoltzfus Homestead.

As caretakers of the homestead, we are tasked with preservation of what has been started as well as continuing the old house restoration. Two rooms of the house haven't been restored and the old crumbling plaster is a stark contrast to the beautifully finished rooms. If you are interested in volunteering time or money for this project, you may contact us (Elam and Esther Stoltzfus) at the Homestead or reach out to one of our committee members. Our goal and vision is to provide a place of sanctuary and connection with past and present, and a place of beauty for our generation and future generations to enjoy.



Late 1990s, scheduled to be demolished



2022, now a vibrant homestead and grounds open for public tours and events.





The Nicholas Stoltzfus House  
Preservation Committee  
1700 Tulpehocken Road  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

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Elam Allgyer, Board member  
S. Nicholas Stoltzfus, Secretary  
Debra Allgyer, Treasurer  
Elam & Esther Stoltzfus, Executive Directors

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Accepting donations of items to be sold at the 2023 & 2024 auction, including books, new and vintage.

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Our mission is to tell the Stoltzfus story.

***A place where memories are made.***

***A place to bring families together.***

***A place to relax and relive history.***

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