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Gordon Yoder, a three-year Society member, generously offered his services improving the landscaping around 2215 Millstream rd.
Evening celebrates Hispanic Mennonites

Songs of praise will begin the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society’s celebration of the history and missions of Lancaster’s Hispanic Mennonites, produced in partnership with the Council of Hispanic Mennonite Churches (CIMH). This vibrant facet of the Mennonite community in Lancaster will be showcased with a multisensory evening. Continuing on p. 2

Fraktur, redware, scherenschnitte, and more come to Bookstore

Fraktur and redware and scherenschnitte! Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society’s annual sale of Pennsylvania German folk art begins Friday, November 15 at the Book and Museum Store. The exhibition begins 6:00-8:30, and continues through December 31 during regular Society operating hours.

Following the introductory music of Unción Divina (Divine Anointing), led by Carlos Colindres, the story will begin with a short remembering of the early 1950s origin of the Hispanic Mennonite community of Lancaster by Ramona Rivera Santiago. Rolando Santiago, executive director of the Society, calls the evening part of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society’s goal “to celebrate the history of our churches, the people who are part of these churches, and the vibrancy of their actions.”

Two historians will briefly speak about the organization and outreach of Hispanic Mennonites. José Santiago, former pastor and Latin America missions director of Eastern Mennonite Missions, will speak about the founding of CIMH in the 1970s, when there were only three Spanish speaking churches, and how it flowered to its present state. Samuel López, executive director of CIMH, will pick up the story with a presentation on missions from Lancaster to Mexico, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. After their presentations, there will be a time for questions from the audience.

Interspersed with the presentations will be dramatizations of stories coming from the mission efforts of the Council of Hispanic Mennonite Churches, written by Samuel López. These adventures of faith presentations include “Who are you, and from where do you come?” and “Do you believe in the Virgin Mary? Are you hallelujahs?”

Following the presentations, there will be light refreshments of traditional Hispanic food and drinks.

The evening is an opportunity to bridge the cultural divide that can manifest itself within the diverse Mennonite churches of Lancaster. José Santiago sees the evening as a powerful opportunity for sharing, saying “It is
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tering originally developed to illuminate manuscripts; redware, low fired ceramics made with red clay; and scherenschnitte, intricate patterns and scenes cut out of paper. There will also be painted boxes, including traditional Dutch patterns and those featuring false graining, hand-woven textiles, and hand-quilted wall hangings. In addition to utilitarian offerings, some have a touch of whimsy, such as hand-carved wooden birds.

Of particular interest is the work of Jay Brubaker, who returns to the folk art sale after a three-year hiatus. He traces the heritage of his hand-turned saffron boxes to renowned Lancaster woodworker Joseph Lehn through his great-great-grandfather, Jacob Nissley Brubacher.

Brubacher, a Mennonite bishop, visited Lehn beginning in 1874 and started producing saffron boxes himself. He later gave saffron boxes he produced as wedding gifts to couples he married.

All forms of artwork in the show originate in the communities of Swiss and German immigrants to Pennsylvania, where they were nurtured and preserved by isolation, first caused by pioneering settlement and later by inclination. They are marked by bold colors and elaborate decoration. Common motifs include birds and flowers.

At the opening reception, there will be time to peruse the traditional works. Also featured will be live music and light refreshments.

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good that the Anglo churches know what the Spanish council is doing.”

Rolando Santiago puts the evening in a similar context of bringing together the entire community: “It is important for the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society to highlight the history of all aspects of the Mennonite churches in Lancaster, and a significant number of these churches are Hispanic.”

The event will be held at Iglesia Menonita Jesucristo es el Señor, 24 N. Roberts Ave., New Holland, PA 17557. Music begins at 6:30 p.m., and the program at 7 p.m.

Young Historians to take center stage

History is not just for those who have lived it! Come hear three young Anabaptist-affiliated historians discuss their work on various subjects. Following each presentation, there will be time for questions.

Monday, October 28 7 p.m., James Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster

Ruth to hold memoir signing at Society

John Ruth will hold several book signings for his new memoir, *Branch: A Memoir with Pictures.*

Friday, November 22, 2013
- 10 a.m., Landis Homes
- 2 p.m., Garden Spot Village
- 7:30 p.m., Martindale Mennonite Fellowship Center

Saturday, November 23, 2013
- 10 a.m., Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society

Ruth is a noted Mennonite historian who has published several books, including *The Earth is the Lord’s: A Narrative History of Lancaster Mennonite Conference.*
The Best Kept Secret: Anabaptist Books and More Await Discovery

May I share a secret with you? You can find some of the highest quality books, gifts and folk art that you can imagine at a stone’s throw from where you may live! I am talking about the book and gift stores at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and at the 1719 Hans Herr House and Museum.

Mennonites tend to be stoic, but they love to extract a smile from their loved one, a neighbor or even their enemy. The gift of a heart-warming memoir, an attractive fraktur print, a thirst-quenching bottle of Menno Tea, or a fun-filled set of Dutch Blitz cards will certainly do it.

If you are like me, you enjoy keeping up with books that point to the latest trends in the Anabaptist world. Thrill of the Chaste: The Allure of Amish Romance Novels by Valerie Weaver-Zercher (2013), the recently released memoir Blush by Shirley Hershey Showalter (2013), or Discerning God’s Will Together: Biblical Interpretation in the Free Church Tradition by Ervin Stutzman (2013) will make you feel the pulse of the vibrant Anabaptist community.

Children’s Sunday school teachers have praised the Family Pastimes cooperative games, the wooden children’s toys from Haba and picture books like Susanna’s Surprise: A Day at the Hans Herr House. You will find a gift that will touch your friends’ hearts – gifts like reproduction redware and painted boxes from Lancaster County artisans; fraktur and Scherenschnitte (scissors-cutting) note cards; reproduction textiles by Family Heirloom Weavers and fair-trade Ethiopian scarves; or Kauffman’s delicious apple-butter spread and Lonely Monk coffee.

Come by the book and gift stores at the Society (2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster) all year round on Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or at the 1719 Hans Herr House and Museum (1849 Hans Herr Dr., Willow Street), April 1 to November 30, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to get your books and gifts. You can also shop online by going to the “Shop” tab at www.lmhs.org or at www.hansherr.org. Thank you for your support!

Martyrs Mirror, Menno Simons, and More
October Rare and Used Book Auction
Carolyn C. Wenger

Offering numerous Mennonite-related books from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in addition to the usual variety of materials, the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society’s next consignment auction of rare, out-of-print, and used books will occur Friday evening, October 11, at 6:30 p.m. Interested individuals may bid by mail prior to the auction or in person at 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa. Online catalogs are available free at www.lmhs.org; or mailed copies for a fee, from Society headquarters.

Among items of special interest are six editions of the “Martyrs Mirror” from 1660 to 1987, Menno Simons’ 1681 “Opera Omnia Theologica” (Complete Theological Works) in Dutch and two English editions of 1871, a 1720 Basel Bible of well-known Abraham Overholt of Westmoreland County, a 1763 Bible (2nd edition) from the press of Christoph Saur in Germantown, and Gottfried Arnold’s three-volume “Kirchen- und Ketzer-Historie” (Church and Heretical History) of 1740-42 (3rd edition).

The “Martyrs Mirror” tells the stories of over four thousand Christian martyrs from the time of Christ till 1660, when the first edition of 1,290 pages was published in Dutch by Tieleman van Braght in Dordrecht in the Netherlands. Also included in this auction is a copy of the Ephrata Cloister German edition of 1748 with frontispiece, and two German editions published in 1849 by Amishman Shem Zook of Mifflin County, Pa.

Menno Simons, for whom the Mennonite church is named, was a teacher, author, and spiritual leader of the Anabaptists in the Netherlands in the early decades after the Anabaptist movement was founded in Zurich, Switzerland.

Gottfried Arnold, a German Lutheran Pietist and church historian, authored numerous devotional books, was widely read by Mennonites of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and influenced the Mennonites toward a more pietistic Christianity. His church history is his best-known work.