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TALK ABOUT STUFF

Your audience brings some “stuff.” The “stuff” might be a letter, a photograph, or an object. Great if they connect with each other, but that is not necessary. Carole will bring some, too. We’ll all put on white gloves and together interpret what the “stuff” has meant to our county.

SLEUTHING THE TRUTH

Stories abound about historian Kate M. Scott and miniaturist Charlie Bowdish. Tales of the Underground Railroad moving under Brookville’s Main Street do as well. Hear what Carole learned while researching the people, places, and events of Jefferson County.

WHO WAS THAT OLD-FASHIONED FELLER?

Get to know Charles Albert Bowdish during this PowerPoint program. Some found the Old-Fashioned Feller That Still Eats Supper an odd character. Others described him as a creative genius? Find out what and who influenced him during his long life-time, and how his passion for miniatures grew from his Christmas displays in Brookville to the Miniature Railroad & Village™ at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh.

BLACK HATS, TALL AND SMALL

We encourage those attending this program to wear their own black hats! Carole will be costumed and present black hats worn by both men and women in Jefferson County can tell us a lot about how they lived. This is a good program for a mixed audience.

IT’S A BIRD, IT’S A PLANE, IT’S.....

Learn why aviator Lewis Earle Sandt is honored with plaques at two airports and a PHMC State Historical Marker at his Brookville home during this PowerPoint program.

HOW ABOUT A DATE—FOR POSTCARDS, THAT IS?

Learn the tips to dating postcards. Find out how the experts do it in this PowerPoint program that features postcards from around the county. The program starts with early panoramas and moves to the colored postcards from the late 20th century.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS?

Caring for the things of the past is a concern for some. Bring a photograph, object, or paper document that needs some tender loving care. Carole will bring some, too, and together we’ll talk about preserving and conserving our history.

READING A QUILT

What can we learn from one of the History Center’s quilts. Our collection of signature quilts leads to some interesting stories, or perhaps a program on different kinds of quilts.

HATS ON!

Carole will bring hats from the JHC collection that were worn by Jefferson County women.

VICTORIA’S SECRET: A CENTURY OF MORE OF UNDERPINNINGS

Using underpinnings from the History Center’s collection, the speaker traces the wearing of women’s undergarments from just prior to the civil war to the beginning of World War II, when women, for the most part left whale boning, busks, and other inhibiting underwear behind. We guarantee you will think twice when donning your underwear the next day.

ALL THE TEA IN CHINA!

Tea parties are fun. Host one for your organization and invite Carole to talk about the importance of tea world-wide and what kinds of tea parties happened here.

GENEALOGY, MORE THAN JUST A HOBBY

There is more to your family’s history than Ancestry.com. Take a look at the variety of genealogies from the History Center’s shelves and be inspired to begin researching and writing.