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A Message from Your President

Hello Sisters,

Well, with the arrival of Spring, I am anxious to get outside to enjoy the warm sunshine. Although I do like the beauty of snow and bundling up by the fireplace, I am ready for spring. One can only hibernate for so long!

Who would have thought a year ago, that we'd be where we are now? I am still having trouble knowing what the suggested recommendations are. Can we go to a restaurant or meet friends to catch up? Why can I go to big box stores but not to church? Is Easter dinner at my house safe? Why do I keep forgetting my mask and do I really need it? I've stayed home except for necessary errands and followed the rules (mostly) and I am about over it all! I want normal, but is that even possible?

So where does all this find us as members of Eta? Well, we have some planned events coming up and I will let it up to each of you to decide if you want to participate. I hope to see all of you but understand if you are not comfortable congregating. Our first scheduled event is at my house to view the video about the Murals of Philadelphia and how these Murals brought about change in the neighborhoods where they are located.

The following week we will take a walking tour of the Murals of York. There is more information inside the newsletter. The last scheduled event is a picnic business meeting and planning session. The location will be announced at a later date.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or concerns about these events. I will send out reminder emails with RSVP instructions. I miss seeing all of you. Stay safe and healthy!

Fondly,

Janys



Mark Your Calendars

Business Meeting and Program

Murals of Philadelphia

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

1:00 PM

Jan Kercher's Home

4605 W. Canal Road

Dover, PA

Downtown York Mural Tour

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

10:30 AM

Additional Details Forthcoming

Business Meeting and Eta Planning Picnic

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

5:00 PM

Location TBA

Pennsylvania State Convention

June 11-13, 2021

Hilton Scranton Conference Center

Come join us for a downtown tour!

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 10:30 AM

THE MURALS OF YORK



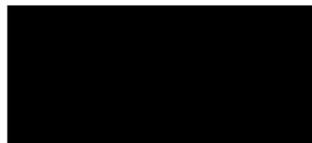
Scattered amongst the walls of York's fabulous architecture, 18 murals depict scenes of the county's proudest moments and people. Leaving from the Colonial Complex, guides will describe the background of 10 of them as you stroll down Market Street, George, and return via Philadelphia Street. See page 3 to learn more!

Please Pay Your Dues by **May 31, 2021**

Eta Treasurer Christine Runk is now collecting DKG annual membership dues. You may recall, this timeframe was a change effective in 2019, and membership currently extends from June to June, instead of October to October.

For your convenience, we have included the form below.

Please fill it out and mail your remittance to



Christine will also be accepting dues payments at the meeting on May 21.

Please mark the appropriate box below and **make your check payable to Eta Chapter.**

_____ \$77 Active Member (\$41 International, \$17 State, \$19 Local)

_____ \$44 Reserve Member (\$21-International, \$7 State, \$16 Local)

Name _____

The Murals of York

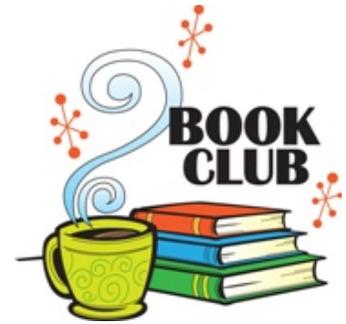
What started in 1996 as a collaborative initiative between the City of York, Main Street York and the York County Economic Development Corporation by York Murals, Inc. as an art project to bolster tourism by highlighting York County's rich past, has become a standing tribute to some of York County's greatest accomplishments. From moments of radical triumph during the American Revolution to some of our most industrious designs of innovation to aid World War II, York County has always been home to revolutionary pioneers. Throughout York City, one can locate 30 murals that depict various scenes of history that evoke county pride.

After 20 years of being in commission, many of the murals have outlived their predicted lifetime. Initially, when the murals transferred from York Murals, Inc. to the York County History Center, a maintenance agreement was outlined that included the following statement, "Recognizing the impracticality of seeking to preserve the Murals of York forever, the authors of this report recommend that the murals be considered ephemeral pieces, artworks designed to charm and inspire only a generation of viewers."

Rather than abandon these murals, the York County History Center engaged the larger community in 2014 to facilitate discussions of possible adoption. Although, the York County History Center deeply appreciates the history of these murals, the organization does not have legal ownership to restore all projects. To ensure the artisanship and historic significance are preserved, the organization has created this digital profile and guided walking tour that history and art enthusiasts can enjoy for many years to come.

Please note that some murals are no longer available to see on buildings, but they are available in our Murals of York Story Map. The link below takes you to the related website.

<https://www.yorkhistorycenter.org/york-pa-museums/murals-of-york>



"Job" opening!

Eta is looking for a literary scholar and/or literary lover to take over the leadership of the ETA book club!

Job description includes:

- 1) Make a monthly reservation at the venue of your choice. Lyndon Diner has been the location in the past, but as the leader, you get to choose!**
- 2) Keep members informed of monthly book choices, which are usually decided with the input of the participants.**

Salary is not commensurate with experience; in fact we couldn't afford you at any cost, because you are worth your weight in

gold!

Contact President Jan Kercher to express your interest in accepting this highly rewarding position.

Keynote Speaker

International Convention DKG 2020



Jane Golden has been the driving force of Mural Arts Philadelphia since 1984, overseeing its growth from a small city agency into the nation's largest public art program. Today Golden is recognized worldwide as an expert on urban transformation through art.

HELP!

We need applicants for the Beulah Frock Music Education Scholarship! Student must be a **female from York County, major in Music Education, completed one year of college**. Contact Paula Trayer for an application.