

# THE CARD – Vol. 23, No. 12, Issue 266, December 2012

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*Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.*

Christmas Meeting/Party – Dec. 17, 2012. Farm & Home Center. Christmas Dinner – we eat at 6 PM sharp!

Yearly membership is \$15 (\$5 for each additional member at the same address.)

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## NOVEMBER MEETING

### Business

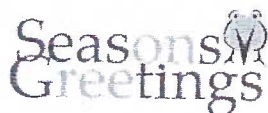
Thirty-four (34) members signed in. Demaris Swint a member of our club who hails from Alamo, Texas was visiting in the area and was able to attend this meeting. There was no Treasurer's Report.

Pres. Zink announced that a vice-president and one board member are still needed for the upcoming year. If interested in serving in one of these positions please contact Pres. Zink or the incoming president Mark Arbogast. The slate of Officers and Directors will be voted on at the December meeting

An announcement was made that the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley has published a new book, *An Illustrated History of Paper Advertising in the Cocalico Valley: 1795-1950*, by Clarence Spohn. It is being published in a limited edition of 700 signed copies.

Copies of *Windows to Our Past, Vol. 2*, are available at \$10 each.

Steven Mummert won \$12.50 in the 50-50 drawing. There were no door prizes.



### Program

The program for the evening was an auction of the Club's library books. The auctioneer was Al Schaub, assisted by Mark Arbogast. Walter Mowrer was the banker. There were 25 bidders and \$690.00 was realized from this auction! A big thank you goes out to these members for organizing and handling the auction and to those of you who bought books.

**Member News:** It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Harold J. Moyer (#63), who passed away on November 19, 2012. He was the husband of Ruth Moyer (#62), to whom he was married 56 years. Harold was an avid postcard collector and a fixture at the LCPC meetings. He will be missed and we extend our sincere condolences to Ruth.

## DECEMBER MEETING/PARTY

Our favorite party planner, Sharon Gromis, announced these details for the Christmas Dinner – Each member/family provides a hot or cold covered dish or dessert with serving utensil. LCPC will provide hot and cold beverages and place settings. Please contact Sharon at 717-892-6864 to sign up. We will eat at 6 PM sharp! No gift exchange this year.

Membership Participation will be the program for the evening. Please bring your favorite Christmas card to share.

## NOVEMBER POSTCARD COMPETITION

Only two (2) members participated in the board competition on the subject "Roadside America."

<b>First:</b>	Walter Mowrer	Roadside America
<b>Second:</b>	Demaris Swint	American Roadside Attractions

## 2013 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

**January:** Postmarked in 1913 – single card

**February:** Clocks – single card

**March:** Ships on Postcards – board

**April:** Dogs – single card

**May:** Parades – board

**June:** College/University – single card

**July:** Seashore – board

**August:** Expo – consider entering a board at the show

**September:** Baby Carriers – single card

**October:** Letter of the Alphabet "G" – board

**November:** Something Military – single card

**December:** Music Makers – single card

## Future Shows

**December 8** – Annual Albany Postcard Show, Polish Community Center, Sat – 10 to 5

**April 6** – Spring Chesapeake Postcard Fair, Havre de Grace, MD 9 to 4

**April 27-28:** Allentown Book and Paper Show, Allentown, PA



## Christkindlmarks on Postcards

Thank goodness for Wikipedia, or any (book) encyclopedia for a comprehensive definition of a **Christkindlmarkt** (and its various spellings), for if you venture on to the Internet before finding out exactly *what it is*, and *how and where it began*, you'll be bombarded with dozens and dozens and dozens of sites with key words like "news, tourist, products, travel, festival, carnival, hours, and vacation; places like Toronto, Edinburg, Paris, Lincoln, Vancouver, York, and Zurich. It's like a jungle out there!

We're told the markets of 2011 "are nothing like those of just ten years ago." We also hear that a HUGE number of handcrafted articles come from the Near and Far East and that local crafts make up barely 25% of those on sale at the stands; better to stay at home and watch on the Tube how millions elbow their way through the throngs in all kinds of weather. Better still, look for **Christkindlmarks on postcards**. They'll be harder to find than most Christmas subjects, but well worth the time and effort when you've added even a few to your collection.

Christkindlmarts (Christ child markets) originated in the area of Germany, Austria, South Tyrol and Alsace. The Dresden Christmas market, first held in 1434, is one of the oldest, attracting 1.5 to 2 million visitors to over 250 stalls. The Vienna "December market" was a forerunner of the Christmas market and dates back to 1294. Advent is ushered in with the opening of the Christmas market or "Weihnachtsmarkt" in southern Germany and Austria. The markets also sell food, drink, and seasonal items in open-air stalls often accompanied by seasonal singing and dancing.

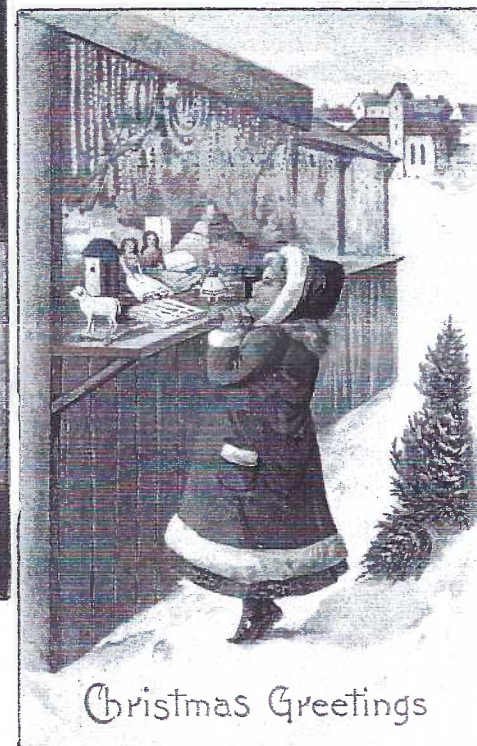
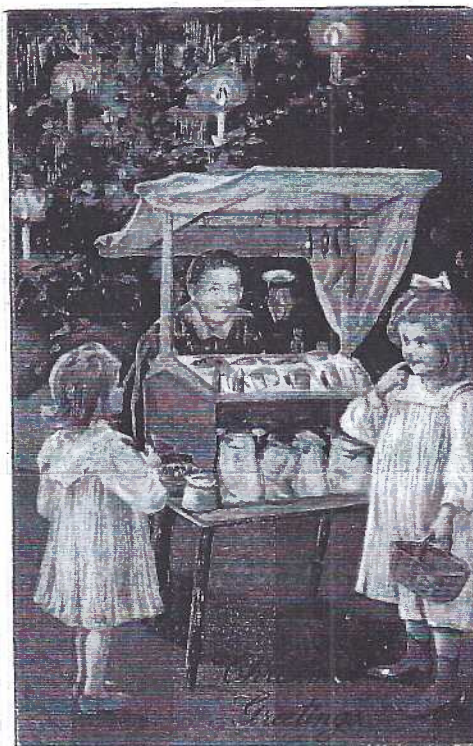
The "Christkind", or boy Jesus, is acted out by a local child on opening night in many towns. Popular attractions include the Nativity Scene, figures made of dried plums, candied fruit, and Christmas cookies. Handmade items include toys, books, Christmas tree decorations and ornaments and (many people think they're ugly) Nutcrackers.

The Nuremberg Stuttgart markets attract as many as three million shoppers. The Dortmund market claims to be one of the biggest in Germany, with over 300 stalls. Berlin has over 70 *markets*. They open in late November and close just after Christmas. Strasbourg, in Alsace, France, has had a Christmas market around its cathedral since 1570, when it was part of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. In 1982 Lincoln, England established an annual Christmas market in early December, and remains the most extensive in the UK. Since 2007, a traditional Christmas market was held for the first time in Sibiu, Romania, first of its kind in that country. It was inspired by the Viennese markets. It has a small stage and an area dedicated to children where Christmas carol concerts are held near an ice skating rink. It now has over 70 stalls. German immigrants brought the Christkindle-market to the US including nearby Bethlehem, PA.



The beautifully colored silhouette brings **Happy Christmas Greetings** to its recipient. After 100 years, we'll not let the unsigned, un-mailed card go unappreciated. Dressed for cold weather, the children and their mother are delighted with the fresh apples and the tree decorations. The little girl is shown a doll by the stall owner who's warmed by her little stove.

Two PFB postcards follow. The small stall is a prop for the children's Christkindlmarkt in their own home. Did you ever play "store?" A "real" stall and quite a large one, holds the attention of the girl in her bright red coat and hood. She has the universal problem – which one do I like best? The inside stall is from PFB set #6493; the outside, from #9055.







Card #360, by an unidentified publisher and printed in Germany, shows a Christmas angel tending the stall in an outdoor scene. The little girl's sister, brother, mother and the baby wait patiently as she is served first.



Mailed Christmas Day, 1906, the studio posed RP features a Christkindlmarkt with burlap roof, several children and St. Nicholas. The French custom of placing the postage stamp on the front was common back then.

## The Crèche

The crèche was traditionally placed in the nicest or best-lit space (the Lord's corner) in many homes. The first documented crèche in Slovenia was created by the Jesuits in Ljubljana in 1644. In the Carpathian Highlands young lads, invited into a home, carrying the crèche, sang *Rozdestvo Tvoje* (Your Birth) and *Divnaja Novina* (Wondrous News) after which one of them extended this greeting: "Following an ancient custom we too, like shepherds of old, have come to adore little Jesus. We humbly show our adoration and thus glorify Jesus. May we, with his help, be able to celebrate these joyous Holy Days in peace and happiness. We wish all of you peaceful and happy holy days." Receiving a small gift, the lads departed for the next home.

In many countries throughout Europe, there are groups of men and boys dressed as The Magi and as Shepherds, often wearing crowns and led by one individual with a star on a pole. These are Star Singers or Star Boys. They, too, may carry a crèche, but our postcard views show no stars.

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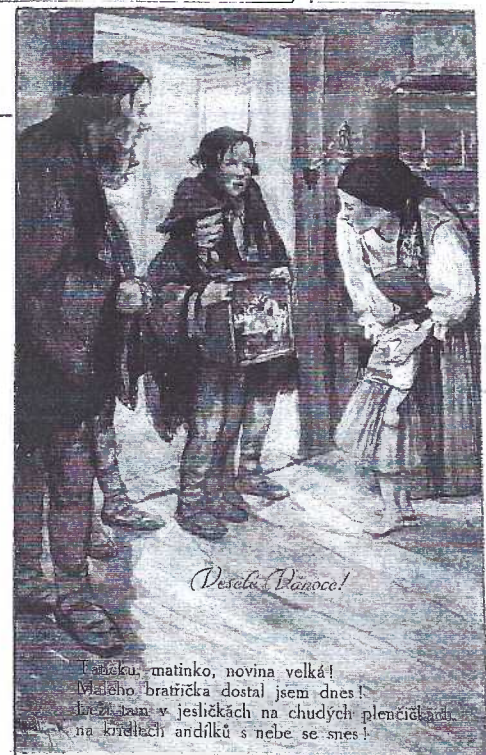
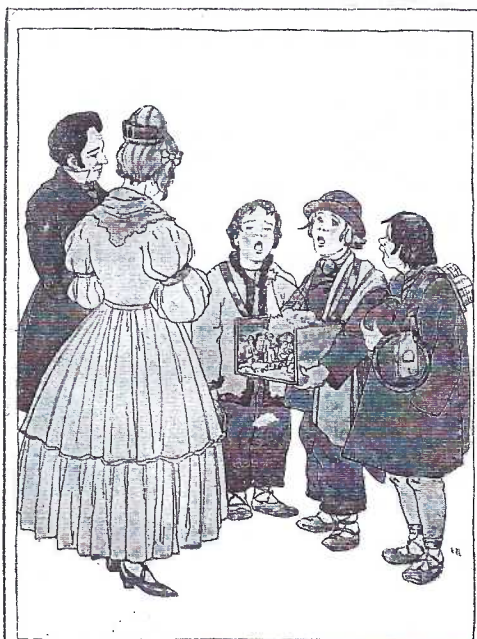




## The Crèche continued.

From Czechoslovakia we have the definitive term for the little creches being carried in these views. It is a **prenosny betlem**. *Prenosny* in today's Czech dictionary means *portable*, as in *prenosny pocitac*, a portable computer. So we have, held by a strap around the child's neck, a **portable or movable Bethlehem**. Our source for this term is Mr. Milan Zabransky, a close friend of Rita Bocher, who is a director in the Friends of the Crèche Society. Milan reminds us that he did *not* find this type of crèche in English literature.

Is the little girl (an unsigned Clapsaddle published by Wolf) *selling* a figure as if she were a portable Christkindlemarkt or simply *showing* it to someone? We're inclined toward the latter. The boys, each with a *prenosny betlem*, are all on PCs from Czechoslovakia, mailed in the 1920's, except for the farmhouse scene, a continental from the 1950's.







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### Fulton Souvenir Postcard

The Hudson-Fulton Celebration of 1909 honored the ter-centennial of Henry Hudson's great find for the Dutch and the centennial of Robert Fulton's steamboat. The celebration coincided with the heyday of the penny postcard including cards by artist Bernhardt Wall, publisher Raphael Tuck, and an official series from the Redfield Brothers. Because of Fulton's close connection to the city, Lancaster was a site chosen for distribution of the postage stamp



### Fulton Souvenir LANCASTER PA.

12:30 - AM

1. Robert Fulton—born 1765, died 1815. Received his early education in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Invented the use of paddlewheels in ships. Died in 1815, when only forty-four years of age. He was buried in the Trinity Church Cemetery in New York City.

2. Statue of Robert Fulton and Model of First Steamboat. This statue was erected in Statuary Hall, U. S. Capitol, Washington, D. C., by the State of Pennsylvania.

3. Birthplace of Robert Fulton, in Fulton town-ship, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The location of a national memorial conference by Will R. R. 91st introduced by Congressman W. W. Grist, May 3, 1909.

4. The issuance of the specially designed "Fulton" postage stamp used on this card was suggested by the Pennsylvania Congressman Grist, because of Fulton's nativity in Lancaster County, Pa.



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**Did you know?** Born on a farm in Little Britain, Nov. 14, 1765 Fulton invented paddle wheels to go alongside his father's fishing boat at age 13; visited Lancaster gunsmiths offering suggestions (some were adopted by the workmen); experimented with mercury and bullets (his friends called him "Quicksilver Bob"); learned to sketch early on and at 17 decided to become an artist, learning much from Benjamin West. He published a pamphlet on canals, patented a dredging machine and designed torpedoes and submarines, incl. the world's first

modern naval torpedo. Fulton and Robert Livingston together built the first commercial steamboat, the *North River Steamboat* later known as the *Clermont*. His final design was the *Demologos*, the world's first steam driven warship built for the US Navy for the war of 1812. It was not completed until after his death and renamed the *Fulton* in his honor. He died in 1815 of pneumonia, the result of rescuing a friend from the frozen Hudson River. He was only 49. Fulton is buried in the Trinity Church Cemetery in New York City.

and postcard. This double card has no publisher listed (possibly L. B. Herr?) We show Scott #372, the double size 2c Fulton Souvenir PC with two pictures of Fulton and one of his birthplace, along with descriptive text. The first day of issue in Lancaster Pa. was Sep. 25, 1909, 12:30 AM with a machine cancel.

Mr. Henry G. Grist  
H. S. Grist  
Lancaster, Pa.



## Messages on Postcards

### "Please Have Bations"

Philip Schum and sons\*  
Manufactures in Wolingoods and Soforth  
South Water st.  
Lancaster Pa.

Steelton Pa, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1887

Mr. Philip Schum Dear sir. I hear by notifie  
you that I am not abel to met that Promis  
I made last spring to Pay you that Bill I  
owd you I have Bin sick a great deal this  
summer I beg your bations of few months  
yet hoping all will be made right.

Yours Truly, Geo. Schell, Steelton, Pa.

\*The company's address was "140-150 S. Water St.  
It dealt in blankets, coverlets, quilts, and carpets as well as  
"coal of the best quality at the lowest market rates."

### New Policy in the Sudetenland

To the Bronx from Prague Sept. 25, 1938.

Dear Sir, Thank you very much for your postcard. I am very  
sorry but I cannot send you a postcard \_\_\_\_\_ in our  
country. It is not allowed to send such cards. I am col-  
lecting only stamps and philatelically printed covers ad-  
dressed to me. If you have stamps please send them.

Yours sincerely, Mrs. Gilde Jaeger, Prague.

The card is stamped CENSUROVANO, Czech for *Censoring*.  
The German occupation of Czechoslovakia (1938-1945)  
began with the Nazi annexation of the northern and  
western Czech border regions, known collectively as the  
Sudetenland. Hitler's pretext under the Munich Agree-  
ment was to alleviate the alleged privations suffered by  
the ethnic German population living in that region known  
as the Sudetenland.

### In My Pack Yard

February 1915 (no address)

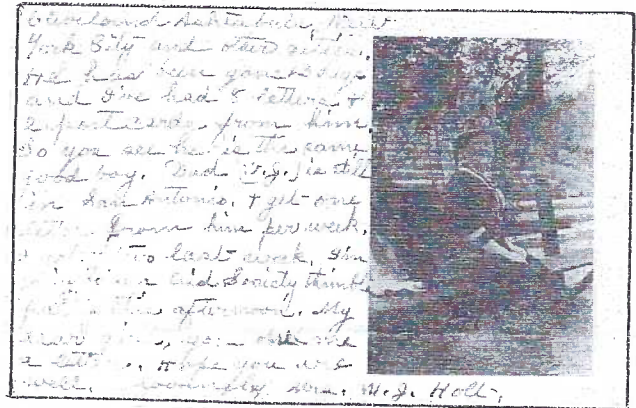
This is a snow bank in my pack yard. it was as high as a  
cloths line. that is me standing at the pole that holds up  
the line. we had sum snow hear this winter not near all  
you get. O. Anderson.



That is Me Standing at the Pole That Holds the Line.

### We'll Keep Her Awhile Yet

To Lizzie in Washington Court House, Ohio, Aug. 20, 1914 -  
I am sending you the picture here of our hired girl,  
Elizabeth, she has baked our bread 35 years. And we think  
we will keep her awhile yet. But we won't raise her wages.  
Max is having his vacation - going to Cleveland, Ashtabula,  
NYC and other cities. He has been gone 13 days and I've  
had 8 letters & 2 postcards from him. So you see he's the  
same good boy....My dear girl, you owe me a letter. Hope  
you are well. Lovingly, Mrs. W. J. Holt.



Elizabeth - She has baked our bread for 35 years.

### Broom Corn

To President Worst, Agricultural College, Fargo, N. Dak. -  
Dear Sir, Can you give us any information in regard to  
Broom Corn in this country. Have you made any experi-  
ments in growing it and if so will you please let me know  
about planting, harvesting, etc. and oblige.

Yours truly, C. W. Preston

Preston Farming Co., Blanchard, N. D., Apr. 25, 1900

### A Little Extra Money

To Leitersburg, MD., Washington County

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 22, 1906

Dear Mother: I think I forgot to tell you in my letter that if  
you would let me go to Princeton you should please send  
me fifteen dollars to pay for my trip and for one week's  
board and then I will have a little extra money. Hastily,  
Your Son, Fred.

### Retrieve the Flower Bulb

From Washington, DC, Dec. 5, 1891 -

Mother says will you please see after one of the flower  
bulbs she took out of the yard and put in a paper bag and  
hung it in the kitchen. When it was whitewashed, Celie  
took it out and put it in the summer kitchen in a grape  
basket and Mother is afraid ii will freeze. So she wants you  
to take it out and put it in the little room upstairs next to  
Wills' where Myrtle [cat?] can't get it. We are getting  
along OK, horse cannot be used yet, but Giles invited us to  
a luncheon with him downtown one day and we went in  
the *herdie*. Giles has just gotten his new office fixed up  
fine. He had got it papered himself, and got shades, and he  
has a new brushed carpet with a border; has three new  
signs in black and gold, etc. and is very pleasantly and  
centrally located. The place has been over-run with callers  
since we have been home and Mother knew all the  
neighbors before

. She has enjoyed their coming in. You must write some  
and tell us all the exciting news and keep up our  
circulation. Love, in haste, M.R.