

Friends Membership Application

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Do you wish to receive e-mail reminders about meetings?
Yes _____ No _____

I am a: renewing member _____
new member _____

Membership Levels: (dues are annual)

____ Woodcutter: \$15.00
____ Filler: \$25.00 - family
____ Store Clerk: \$50.00
____ Collier: \$100.00
____ Moulder: \$250.00
____ Founder: \$500.00
____ Ironmaster: \$1000.00

Saving the Mark Bird Stove

____ Yes, I would like to make a donation to help the Friends of Hopewell Furnace pay off a loan taken out in order to help save the one-of-a-kind Mark Bird stove. Thanks to the Friends of Hopewell Furnace this piece, once on long term loan and recently in danger of being sold to another museum, is now a permanent part of Hopewell's collection. To help the Friends recover from this debt I have added the sum of \$ _____ to my membership fee check as a donation for this cause.

Please make checks payable to "Friends of Hopewell Furnace"

Check here if this is a gift membership _____
(please include your name and phone number)

Please bring your completed application to a meeting or mail form to:

Friends of Hopewell Furnace
2 Mark Bird Lane
Elverson, PA 19520

Why join the Friends of Hopewell Furnace?

If you have an interest in helping to preserve the past, the Friends of Hopewell Furnace may be an organization for you. We care deeply about the beauty of the area, the cultural history and the enjoyment of visitors who come to Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. If you share similar interests, then please consider joining us.

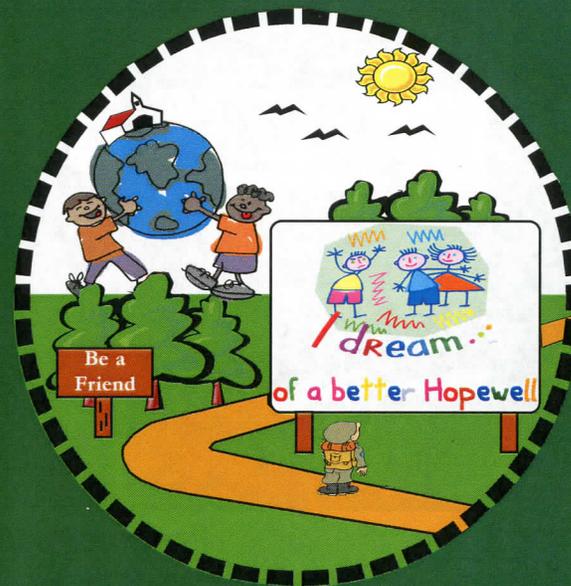
As a member of the Friends, you will receive a newsletter, invitations to "Friends only" events (such as guest lecturer events), and day trips offered at specially discounted savings to various special events held throughout the year.

Friends also have access to the resource center, library and database containing facts and stories of Hopewell's past and the iron making industry.

Your tax-deductible donation is greatly appreciated. The money you donate will help fund improvements to the park, the creation of interpretive programs, and the presentation of various educational programs for visitors to learn from and enjoy.

For more information contact:

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610-582-8773



The Friends of Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site



Our Mission Statement:

The Friends of Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site is an incorporated citizen organization whose mission is to support the interpretation, preservation, and activities of Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site.



Programmed Events of the Past:

Throughout its 100 year history, the working community at Hopewell was an integration of many jobs and skills interwoven with everyday life. Today it is still a community of people, and trades, and historic skills are taught to continue with future generations. Below are some examples of the types of programs that reflect the day-in-the-life experiences at Hopewell which the Friends help to keep going when the need arises.

A community of workers: Annual events such as Sheep Shearing Day, Harvest Time, and Iron Plantation Christmas.

Knowledge passed on to the youth:

Volunteers can train as colliers through a mentoring program to learn the charcoal- making trade.

Perpetuate the History and Traditions:

Volunteers can work with park rangers and use the Hopewell Resource Center and Library to research a character and then participate in a living history event.

The Exciting Process of Learning:

There are programs in interpretative training, activities such as helping in the garden, decorating for Christmas that volunteers can participate in.

Shared Experiences: An example of this is Harvest Time, a special interpretive event when everyone benefits from each others experiences as they make many traditional foods using apples. At this event visitors can also pick their own apples to take home.

Successes of the Friends'

The Friends have already helped Hopewell Furnace in many ways:

- Funded a mold study in the Iron Master's Mansion.
- Launched and participated in the "March for Parks" program.
- Assisted in funding the installation of electricity at historic Bethesda Church.
- Helped with the reopening and operation of the Office Store in the village.
- Helped to make the Big House herb garden a garden full of herbs again.
- Held Spinning Wheel Workshops.
- Invited speakers to come and talk at Hopewell.
- Held Bake Sales to help raise funds.
- Helped save the Mark Bird Stove.

