



## **A Pennington Day 2009 Thank You from Our Tri-Chairs . . .**

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Pennington Day is a wonderful community event. It captures the upbeat, warm, and welcoming feeling of our community, and through the generosity of our many sponsors, raises funds to give as grants to applicants throughout the Hopewell Valley. Pennington Day also provides an opportunity for local non-profits to showcase their organization, and raise money in support their efforts. As co-chairs of Pennington Day 2009, we were thrilled to join you for a day full of fun and excitement.

Of course, it takes many, many people to make such a big event so successful. This year, Pennington Day took place in a new location, incorporating Toll Gate Grammar School into the action. Thank you to the Hopewell Valley Regional School District, Toll Gate Principal Dan Umstead, and staff members Joe Castelize and Bob Boucher for their support and assistance. Thank you also to Howe Commons and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for hosting booths, performers, food vendors, the Dog Show and the Art Show. Thanks to Ray McCormick for supplying the Pennington Day Gazebo, the event's centerpiece structure.

We appreciate the flexibility of the residents of South Main Street, Laning and Curlis Avenues who were affected by the new venue. A special thanks to Tom Flood and Kimberly Renick who allowed us to use the electricity from their home to power the Children's Entertainment sound system.

We were very fortunate to have the support of an amazing group of dedicated people who volunteered to serve on the 2009 Pennington Day Committee. Booth Chairs, Kristin Tunkel and Francie McManimon, Food Coordinator, Pam Evans, Zone Captains, Janet Neal, Wendy Ward, Karen Ellis, Marci Lewis and Ron Overhiser did a great job making sure that all of our nearly 200 vendors were well taken care of. Thanks to Kevin Greener for Security patrol, Kurt Pedersen for logistics, AnnLee Wuethrich for help with posters, Bill Meytrott for all his assistance and advice, Jessica Tamasi for organizing the

Art Show, and Jay Stephens and the Pennington Players for staffing the Information Area and selling Pennington Day t-shirts throughout the day. Thank you also to last year's chair person Cynthia Beloff for her advice and her help creating our map and Maryann Saums at Pennington Printers for working under tight deadlines.

Thank you to all the people who worked hard to provide the wonderful entertainment and activities we all enjoyed on Pennington Day. Thank you to Randi Plevy who scheduled performers, Eva Kaplan who coordinates the Children's Entertainment Tent every year, Scott Brown who organized the Children's Games area and helped in many other ways, Jill Murray who kept the kids busy over at the Children's Activity Area, along with Motion Gymnastics who provided a wonderful obstacle course with kind, helpful instructors for the younger set. Craig Leiboff did a great job in arranging to have the National Junior Tennis League of Trenton provide kids tennis instruction as well as running the Tennis Competition at the Pennington School Courts. David Collins and Nick Muoio were our excellent town criers. Kit Chandler and Dina Dunn did a fantastic job with the annual Dog Show. Special thanks to Brett Margulis who organized and coordinated the sound systems for all three entertainment areas and donated use of much of his own equipment, expertise, and time to keep to a miniscule budget while maintaining a very high level of quality.

To the dedicated men and women of the Pennington Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary, First Aid Squad, Police and Public Works, thank you for your contribution to Pennington Day. You keep our town safe and secure, and help to make Pennington such a special place to live. We appreciate the support and enthusiasm of Pennington Borough Mayor Tony Persichilli and the members of Borough Council. We applaud your service to our community and continued support of Pennington Day.

We want to thank the board members of Pennington Day who work year-round to make this annual event so special. Board President Albert Teixeira and Board Members John Krisulewicz, Mike Foster, Brit West, Chris Fossil, Lee Dickstein and Regina Phillips all provided help and guidance. Special thanks to Board Member Andy Beloff who does such a great job with publicity and oversees the website.

And, finally, thank you to all who attended Pennington Day 2009! We hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Sincerely,  
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Rachel Torpey  
Heather Wurtz

Pennington Day 2009 Co-Chairs