

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE COCALICO VALLEY

Heritage Matters

The Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley is a hidden gem. Many people think they are the "Ephrata Historical Society," but they really cover the entire northern region of Lancaster County. Their footprint includes both East and West Cocalico Townships, as well as the townships of Clay, Ephrata and West Earl, and part of Earl. They serve the boroughs of Adamstown, Denver, Ephrata and Akron – basically anything from Reinholds to Brownstown.

Located at 237-249 West Main Street, Ephrata in an 1868 Italianate Mansion, both the museum and the research library provide tremendous amounts of history to visitors. The research library is helpful to those researching their family tree, the history of their property, obituaries, old newspapers, etc. There is also a working print shop onsite which is open most Saturdays and is staffed by printers who are trained in authentic type-set printing.

In addition, the HSCV holds monthly informative meetings that are open and free to the public, and they publish an annual journal for members, as well as an informative quarterly newsletter.

The Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley's mission is to preserve the rich history of the Cocalico Valley for future generations. The Research Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Museum is open Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., March through December, and other times by appointment. Groups welcome. There are also many resources available on their website at www.cocalicovalleys.org. They can be reached at 717-733-1616.

