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"A Whole Lot of Glass"

Fralinger, Grote and Glass

Mrs. Stella Grote made a series of lifetime gifts to BCC (now BCCI) starting in 1962 with an initial gift of \$1,500. This was all done in memory of her father, Joseph F. Fralinger (Froehlinger) who was born in Batsto Village and appears to have worked there in his early years as a water boy for the glass factory. Mrs. Grote, died June 17 of 1968, leaving a will in Dade County, Florida bequeathing additional monies to BCC.

Stella Grote's plan was to put the money towards the reconstruction of the glass house at Batsto that had been destroyed by fire. She also requested that a brass plaque be placed at the site in memory of her dear father. Rebuilding the glass house was not approved. So, BCC then proposed that a bronze statuary depicting a glass worker and an iron worker, on one base, be placed near the Visitor Center. The intent was to honor many of the "workers of Batsto" and to recognize Fralinger.

Most recently, the BCCI in accordance with the provisions of the Grote Fund, dedicated Grote monies to the perpetual funding of annual cultural and educational events. These programs, offered to the public, will promote the historical significance of the culture and community of Historic Batsto Village. The first presentation will be in honor of Joseph Fralinger, father of Stella Grote, and will highlight glassmaking at Batsto.

Batsto Cultural & Community Insight

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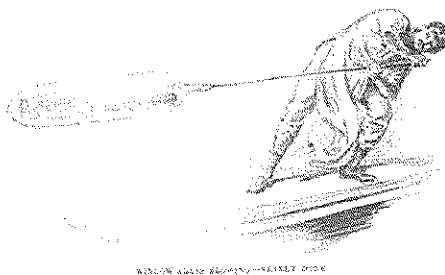
The BCCI is proud to present Batsto Cultural and Community Insight afternoons. This annual series of four presentations will be held on Sunday afternoons during September, December, April and June. Please mark your calendar for the first event scheduled for **Sunday, September 26, 2010** to be held in conjunction with the Glass & Bottle Show.

Budd Wilson and Drew Techner will be the guest speakers. Their presentations respectively are a talk on **"Glassmaking at Batsto"** and a PowerPoint of the **"Glass Works at Herman City."** These will begin at 1:00 PM in the Visitors Center Auditorium. Also, learn about the "End of the Day Chain" which is on display in the museum.

Cost for this afternoon is \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit future events. Advance tickets may be purchased as seating is limited.

Please make your check out to BCCI and mail to BCCI at PO Box 93, Elwood, NJ 08217. Your cancelled check is your confirmation.

The WheatonArts Volunteer Glassblowers have been contracted by the BCCI to provide glass blowing demonstrations throughout the day from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Hope to see you on Sunday, September 26th for the first presentation.



BCCI was formed to advise, assist and promote restoration, interpretation and teaching of the educational and historical aspects of Batsto Village and other important historical locations within the Wharton State Forest and its environs.