

Living History Organization for the Advancement of Foodways LHOAF (Pronounced “Loaf”)

Purpose of the organization:

“To research, study, and document historic foodways practices in Western Pennsylvania.”

Description of program:

Members of this organization are dedicated to researching, compiling, and publishing recipes and foodways traditions from the region and time periods represented in the interpretation at the Somerset Historical Center. They are committed to practicing food preparation techniques using reproductions of historic cooking and baking utensils.

LHOAF members will conduct scholarly research using original diaries, ledgers, journals and other primary sources to create a database of information about the foodways practices of people living in Somerset County and the surrounding region.

Time periods covered:

Time periods to be covered will be the pre-historic era of the Monongahela Native Americans through the cooking range era of the early 1900s.

Scope of topics:

The scope of the foodways program will cover heritage gardening to produce the proper varieties of plants and crops, food preparation techniques, recipes, utensils, cooking devices; including hollow ware, tin ware, Dutch pots, open hearth, bake oven, and cookstove., and the living history component of preparing, serving and enjoying these foods.

Sponsors and location of activities:

The organization will be headquartered at the Somerset Historical Center and will utilize the Foodways Pavilion for training, practicing, and teaching foodways. Members may utilize historic structures or farmsteads for interpretative programming in accordance with the Historic Site’s guidelines for the use of such structures, and dependant upon an interpretation scenario outlined by the Museum Educator, Curator, and Site Administrator prior to the presentation. Members of LHOAF will be required to be join the Historical and Genealogical Society as an active member and will be volunteers of the Somerset Historical Center and receive all benefits afforded to such members and volunteers.

I am interested in the LHOAF organization please contact me with more information

Name _____

Address _____

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Please return to: Somerset Historical Center, 10649 Somerset Pike, Somerset, PA 15501
(814)445-6077 or Email somersethistoricalcenter.hgssc@gmail.com

Benefits to the Somerset Historical Center:

- Research, database of information, and publishing.
- Creates broader community involvement in the programs at the Center
- Resources for interpretation and living history programs for visitors.
- Promotion of programs pertinent to the Mission Statements of the Somerset Historical Center and the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County.

Benefits to LHOAF members

- Social interaction with persons having similar interests in foodways
- Support for the mission of the Somerset Historical Center
- Sharing information and talent with visitors to the Somerset Historical Center
- Opportunity to participate in an exciting living history program at a quality historical site.