

Old print a tribute to rapidly vanishing way of life

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Dear Helaine and Joe: I have a very old chromograph of a picture by E.W. Haslehurst printed by Ralph D. Tuck and Son Ltd. I have no idea if it is worth anything. I have looked for the original on the Web and found nothing. Is this worth anything? Is it worth saving? I would like to have it rematted and reframed. The copy has a small piece of material missing and the paper is very old and tends to be crumbly.

— PC.

Dear PC.: We would like to shout out a resounding “No!” to the idea of having this wonderful old print rematted and reframed. Both the matt and the frame appear to be the originals and are an integral part of this object’s appearance and worth. To remove these would be a big error that would devalue the picture greatly.

Careful cleaning and rebacking with acid-free material, however, is an

emphatic “Yes!” PC. might have to line the original matt with acid-free tissue, and make sure the back of the print does not touch cardboard. But other than that, a little professional cleaning should not hurt.

We are not terribly concerned about the “piece of material missing” because it appears to be very small and does not show in the front view or spoil the aesthetics of the print.

We found that the artist in question, E.W. Haslehurst, did watercolors of scenes in York and Exeter, England. But perhaps his most famous image is of Selworthy cottage in Somerset — sometimes referred to as the “Lorna Doone” cottage. The image in today’s question is identified on the back as “Burton Mill, Dorset.”

As it turns out, this print was not issued by “Ralph D. Tuck and Son Ltd.,” but, rather, by Raphael Tuck and Sons, which was founded in Bishopsgate, London, England, in 1866. Originally, this company sold pictures and frames, but by the 1870s, it had begun expanding into a wide range of the graphic arts, producing



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This charming print was produced by Raphael Tuck and Sons, a company known for its high-quality work.

such things as greeting cards, books and, most successful of all, postcards.

The company did some black-and-white printing in London, but most of

the color work was done in Germany. The color work was referred to as being “chromographs.”

In 1893, Queen Victoria granted the

firm a royal warrant that allowed it to print on its products “Art Publishers to Her Majesty the Queen.” Future English sovereigns continued this, and the notation on PC.’s picture, “Art Publishers to Their Majesties the King and Queen,” suggests that this piece was probably made during the reign of King Edward VII and his wife, Queen Alexandra, who ruled from 1901 to 1910.

This cottage scene is very late Victorian in feel and is charming, with a young woman carrying a basket and walking down a path, leaving a thatched roof cottage behind. She is about to cross a rickety board bridge over a small stream that is emptying into a larger body of water. The whole picture is very atmospheric and is a tribute to a rapidly vanishing way of life.

Items published by Raphael Tuck interest many collectors, and this picture should be insured for somewhere in the \$200-\$300 range as long as it is all original and the small damage mentioned is not unsightly.

Girls World Expo celebrates, empowers young women

Newton Robotics Team displays STEM skills

By **GWEN MANLEY-MULLER** AND **LAURA BUGAY**

NEWTON — The second annual Girls World Expo, which took place at the Minerals Resort and Spa in Vernon recently, proved to be a success bringing in more than 500 girls from the Sussex County area.

The event, decorated with bouquets of sunflowers on every table, was geared to girls 11 to 18. Various vendors, educational booths, athletic and artistic demonstrations, motivational speakers, music, a fashion show, and much more were available for the young women to enjoy. The special honorees were Sussex County’s Girls of Merit recipients — girls who have demonstrated qualities that are of the highest standard and who are held up as an inspiration and role model for all young women.

The Girls World Expo was created to celebrate and empower girls, calling attention to their ability to change the world for the better. One group of girls looking to do just that by inspiring the advancement of women in STEM (Science,



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From left, Katie Nelson, Caitlin Bailey and Gwen Manley-Muller work with their robot at the Girls World Expo.

Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) were from the internationally competitive Newton Robotics Team, which hosts a co-educational FIRST LEGO League team at Halsted Middle School and a FIRST

Robotics Competition team at the high school level. The girls from both segments of the Newton Robotics Team displayed their robots and talked with girls and their parents about the benefits of their pro-

grams and the value of girls in the sciences.

Showing that girls can be successful, even in a male-dominated field, is taken very seriously by these young women. As girls walked from booth to booth they were surprised to see robots on display. Girls working with robots doesn’t fit the stereotypical girl image and that is something that Newton Robotics hopes to change. Learning that the Newton and Vernon FRC teams are captained by girls came as a welcomed and delightful surprise to many of the attendees, especially those considering careers in the sciences.

The girl members of the Newton Robotics Team are making it their mission to let young women know that girls are the complete package — vital, intelligent and strong.

The symbolism of the sunflowers was not lost on the robotics girls. Sunflowers radiate warmth, represent strength, happiness and intelligence, and move when necessary to capture the sun’s rays so they can grow strong. The Newton Robotics Team hopes to inspire young women to think about STEM as a place where they can grow strong.

For more information about robotics or joining the Newton team, contact jhofmann@newtonnj.org.

Gwen Manley-Muller is a member of the Newton Robotics team and Laura Bugay is a mentor for the team.



Photo by George J. Fajvan

Members of the Spirit Hoopers perform at the 2013 Girls World Expo at Minerals Resort and Spa in Vernon.

Hoop, there it is: Whirled Revolution part of the action

VERNON — The Spirit Hoopers recently performed at the 2013 Girls Expo at the Minerals Resort and Spa. The Spirit Hoopers performed three routines at this year’s expo: Light & Dark, Elements and a routine choreographed to “I Want You Back” by Michael Jackson.

The Spirit Hoopers are a hula hoop performance troupe with girls from 10-18 years old from Whirled Revolution.

Whirled Revolution is a hula

hoop organization that explores the art and flow of the hoop. It offers various classes, workshops, parties and has performed at various events including this year’s New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show at the Sussex County Fairgrounds.

For more information, contact Jessikah at info@whirledrevolution.org or visit online at www.whirledrevolution.org.



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Former Friendship Center students Katie Compton, left, and Anya Fass, right, get their picture taken with “Bat Girl,” (Hillary Geiger), center, volunteer and friend of Heath Village.

Heath Village has a ‘super’ Family Day

HACKETTSTOWN — Heath Village Retirement Community recently celebrated its annual Family Day.

Heath Village staff members transformed the campus into a superhero playground. Residents and employees invited their families to enjoy a day of amusement games, a petting zoo, pony rides and a sampling of foods. Children and adults were encouraged to attend in costume. Many of the children in attendance were from The Friendship Center Inter-generational Child-care Center, which is on the Heath Village campus.

CROP Walk aims to fight hunger

The Tri-States 5K CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, Oct. 20, to raise funds to end hunger locally and around the world.

The walk will begin at the Matamoras Airport Park Pavilion, go across the Delaware River, through historic Port Jervis and return. Registration is at 1 p.m. and the walk begins at 2 p.m.

Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Port Jervis, the walk includes refreshments, T-shirts for participants and music by the Broome Street Band.

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