



Skullduggery

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The Official Newsletter of the Susquehanna Mysteries Alliance

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And More ...

Get a Clue

This month's meeting subject.

Fairies, Pixies, Gnomes and Sprites

Do you believe?

Stories about magical "little people" are centuries old. Who are they, do they exist and what do they want?

Fairies might seem like delicate, sweet, beautiful creatures, but don't be fooled--they are not always benign.

And what about more sinister creatures such as gremlins and tommyknockers? How did the folklore of these strange beings originate?

Join us as we enter a bizarre world where, generally, humans are not welcome.



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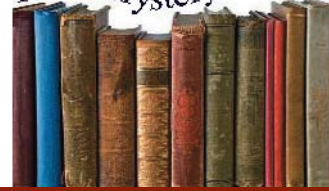
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It's a Mystery to Me



Book of the Month

AGATHA
RAISIN
AND THE FAIRIES
OF FRYFAM

"Few things in life are more satisfying
than to discover a brand-new Agatha Raisin mystery."
—*Stupa Tribune Times*



M.C. BEATON

Agatha Raisin and the Fairies of Fryfam

M.C. Beaton

Dancing lights, disappearing valuables ... and then a murder at the manor house in Agatha Raisin's tenth murder mystery. Feeling jilted and cross, Agatha follows a fortune-teller's advice and rents a cottage in the pretty village of Fryfam, where she hopes good fortune and true love will come chasing after her for a change.

Unfortunately, her romantic notions are soon dispelled by the strange goings-on in the village. What are those strange lights in Agatha's garden? Who is stealing paintings and pottery? Where are her beloved cats? Who murdered the local squire?

Agatha's nose for trouble leads her into a maelstrom of jealousy, blackmail and dangerous liaisons--and a murderer who plans to keep Agatha permanently in Fryfam--as a resident corpse.

Shiver Me Timbers!

Last month's Susquehanna Mysteries Alliance meeting was almost filled to capacity as members Jessica Hertzler and Melissa Telesha were our guest speakers. Jessica's subject engaged the audience about the challenging hobby of Geocaching, perfect for those who enjoy the outdoors and a good mystery. Melissa gave an intriguing presentation on "Local Lost Treasures" that included stories about gentleman highwayman, David "Robber" Lewis and "The White Savage" Dirty Simon Girty.

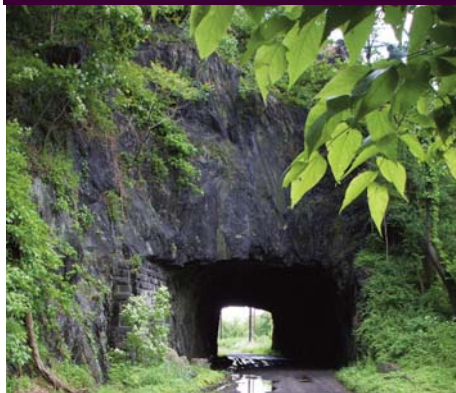
Make sure you don't miss the fun, interesting and entertaining topics each month--register at the bookshop for future meetings or call us at (717) 795-7470. Meeting are \$2 per person--refreshments served. (See page 4 of this newsletter for topics and dates of future SMA meetings.)



Chickies Rock Haunted Hike



Chickies Rock



The Haunted Railroad Tunnel



Our Guide, Rick Fisher, enjoys the view from the top of Chickies Rock

Join the Susquehanna Mysteries Alliance for a haunted hiking adventure. Chickies Rock Park is the most bizarre and haunted area in south central Pennsylvania. Enjoy a day of friends, food, exercise, spectacular views, spooky tales and strange stories about this beautiful, natural park beside the Susquehanna River between Marietta and Columbia in Lancaster County.

Saturday, August 21st ◆ 12:00 Noon

Join the Susquehanna Mysteries Alliance for a hiking tour of the area guided by the president of the Paranormal Society of Pennsylvania, Rick Fisher. Rick has recorded many ghostly voices at the base of Chickies Rock where probably hundreds of people have met their deaths due to suicide, accidents or foul play.

Bring your own bagged lunch as we meet at the Pavilion where the storytelling will begin.

Learn about the:

- ◆ many ghosts of Chickies
- ◆ old curse placed on the area
- ◆ shade of a robber who continues to protect his treasure
- ◆ strange creatures that once called Chickies home
- ◆ mysterious tales of strange sightings
- ◆ haunted railroad tunnel
- ◆ Native American spirits that roam the forest
- ◆ and much more!

You will be mesmerized by the abundance of bizarre stories while enjoying the natural beauty of the park. The view from the top of Chickies Rock is breath-taking!

Payment can be made the day of the event; however, you must pre-register by calling The Mechanicsburg Mystery Bookshop at (717) 795-7470.

All adults welcome, but each person is responsible for his or her own welfare and safety.

Please Note: This leisure hike requires moderate walking activity--although most of the terrain is flat (an old trolley path) Total walking distance will be around 3 miles. Wear sturdy shoes.

Directions from Harrisburg area: Take 83 South (About 20 miles). Merge onto US-30 EAST via Exit 21 (12.9 miles). Take exit toward PA441-Columbia/Marietta. Make an immediate SLIGHT RIGHT onto Linden Street (.1 mile). Then a RIGHT onto North Third Street/PA-441. Continue to follow PA-441 (About 2 miles). Turn RIGHT onto Long Lane. Go about 1/4 mile and you will see an old, stone farm house on your RIGHT--turn RIGHT just after it and follow the dirt road to the picnic pavilion/Chickies Day Use Area.

\$3 per person

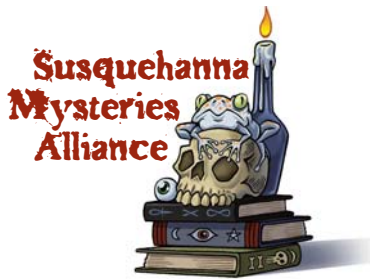
For Pavilion Rental & Donation to
The National Museum
of Mysteries and Research Center

Don't Forget to Bring:

- ◆ Bagged Lunch
- ◆ Sturdy Shoes
- ◆ Insect Repellent
- ◆ Sun Protection (SPF)
- ◆ Plenty of Bottled Water
- ◆ Sun Glasses
- ◆ Camera
- ◆ A Sense of Adventure

Rick Fisher will be our guest speaker at the **November 24** meeting of the Susquehanna Mysteries Alliance. The topic will be:
"Strange Creatures of Pennsylvania"





2010 Meetings

- June 23** **Get a Clue: Sherlock Holmes**
- July 28** **Superstitions, Curses & Hexes**
- August 25** **You Don't Know Jack!**
Crimes of Jack the Ripper
- September 22** **UFOs & Aliens w/ Guest Speakers**
Tracey Roy & John Weaver
- October 27** **Area Haunted Locations**
History of Halloween
- November 24** **Strange Creatures in Pennsylvania**
Guest Speaker: Rick Fisher
- December 22** **Holiday Gathering**
Showing of "A Christmas Carol"

A certain girl detective and a special mystery bookshop have milestone birthdays this year.

Stay tuned for news about an exciting event coming autumn 2010.



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Crust:
 1 c. flour
 1/2 c. butter, softened
 1 c. pecans, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 Mix all crust ingredients and press onto bottom and sides of 9 x 9 inch square pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes. Cool.

Filling:
 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
 3 c. milk
 1 c. powdered sugar
 1 lg. container Cool Whip
 1 (4 oz.) pkg. instant lemon pudding
 1 (4 oz.) pkg. instant pistachio pudding

Combine cream cheese, powdered sugar and half of Cool Whip. Spread onto cooled crust.

Combine puddings using only 3 cups milk and follow instruction on package. Spread over cream cheese mixture.

Top with Cool Whip. Refrigerate at least two hours. Sprinkle pecans and arrange Maraschino cherries on top for decorations.

Recipe from: Cooks.com

