



A Grand Celebration!

The Germantown Historical Society will welcome author and historian Thomas H. Keels to our Annual Meeting this Sunday, December 5th from 3 to 5 p.m. Tom's most recent book, *Wicked Philadelphia*, is a fascinating collection of the city's most notorious and entertaining scandals. Tom will speak about the *Mischianza*, an elaborate and somewhat shocking celebration in honor of British General William Howe in May 1778. Germantown, and the historical society, hold a special place in this remarkable story.

After several months of occupying Philadelphia without gaining significant military victories over the Americans, Howe was pulled from his command by the British crown. However, in recognition of Howe's popularity among his officers and many among Philadelphia's elite, a highly theatrical party was planned and staged at the Wharton estate along the Delaware River. The road from the River to the house was brightly lit and flanked by as many as two hundred soldiers and an equal number of full-sized placards of soldiers and other figures.



Detail of the wooden figure known as "The Turk."

The society is keeper of one of the two known surviving wooden figures. Known as "The Turk," it is believed to have been painted by John Andre, Howe's loyal officer and a talented artist who was later captured and hanged for treason by the Continental Army for his association with Benedict Arnold.

Only occasionally available for public viewing, "The Turk" will be on display for the Annual Meeting. All are invited to this FREE event. Please click [here](#) to RSVP or call 215-844-1683.

New Ideas for Holiday Gifts!

Are you looking for a unique holiday gift? Why not share your love of history and show your support for GHS by purchasing a **Germantown Historical Society 2011 Calendar**, featuring images from and of three hundred years of history. A mix of rarely seen and newly digitized historical photographs of our museum collections by local artist Kelley Clayton, the calendar is a terrific gift for the holiday season. Calendars are available at the price of \$25.00 and can be purchased at GHS, by mail or through our [website](#).

GHS is also pleased to announce the publication of *Germantown in the Civil War*, by former GHS president and local historian Eugene G. Stackhouse. In his intimate and sharply focused account of the sacrifices made by Germantowners in a time of great national crisis, Mr. Stackhouse draws from countless sources held in the library and archives of the society. The 150-page paperback can be purchased for \$22.00 at GHS, by mail or through our [website](#).

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