



Monroe County Historical Association Executive Director Amy Leiser

Ground Breaking

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the building and interprets those items through its educational and outreach programs.

The Heritage Center expansion will consist of approximately 7,000 square feet of public space on three floors and a basement immediately adjacent and connected to the Stroud Mansion. The new construction will expand facility and visitor amenities so larger groups can gather together for education and community-building activities. Additional space and a climate control system will allow for better preservation of our area's historical treasures, and the installation of an elevator will provide accessibility for guests.

Following the Groundbreaking Ceremony, invited guests toured the Stroud Mansion to view the architectural features uncovered during exploratory demolition work. Stroudsmoor Country Inn provided refreshments.

Monroe County Historical Association Executive Director Amy Leiser said, "This is an exciting time not only for our organization but all of Monroe County. Over one hundred years ago, our community decided our past was important. They joined together to save the Stroud Mansion from being razed and founded the Historical Association. Today, we are building on their efforts and, through the continued generosity of our community, expanding our facilities to share more of Monroe County's past with our residents and visitors. I look forward to increasing our educational programming, updating our museum exhibitions, and better preserving our library archives for all our citizens."

Founded in 1921, the Monroe County Historical Association is a nonprofit organization that helps a diverse community of residents and visitors connect the county's past with the present.

For additional information about the Monroe County Historical Association and the Heritage Center, please visit <https://www.monroehistorical.org/heritagectr.html>

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