



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Music at "The Barn"

Old time music will be performed in the Twinsburg Historical Society's old time barn and it sounds like fun! Join us on Friday, August 26th at 7 pm as the "Gitter Pickers Old Time String Band" will perform. And they are inviting all attendees to "jam along with them". So bring your fiddles, banjos and guitars and even your own lawn chairs if you wish. But whether you'd like to join the jam or just enjoy the sounds, you're all invited to be a part of this special event.

Olde Thyme Fayre

Saturday September 10, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday September 11, 2011 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Drop off Dates and Times Friday September 9, 2011

Handcrafted items including knitted, crocheted, quilted, crewelled, cross stitched, sewn, woven or handmade in some way, should be brought to the museum between 3:00 and 7:00. Judging will take place Friday evening and the ribbons will be in place on Saturday morning. Produce and flowers will be accepted between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Friday and again from 8:00AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday morning. Judging will take place at 10:00 AM on Saturday morning. Contest for the Most Creative Brownie Entries must be brought to the Barn by 2:30 PM on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

An Antique Truck and Steam Engine will be on display. Check the Twinsburg Bulletin for date and times of display.

In addition to the exciting contests there will be lots of olde thymey fun. Demonstrations of olde fashioned skills like spinning and woodworking. Crafts for kids and a chance to make a Gee-Haw Whimmy Diddle. Ninny's Famous Olde Thyme Chicago Style Hot Dogs will be back on Saturday along with some fun music. Fresh herbs for sale and a 30" by 66" hand-loomed rug made from olde blue jeans will be raffled. Knitwitters will be there demonstrating their skills and will have some items on sale. Esther and Jerry Corbett will be the judges for the produce and flowers and twin sisters Susan and Betsy Geul professional pastry chefs will judge the Creative Brownies.

Hand made items will be on display throughout the Museum on Saturday and Sunday. We ask that they be picked up on Sunday between 4:00 and 5:00 PM.

August 2011

Mark Your Calendars:

August 26, 2011

Music at the Barn

August 28, 2011

August Open House

2:00-5:00 PM

Hostesses: Mary & Bonnie Williams

September 10 & 11, 2011

Olde Thyme Fayre

September 7, 2011

September Meeting

October 7 & 8, 2011

Tales of Locust Grove

October 5, 2011

October Meeting

Misc

Rummage Sale and Ice Cream Social events were a hit. Thanks to those that organized them. Thanks to Dennis Symes of Twinsburg Dairy Queen for donating the ice cream and fixins.

Check us out on the Web: www.lwkweb.com/twinsburghistoricalsociety

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September Open House

Former Mayor Jim Karabec will be the featured speaker at the September 25, Open House. Open House is from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Mr. Karabec will speak at 3:00 PM. The subject will be old barns and what better venue than our “old barn” Mr. Karabec will entertain any questions you may have. Call ahead to make sure he has your answers.

The Tales of Locust Grove

We are already planning for our fourth annual walk around our very own historic Locust Grove Cemetery. Over the last few years our program has grown and we need your help. The dates are Friday October 7 and Saturday October 8.

We need people to act as guides because as our audience grows so does our need for help in shepherding folks through our story land. Speaking of shepherds we need some shepherd hooks, as in the kind your plants are hanging from in summer. As fall approaches could you bring us your hooks so that we may hang lanterns from them. The hooks will be returned right after the event, Speaking of lanterns we could use those too. Those October nights can get mighty dark in the cemetery. Speaking of hooks and lanterns we could use some folks to help with the cleanup. So there you are. If you can act as a guide, lend us some hooks and lanterns or help with the clean up just let us know.

Proceeds from this popular event are dedicated to helping to maintain this wonderful resource. We have already removed some of the trees that were endangering some of the tombstones. We hope to be able to do even more restoration work with future profits from the “Tales.”

Historical Society Twinsdays Float 2011

The float won the “Most Unique Entry” Award in this years parade. Thanks to the vision, preparation, and hard work of Marianne and Dante Pieramici, Charlotte Wike, and Sue Graham and all the other volunteers that helped out, we had a spectacular float!



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TWINSBURG IN THE CIVIL WAR

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Part III (Final)

After the close of the Civil War the patriotic citizens of the township decided to erect a monument in memory of those who had gone forth to serve their country and, if necessary, lay down their lives in defense of the flag. An association was formed with Jonathan E. Herrick, president, Thaddeus A. Carter, treasurer and John C. Smith, secretary, with a building committee consisting of James Roach, Ethan Ailing, Orrin P. Nichols, Philo Chamberlin and William A. Parks. About \$2500.00 was raised by subscription among the citizens of the township, and a contract was entered into with Levi Marble of Bedford to build the monument. Twinsburg having an abundance of sandstone, it was decided to use this for the base of the monument, also for the foundation which is of solid sandstone, all quarried in the township. The monument, located somewhat north of the middle of the park at the center of the township, consists of the following dimensions, as recorded on a marble slab inserted in the second base on the east side:

Weight and measurement of this monument above the foundation as it now stands.

1st Base 358[^] cubic feet, weight 50,549 lbs.

2nd Base 121 cubic feet, weight 16,920 lbs,

3rd Base 47 cubic feet, weight 6,768 lbs.

7 Pieces Marble 100 cubic feet, weight .18,120 lbs.

Total 626[^] cubic feet. Weight 92,357 lbs.

The first base was quarried out of a sheet of rock between the house and barn then owned by Gardner Parmelee, but now by Henry Garrard, three-quarters of a mile west of the center of the township. It was raised out of its bed with jack screws, loaded on moving trucks and moved in that way to the park by Mr. Henry Porter of Chagrin Falls. The second base was quarried on land now owned by Charles Richner, and drawn to the park by teams furnished by the citizens, gratuitously. The third base was also quarried on Mr. Parmelee's land, loaded on two truck wagons and drawn by horses. The marble furnished by the builder consists of seven pieces surmounted by a large spread eagle cut in marble and looking to the east. On the first base on the north side in raised letters is the word "Twinsburg" and above this is "1867 Semi-Centennial year of the settlement of Twinsburg." On the east and south side are the names of the soldiers from Twinsburg who served in the war and were alive in 1867; a complete list is given in this chapter. On the west side: *"To the memory of our patriot sons who fell during the rebellion of 1861 to 1865."* These names are also given in this chapter. The dedication of the monument July 4, 1867, was a day long to be remembered by the people of Twinsburg, it being the anniversary of American Independence, also the semi-centennial of the settlement of the township. A large tent had been put on the park, west of the monument, where the main exercises were held. Over in the orchard northeast from the park, near where Mr. Bishop's house now stands, a big barbecue was staged. Colored cooks were secured from Cleveland for the occasion. An ox which weighed one thousand pounds was roasted whole under the direction of David Huson. An iron rod was run through the ox so that it could be turned over the hot fire. Tables were set in the orchard, ten of them, and about 500 people were present, the dinner being free to all. Jonathan E. Herrick was president of the day with Horace P. Cannon marshal. The Declaration of Independence was read, Hon. O. S. Griswold of Cleveland being the orator of the day. Hon. N. D. Tibbals of Akron responded to the toast: "Our citizen soldiers." Henry L. Hitchcock, President of Western Reserve College to: "Our sons who never returned." Other speakers were Dr. Henry J. Herrick, a native of Twinsburg, Rev. Sydney Bryant, Edwin Oviatt, S. A. Lane, editor Akron Beacon, and Ethan Ailing. The exercises were fittingly interspersed with singing, martial and band music, and the firing of cannon. Under the direction of Mr. Lewis Ailing and Mr. Bailey extensive preparations had been made for an entertainment that evening befitting the observance of the national holiday as well as the fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the town. But during the afternoon a violent storm razed the large tent and drenched the ground so that it was necessary to postpone that part of the celebration. Even under those disappointing circumstances it was a day never to be forgotten by those present. Incidentally the erection of the monument led to much needed improvements on the public square. In 1867 the township trustees, Philo Chamberlin, Oscar A. Nichols, and Chauncey B. Lane, appropriated \$1400.00 for improvements. Only \$1100.00 was used, although much grading was done, especially on the southeastern portion. Lewis Cannon and William Parks set out most of the trees. To insure against damage by trespassers a fence was erected a little later, Edwin Barber having the contract for the work. This fence lasted for about a quarter of a century. Now the attractiveness of the park is its chief protection.

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