



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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March 28 Program:

For the year's first program we have engaged some long-time Twinsburg residents to discuss the Twinsburg of many years ago, when there were several farms and fewer people. Marge Percy, Charles Crouse, Stan Jewell, Don Bissell and Homer Stocker have agreed to participate. This is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, starting at 7:00. As always, there is no charge and refreshments will be provided. So mark your calendar, write down some questions, and bring old pictures you are trying to identify. The experts will be there! We welcome all who want to learn some history and may also want to take part in the conversation.

Coordinated Open Houses:

VFW Post 4929 and the Twinsburg Historical Society are scheduling coinciding Open Houses on the last Sunday of every month, giving residents an opportunity to visit two historic institutions on the same afternoon. The Historical Society will be open from 2:00 to 5:00 and the VFW from 1:00 to 5:00. The VFW was founded in 1946 by several men who had served in WWII. It is located at 9825 Ravenna Rd. and offers displays of many different pictures, documents, and memorabilia donated by Veterans.

Thanks for professional help:

We thank two men for donating their time with a couple of problems we had in the past month. First, we had no hot water. Despite a busy schedule, Dan Richner investigated, found that the pilot light in the hot water heater was out, and relit it! A few days later, one set of lights in the Museum would not stay on, tripping the circuit breaker twice. It was feared that water in the attic was the culprit. Electrician Bernie Rothernel came to the Museum on a Saturday afternoon, climbed into the attic (neither pleasant nor easy) and could find no problem. However, the lights then worked - a mystery unsolved but yet we thank Bernie for his volunteer efforts. Thanks to you both!

Seed Catalogs:

As you look at seed catalogues and plan your garden, please do keep the Olde Thyme Fayre in mind. This year's will be on Sept. 8th & 9th. Once again we will be privileged to have Esther and Jerry Corbett as Judges for produce and flower entries.

March 2012

Mark Your Calendars:

February 26, 2012
Open House 2-5PM

March 7, 2012
March Meeting

March 25, 2012
Open House 2-5PM

April 4, 2012
April Meeting

April 29, 2012
Open House 2-5PM

May 2, 2012
May Meeting

May 27, 2012
Open House 2-5PM

June 6, 2012
June Meeting

June 24, 2012
Open House 2-5PM

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Red Light District:

Actually, this is not as scandalous as it might sound. An ongoing problem at the Riley House on Liberty Rd. involves the gas supply to the furnace. Periodically the flow is interrupted and the furnace stops, with the potential for major problems. A few years ago, former Trustee Dick Sheller found a thermometer-type device that turns a light on when the inside temperature of the house gets too low. The light, with a red bulb, sits in the front window of the Riley House. Ken Roddie has made many trips in cold weather to deal with a cold house, but last week it was Rich Bissell who got the heat on again. Thank you Rich!

Bottom line....if you drive by the Riley House and see a red light on in the window, please call a Trustee.

Tecumseh:

Tecumseh, born in 1768 in what is now Clark county, was a boy during the American Revolution, but that did not keep him from joining with the British attacking American colonists. In 1794 he began working to form an Indian confederation to resist the pressure of the white man. The settlers had pushed game from the Indian hunting grounds precipitating the breakdown of the Indian economy

Tecumseh had a younger brother, Tenskwatawa (The Open Door). Their father was Shawnee and brutally murdered by the U.S. frontiersmen. Their mother was of the Creek tribe. Tenskwatawa was also known as the Prophet because of his religious leadership and his promotion of temperance and a return of the Indians to their traditional ways. The brothers attracted followers from both the Shawnee and the Creek tribes, who were discontented with the continued American expansion as well the squabbling among the British, French and Americans.

The brothers wanted to form an Indian confederation. Americans blamed the British for heightening tension with the Indians. The governor of the territory of Indiana, William Henry Harrison fought the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. This destroyed the Indian Settlement at Prophet's town. Tenskwatawa placed a curse on Harrison. Harrison went on to become the ninth president of the United States in 1841. He died of pneumonia after only a month in office. He was the first president to die in office.

On October 5, 1813 the 3,500 U.S. troops led by General William Henry Harrison fought and defeated the army of 600 British regulars and 1,000 Indian Allies led by Tecumseh. This was known as the Battle of the Thames. Tecumseh died in the battle and his body was buried in a secret place and never found. He was 45 years old. The Indian power in Ohio and Indiana was broken and most of the tribes broke their association with the British.

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Save the Dates:

March 7: Trustee meeting 7:00
March 25: Open House at the museum 2:00 to 5:00
 VFW Open House 1:00 to 5:00
March 28: Forum Twinsburg History Museum 7:00
April 21: Annual Meeting and Pot Luck 4:30
May 12: Twinsburg Garden Club's Plant Sale. (Saturday before Mother's Day) Barn
May 20th: Hat Lady 2:00
June 24: Kid's Day
September 8 and 9: Olde Thyme Fayre Barn and Museum
October: Tales of Locust Grove TBA
November 7: War of 1812. More info to follow. Library

More details and dates in upcoming Newsletters.

Membership:

If you have a red dot on your address label, that means it's time to pay your dues. If you have paid and still have a red dot, please let us know. Thanks to all who have sent in donations and dues. And we appreciate hearing from those of you who let us know if you will be temporarily away or are moving. Newsletters that cannot be delivered are returned to us at a cost of 45 cents apiece....not a lot for sure, but it adds up.

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