



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Tales of Locust Grove

Don't miss "Tales of Locust Grove", Oct. 5th & 6th. There is something different every year. Tours will leave the Barn starting at 6:00 each evening, with the last one leaving at 8:00. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under. Refreshments are provided free of charge, thanks to the generosity of many Twinsburg businesses. The Barn and Museum will be open for visitors and there will be a "firepit" at the Barn parking lot for those who want to sit around and visit.

Appraisal Fair Scheduled in Aurora

The Aurora Historical Society is offering an opportunity to have objects appraised on Saturday, October 13, from 10 AM to 3 PM. There is a charge for admission - \$5.00 includes the appraisal of one item, and \$10 includes the appraisal of three items. The event will include a "cafe", with soup, sandwiches, and homemade pies available for purchase. The Aurora Historical Society is located in the Aurora Library, 115 E. Pioneer Trail. For more information, call 330-995-3336.

Special Thanks

Our thanks to Rich Bissell who worked with Trustee Ken Roddie to improve our walkway at the bottom of the steps between the Museum and Barn. This had been a very uneven area due to broken asphalt and large tree roots. Together they created a new step coming up from the back parking lot, and Rich donated gravel, which they used to create a nice level path. It looks great and is much safer!

Double Open House on October 28th

Make the last Sunday of October your opportunity to learn more about Twinsburg's History. There will be open houses, from 2 PM to 5 PM, at both the Historical Society Museum and the Riley House on Liberty Road. The Riley House improvements now include painting the hallway and stairwell. Next will come the bedrooms! The "laundry room", assembled by Ed Ponter, is of special interest in the Riley House.

October 2012

Mark Your Calendars:

**Monthly Meetings First
Wednesday of every
month at 7:00 PM**

**Open House the last
Sunday of Every Month
from 2-5PM**

**October 5th and 6th
*Tales of Locust Grove***

**October 25, 2012
7:00PM
*Halloween Story Telling
at the Barn***

**November 7, 2012
*War of 1812 Program
7:30 at Twinsburg Public
Library***

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HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING:

We will be holding our 18th annual Halloween Storytelling program in our "spooky old barn" on Thursday evening, October 25th at 7:00 pm. Children, ages 5 and older, are invited to attend, wearing their Halloween costumes (if they wish). This fun event is jointly sponsored by the Twinsburg Historical Society and the Twinsburg Public Library. There will be stories, riddles and audience participation, followed by cider and donuts.

Registration is required and begins on October 15th. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register online at www.twinsburglibrary.org or call 330-425-4268, Ext. 3.

THE WAR OF 1812:

The War of 1812 is often referred to as the "forgotten war" and tends to be overshadowed by the momentous events of the American Revolution which came before and the Civil War which followed. Nevertheless, its impact on the state of Ohio was profound! Join us on Wednesday, November 7th at 7:30pm at the Twinsburg Public Library where we will be treated to an interesting and concise history of the War of 1812 by Sharon Myers. Her talk will be embellished with slides about the war.

Olde Tyme Fayre Thank You's

So many people to thank for an outstanding weekend, it may take us two newsletters to get them all in. After the rainy morning on Saturday, the sunny skies and the cool winds made for a perfect autumn kick off. Esther and Jerry Corbett came back from Wooster to judge the produce. Betty McKnight, Joyce Harney and Doris Turnbull were the judges of the handcrafted items, and they also catalogued and set up the items for display with the help of Bev Hegedish and the direction of Mary Williams. Betsy and Susan Geul judged the chocolate chip cookie baking contest. They brought two goats along to entertain the crowds on Sunday. The winning entries for 12 and under were: First Place- Madyson Mistur Second- Jessica Kancler, Third- Andrew Kancler. Winners for the Over 12 category were: First- Joan and Halle Ponter, Second- Charlotte Wike and Third- Linda Mistur. Vicky Warden set up her spinning wheel in the barn and Tony Roberson painted lovely scenes. Knitwitters, Louise Jackson and Dorothy Bascombe set up shop and took orders. Dolly Raines worked on the quilt in the museum as well. Charlotte Wike managed crafts in the barn and Giz Roddie dipped candles in the museum. Lana Verbic and Halle and Joan Ponter helped with kid's crafts. Audrey Kancler, Mariane Perimici, Gail Herrilko, Bonnie Bissell all worked at the ticket sales, hospitality table and whatever else need to be done. Music was supplied by Gerry and Rob Davenport on dulcimer and guitar. Sunday was packed and everyone agreed we were a hit. All of the details are not in so watch for more in the next letter, the Bulletin and the Patch. Another thanks goes out to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for their booths and their help. The Mystery Item was a watch chain holder made from horse hair and the correct guess came from Jonny Delegram. The winners of the denim rug were Anne Marie Spice and Eleanor and Dan Simecek. Joan Ponter won the 50/50 raffle. Let us know if we missed you. Thanks to all who came and we are looking forward to next year.

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War of 1812

This is the last of my stories of the War of 1812. By the time you get the next newsletter (November's) you will have had an opportunity to hear Sharon Myers share her knowledge of the veterans of this war on November 7 at the Twinsburg Public Library.

At the time our country that was young and divided. It did not have a national identity. The War of 1812 created heroes like Andrew Jackson and Oliver Perry, Tecumseh, as well as national symbols and slogans that endure today. Uncle Sam, the Star Spangled Banner, "Tippecanoe and Tyler too", the popular song "The Battle of New Orleans" "Don't give up the ship", "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Professor Donald Hickey, author of [The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict](#), suggested. "All those symbols of the war have developed an iconic significance.... these help Americans understand who they are and where they are headed as a nation." The United States would establish a peacetime army. The Treaty of Ghent, ensured that Britain never harassed the United States again. The United States raised its profile among Old World powers.

James Madison was never happy with the war or its outcome. He let others speak of it. As Madison's Presidency ended, John Adams who was not a huge fan of Madison wrote "...[Madison's] administration has acquired more glory, and established more Union, than all three predecessors Washington, Adams and Jefferson, put together."

The war would always be connected to Madison, he blamed no one and took no credit. His focus through his whole career was union. He became increasingly convinced that "disunion" was like "the serpent creeping with his deadly wiles into paradise". Madison felt the nation's life force was its desire for freedom, and independence. He accepted the simple truth that "history knows about as much of the past as she does of the future."

I do not believe the war is forgotten. Whether it was a victory for the United States has still not been decided. Canadian, Native Americans, descendants of the British all live together in relative peace. The United States still maintains a standing army and we still sing songs that celebrate the battles. The Star Spangled Banner is still our national anthem no matter how tricky it is to sing. There are at least eleven and perhaps more veterans resting on our Locust Grove Cemetery and at least one of them fought on the side of the British and this year for the first time their graves were decorated on Memorial Day through the efforts of Sharon Myers, President of the William Wetmore Chapter of the Daughters of the War of 1812.

History is written in retrospect and is always shaped by the historian. It is never a good idea to just read one account. Facts do not always reveal the truth. Cervantes once said "facts are the enemy of truth". I have enjoyed wandering through this story. If nothing else the war has inspired a great deal of conversation. As I write this I can hear Johnny Horton singing "The Ballad of 1812". At the beginning of every Tribe game, when I hear "The Star Spangled Banner", history comes alive again. History should keep us thinking.

See you on November 7, 2012 at the Twinsburg Public library.

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