



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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What is Special About 2013??

You will find the answer later on in the newsletter

**December 2012
January 2013**

Annual Christmas Party

Quilt Raffle at Annual Christmas Party - Wednesday, Dec. 5th.

The party starts at 7PM and will be held in the Riley House, just like last year. If you haven't seen the newly painted hall and stairwell, that will be another reason to come! We will again have a White Elephant gift exchange. If you want to take part, please wrap up something you no longer want and bring it along. Nothing expensive, though.

For those who haven't been in the Riley House it will be a step back in time. It's great to remember how this, the warmest of holidays was celebrated before everything came with chargers and batteries. When conversation was softened by candle light and not the harsh definition of the glow from the LED. Carpooling is suggested especially if the weather is bad. Parking is limited. Refreshments will be provided by the trustees. All are welcome. No reservations required.

The highlight of this party will be the annual quilt raffle. This year's quilt would fit a queen-sized bed. It's the double wedding ring pattern in pastels and is on display at the Museum. It measures 90" X 84" and was completed from a donated antique quilt top. The Museum's Tuesday morning quilters finished it earlier this year and are already working on next year's quilt!

As always, the quilt is donated by Dolly Raines and her Tuesday morning quilters. It started as an old donated quilt top and has been turned into a lovely bed covering. Raffle tickets are \$5 and can be purchased the night of the party. It only takes one to win!

SCHEDULE CHANGES

There will be no regular open house on Dec. 30th. However, if you have family or friends visiting or just want an interesting place to spend some time over the Holidays, leave a message on the Museum's answering machine (330-487-5565). Someone will contact you to arrange a visit.

The Tuesday morning group will miss two sessions of quilting and weaving as Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Tuesdays. No alternate days have been planned. But it will be business as usual starting Jan. 8th and all are welcome. It's a fun atmosphere - some people quilt, others weave, others plan various craft projects and all enjoy the warmth of shared conversation.

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**

December 5, 2012
*Annual Christmas Party
at the Riley House at
7:00 PM*

January 2, 2013
*Trustee's meeting will be
at Kancler home. All
Members are welcome.
(2520 Maple Dr.)
7:00 PM*

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War of 1812 Program Wrap up

Sharon Myers, President of the William Wetmore Chapter of the daughters of 1812 spoke at the Twinsburg Library on November 7. The turnout was good and the audience was very appreciative. Ms. Myers presented a power point presentation that gave a thorough overview of the events of that controversial conflict. Over thirty people were on hand to listen and ask questions.

The names of the soldiers who are buried in Locust Grove are Robert H. Baird, Davis Bardslee, Israel Cannon, John Chapman, Lewis Clark, Capt. Zacharia Clark, Levi Dresser, Seth Henchett, Capt. Horace Herrick, Daniel Richardson and John Stewart. None of these soldiers died in the war and most lived long and prosperous lives. Many contributed to the growing community and have left their mark. There is a mention on the Green Book that the Wilcox twins also served in the war of 1812 but Myers could not find any confirmation. Perhaps that is something to explore in next year's Tales of Locust Grove.

Some of the members are planning field trip to the museum at Fort Meigs in Toledo sometime in March. Watch the Newsletter for more information.

START THE NEW YEAR BY SUPPORTING THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

It's been awhile since we've had a Bob Evans fund raiser, but we have one scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 22, 8AM to 8PM. Use the enclosed coupon and the Historical Society gets 15% of your bill! As the date approaches, we will also have coupons in various places around town, such as the Library, Richner Hardware, Senior Center, and our Museum. In addition, we will have a 50-50 raffle going on that day at Bob Evans. A very fitting way to start the year that celebrates our 50th anniversary! And....Bob Evans is scheduled for a remodeling and will be closed earlier in the month. This will be your chance to see the new look!



**Tales of Locust
Grove Pictures
2012**



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WATER COMPANY FORMED IN TWINSBURG

It was 100 years ago that Twinsburg first developed a community water system, supplying water to residences and businesses in and around the center of town. The Wilcoxon Water Company was incorporated on April 29, 1912, and work on the system was completed in the Fall of that year. Many pipes were made of wood. Prior to that time people had their own wells or springs for water and this was not always reliable. Walter S. Lister, a Cleveland lawyer who lived in Twinsburg, was apparently the person most vocal about the need for a better water supply. After much investigation he determined that the spring near the southeast corner of Post and Darrow Road would be the best single source for water, "the flow is fairly constant throughout the year, the water reasonably soft and the elevation above the center about 80 feet". (Green book, p. 173). The spring was owned by Celestia Wilcox (no relation to Aaron and Moses) and she actually donated the use of the spring under a variety of conditions, one being that water be continually available at the Town Square and School House and that drinking fountains be installed in both of those places. She agreed to this in Oct. 1911 and then it took several months to raise money, complete the needed engineering studies, and form the corporation. (For more details and the opportunity to appreciate language style of 100 years ago, check out the Green book starting on page 173)

This water system served the center of Twinsburg for over 40 years but with increasing difficulty as buildings were added. On hot summer days many residents found it not unusual to have no water for a couple of hours in the afternoon! There were no fire hydrants of course. The fire department relied on a "tanker" that they filled as needed from local ponds.

All of this changed in the mid-1950's as the planned construction of the Chrysler plant required a better source of water. And so, much to the relief of many, Cleveland water was brought to what was then the Village of Twinsburg.

Answer to the Question from Page 1

In 2013 the Twinsburg Historical Society will be 50 years old! We applaud the vision (and courage) of the founding Trustees: John Eggleston, Fred Bissell, Larry Richner, Marge Percy, Marian Jewell, Jean and Leland Zahniser, Carl Herrick, and Sarah Riley.

The purposes of the Society remain pretty much the same as stated in our incorporation papers, dated May 25, 1963: "To collect, investigate and study the history Twinsburg, to provide for the collection, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge and information of Twinsburg, to provide for the preservation or display of papers, books, records, relics and other things of historic interest. To acquire, hold or operate and manage property both real or personal necessary or advisable for the purposes herein expressed and to provide for the marking and preservation of historic sites and buildings, and in general to carry on all activities appropriate for a historical society. All such activities shall be non-sectarian and non-political."

Many of you reading this Newsletter have served the Historical Society as Trustees or officers or contributed in a multitude of other ways. We are grateful for your dedication and ingenuity in keeping us a viable part of the community and allowing us to reach this milestone.

We will be celebrating our 50 years throughout 2013 - watch for plans - a committee has been formed!

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