



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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June 2012

Twinsburg Garden Club:

The Barn was a happy place on May 12, the Saturday before Mothers' Day. The Twinsburg Garden Club held its annual plant sale at the Barn and filled it with wonderful plants and beautiful flowers and many people. Several customers also visited the Museum and were quite interested in what we have on display. The members of the Garden Club were pleased to be able to use our space and we were delighted to have more people learn about the Historical Society.

Scholarship Winner:

At the May 3rd High School Scholarship program, Mackenzie Barry was announced as the winner of this year's Bob Culhan Memorial Scholarship. The Historical Society scholarship committee had a difficult task in reviewing the more than 60 applications for the \$500 award. Many were well-written, and all provoked interest and offered compelling reasons for consideration. Our congratulations to Mackenzie!

Annual Meeting:

The annual potluck dinner at the Congregational Church on the square on April 21st was a great success. More than 35 members shared wonderful food and great stories. Giz Roddie provided the delightful table decorations. She created little brown bears peeking out of pots much to the delight of the table prize winners. All of the current officers have agreed to serve another year. The 2012-2013 officers are President: Audrey Kancler, Vice President: Sue Graham, Secretary: Bonnie Williams, Correspondence Secretary: Lea Bissell, Treasurer: Dan Simecek.

Twins Days:

The Historical Society will not be taking part in the Twins Days celebrations this year. We just do not have enough manpower to staff a booth for the hours required over the weekend. Perhaps next year!

May Hostesses:

Hostesses for Open House on May 27 are Gail Herrilko and Marti Franks.

Mark Your Calendars:

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

May 21, 2012

Bob Evans Fund Raiser

May 27, 2012

Open House 2-5PM

June 24, 2012

Open House 2-5PM

"Kids Day"

July 21, 2012

Jam Session at the Barn

September 8 & 9, 2012

Olde Thyme Fayre

October 5th and 6th

Tales of Locust Grove

October 25, 2012

Halloween at the Barn

November 7, 2012

War of 1812 Program

*7:30 at Twinsburg Public
Library*

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Rummage Sale:

We've had some questions about when we will have a rummage sale, and actually we have decided to skip it this year. We appreciate everyone's interest, though, to say nothing of the donations of items we have had in the past. Perhaps next year!

Tales of Locust Grove:

The date has been set for "Tales of Locust Grove" - October 5th & 6th, time yet to be decided. If you are interested in participating, whether portraying an historic figure or setting up or selling tickets, please let us know at 330-487-5565.

Kids Day at the Barn:

Kids Day is slated for June 24th at the Barn. The day will be devoted to old fashioned games, the kind that don't require batteries or remote controls. Kids of all ages will have the opportunity to experience some good clean fun with friends and family, and make new friends as well. Nothing burns energy better than an afternoon in the sunshine. Remind your neighbors that the event is free and open to all. It also coincides with the June Open House and the VFW Open House just down the street. All equipment will be provided and refreshments will be served.

Mystery:

Can you help with our mystery?? Just before the Open House on April 29th, a white plastic bag with older Twinsburg papers was found next to the Museum's back door. Papers date from the late 1960s and early 1970s. There was no indication of who left the bag there, and we would like to know the identity of our mystery donor. Please call if you have any information

Twinsburg History Forum DVD:

We are currently taking orders for the DVD made at the Twinsburg History Forum on March 28, starring Marge Percy, Charles Crouse, Stan Jewell, Don Bissell, and Homer Stocker. Cost is \$5.00/ea. Please let one of the Trustees know if you would like a copy, or leave a message on the Museum's answering machine -- 330-487-5565.

Photos from Annual Meeting:



**Giz Roddie's
Table Prize**



Dottie Oliver



**One of the quilts that will be raffled off
later this year.**

Last Battle of the War

Andrew Jackson, Old Hickory, Hawkface was the hero of this final battle of the Second War of Independence. New Orleans was a logical target for the British as it was the port through which 40 percent of the goods came down the Mississippi. Controlling New Orleans would be a huge advantage to the British. It was the Achilles Heel of the U.S.

Andrew Jackson was captured by the British when he was thirteen and nearly died of the smallpox that killed his brother. His hatred of the British grew from that time. He was rash and hot tempered. He killed a man in a duel. He practiced his own brand of law as a circuit judge. His marriage to Rachel was plagued by accusations of bigamy and then later adultery. Rachel's divorce from her first husband was not final before she married Jackson.

Jackson was the commander of the army in New Orleans. The British troops, fresh from their defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte were marching five thousand strong to attack the Americans in Louisiana. Jackson organized the ragtag militia and summoned the Tennessee riflemen from Baton Rouge. He welcomed the services of the black troops and insisted that they be paid the same as the white. He even enlisted a force of one thousand Baratarian pirated under the leadership of the notorious Jean Lafitte. Lafitte's intimate knowledge of the boggy topography earned him the position of aides-de-camp.

The attack began under darkness and a heavy fog, but as the British neared the main enemy line the fog lifted, exposing them to withering artillery fire. Within minutes, the American 7th Infantry arrived, moved forward, and fired upon the British in the captured redoubt: within half an hour, Rennie and most of his men were dead. In the main attack on the right, the British infantrymen either flung themselves to the ground, huddled in the canal, or were mowed down by a combination of musket fire and [grapeshot](#) from the Americans. A handful made it to the top of the [parapet](#) on the right but were either killed or captured. The 95th Rifles had advanced in open skirmish order ahead of the main assault force and were concealed in the ditch below the parapet, unable to advance further without support.

The two large main assaults on the American position were repulsed. With most of their senior officers dead or wounded, the British soldiers, having no orders to advance further or retreat, stood out in the open and were shot apart with grapeshot from Line Jackson. After about 20 more minutes of bloodletting, General Lambert assumed command and eventually ordered a withdrawal.

At the end of the day, the British had over two thousand casualties: almost 300 killed, including Generals and over one thousand wounded (including General Keane) and more than four hundred captured or missing. The Americans had seventy one casualties: thirteen dead; and thirty nine wounded and nineteen missing.

The news of the victory brought great joy to the Americans and when it came time to ratify the Treaty of Ghent it was clear that America was a force to be reckoned with.

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