



# T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

The DVDs from our Twinsburg History Forum on March 28 will soon be ready for pick up. Kim Culhan, whose profession is in the audio visual field, recorded our evening and has been fine-tuning the results. Several orders have been received, and when we have the DVDs we will call you or you can pick them up at the Museum at the open house on July 29.

## Jam Session:

Because of the great response we received from the "String Jam Session" held in the barn last year, we will be having a repeat performance this year on Saturday, July 21st at 7:30 pm. The Gitter Pickers have disbanded, but Russ Mortus and his group will provide the music. Russ was a member of the Gitter Pickers and participated in last year's concert. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and fiddles, banjos or guitars and join the group if they wish.

July 21st "String Jam Session" - This is scheduled for Saturday, the 21st, starting at 7:30 PM. The local newspaper advertised it for Friday, the 21st, and we apologize for the confusion. Don't forget your lawn chairs and, if you wish to join in, your stringed instruments. Russ Mortus, Class of 1962 at Chamberlin High School, will be in charge.

## August 2012

### Mark Your Calendars:

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

**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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**2012 Scholarship Winner:**

Mackenzie Barry, this year's recipient of our Robert Culhan Scholarship, will be attending Hiram College and will be living on campus. She sent her thanks to the Historical Society: "I would like you to know how grateful I am to have received the Twinsburg Historical Society's Robert Culhan Scholarship. I truly appreciate it, and it will very much help me in paying for school. Thank you again for honoring me with this award." Mackenzie was an enthusiastic, multi-year participant in the "Tales of Locust Grove" - we all wish her well!

**Olde Thyme Fayre - Sept. 8th & 9th**

The Olde Thyme Fayre is a little over a month away, and the Trustees are working hard on all of the details. Hopefully, all of you readers are also planning.....nurturing special produce to be judged by our own Ester and Jerry Corbett, setting aside handcrafted items - those knitted, crocheted, woven, quilted, painted, embroidered, or otherwise created, and practicing on some favorite chocolate chip cookie recipes. Details on drop-off times will be provided in next month's Newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming a special group of attendees to this year's Olde Thyme Fayre. The 50th Reunion for the R.B. Chamberlin class of 1962 will be held the same week end as the OTF. We hope that many of the class will pay a visit to the Barn and Museum.

**Baked Goods Competition Announced for Olde Thyme Fayre:**

Susan Geul and Betsy Geul, Professional Chefs who live in Twinsburg, will once again judge baked goods brought to the Olde Thyme Fayre in September. Susan and Betsy are the twin daughters of Marcella and Ray Diersing, long-time supporters of the Historical Society. Ray is a past President. This year's item for judging will be Chocolate Chip Cookies. This sounds simple, but remember that there are many variations and our judges are professionals! Something new this year is that there will be two age-group categories: 12 and under and those over 12. So start practicing.....your families will love it!

**Museum Transformations:**

You may have noticed that the painting project has been completed on our historic barn. The north side of the barn, with the distinctive "Mail Pouch" lettering, is once again in great condition. This has not been painted since 1987, when Marge Percy was President of the Historical Society and was instrumental in having Harley Warrick do our barn. Mr. Warrick was known as the "last Mail Pouch painter" and was said to have painted over 20,000 barns with the Mail Pouch advertisement during his career. The recent painting was done by Carl Nenadol and his crew. They have also painted the upper and lower hallways and stairwell at the Riley House. A big improvement! Call a trustee or leave a message at 330-487-5565 if you want a first hand look.

The transformation at the Museum continues, as Charlotte Wike re-labels, rearranges, and provides interesting information on our exhibits. Come take a look at the July 29th Open House. Hostesses are Lea Bissell and Gail Herrilko.

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### **Tuesdays at the Museum**

If you have ever wondered about quilting or weaving, stop by the museum any Tuesday morning, rain or shine and you will meet a group of lovely, lively women who will share their talents, their memories and their thoughts. You might even want to try your hand. If you are already a quilter you will be welcome too. There are looms for weaving and sewing rugs too. Lots to see and lots to learn.

### **William Wetmore**

The Twinsburg Bulletin of July 12 published a guest column by Sharon Myers who will be our speaker in November. If you missed it the Bulletin is online [WWW.TWINSBURGBULLETIN.COM](http://WWW.TWINSBURGBULLETIN.COM) It is full of great information. Myers is the President of the William Wetmore Chapter of the Daughters of the War of 1812. There are eleven veterans of the war buried in our own Locust Grove Cemetery.

We will be focusing on these veterans in the Tales of Locust Grove in October and it's not too early to get involved. We will need more men than ever. Wives and children too. If you are interested email [marti-falk@aol.com](mailto:marti-falk@aol.com)

William Wetmore was born in Middletown, Connecticut on September 16, 1777. Wetmore moved to Ohio in 1804 and became one of the original proprietors of Cuyahoga Falls. He built the second house in what became Stow Township. He was elected Justice of the Peace of Stow, as well as Clerk of the Court of Ravenna, Ohio. During the War of 1812, William Wetmore was appointed commander for troops stationed at Old Portage, the northern Portage Path at the Cuyahoga River. Acting as an agent for Joshua Stow, owner of the township, William also gave permission to Francis Kelsey and Isaac Wilcox to build a dam across the Cuyahoga River and to erect a sawmill. It is said lumber from this mill was used by the army to build ships at Portage for use against the British. The dam washed away soon after.

William's conscientious dealings with the Indians soon made them his faithful friends. It was this close relationship that saved the settlers during the War of 1812. The British wanted the Indians to kill the white settlers, but the tribe moved away, rather than slaughter their friends.

Wetmore and Joshua Stow owned 210 acres, the southern border being Portage Trail, and began developing Cuyahoga Falls in 1825. William Wetmore built his home at the corner of Front Street and Portage Trail.

In 1830, St. John's Episcopal Church was organized by William Wetmore. They met in a schoolhouse at Front and Wadsworth Streets. Shortly thereafter, construction was started at its present site on Portage Trail and Second Street. Wetmore died on October 27, 1827, aged 56, in Ohio and is interred in Stow Cemetery.

The National Society United States Daughters of 1812 was organized on January 8, 1892. Com. William Wetmore Chapter was organized November 7, 2009 in Stow, Ohio. Their first project was to place a War of 1812 marker on the grave of William Wetmore in Stow Cemetery. This was done on July 31, 2010. This year they provided memorial flags to cemeteries all over northeast Ohio including Locust Grove. There are thirty members in this chapter.

Sources:

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