



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Annual Meeting/Potluck

Location: Twinsburg Congregational Church, 9050 Church St..
April 20, 2013, Arrive between 4:30 and 5:00
Dinner at 5:00 and short meeting
6:30 - Program: A Visit With Esther and Jerry Corbett

Lady Tigers

Congratulations to the Twinsburg High School Girls' Basketball team for another unbelievable season! The Lady Tigers have brought much excitement and pride to the community. Do you remember girls' basketball 50 years ago when the Historical Society was organized? Apparently it was pretty non-existent. In fact, checking the 1963 Chamberlin High School yearbook (Tiger Tales) finds no mention of girls' sports whatsoever. Marilyn Maenza, member of the Class of 1963 and the Historical Society, recalls that girls who belonged to "Y-Teens" could play basketball at the YWCA in Cuyahoga Falls. She remembers that there were only about five games, and the game was much different from today's - girls played half-court, either as a guard or forward (shooter) and could take only three dribbles. Not much excitement when compared to what we see today!

Thanks Members

Our thanks to all of you who have renewed your memberships. So far we have received \$831 in dues and not heard one complaint about the increase in amounts. Sadly, our utility bills, including gas, electric, phone, and water, total \$815 for the first two months of 2013. Thus, we truly appreciate everyone's support. If you have not renewed your membership, it's never too late.

Miniature Buildings

Our miniature buildings are now available for purchase at the Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce (next to the Congregational Church on Church Street) and the Friends Gift Shop at the Library. Same price as at the Museum! This year's building, the Corbett barn, should be available by the end of April.

Next Open House

Next Open House - April 28 (2PM to 5PM) - Hostesses are Marianne Pieramici, Bonnie Williams, and Audrey Kancler.

April 2013

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**

**April 20, 2013, 4:30PM
Annual Pot Luck Meeting**

**May 11, 2013, 9:00AM
Twinsburg Garden Club
Plant Sale**

**More coming next
month.....**

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50 Year Anniversary

Gail Herrilko is heading the committee planning various ways to celebrate our 50th anniversary. First will be the Barn Quilt project (see below) which was researched and developed by Trustee Charlotte Wike. Our thanks to Rich Bissell and Gail Herrilko who accompanied her to the meeting of the City's Architectural Review Board on March 9th where official approval was given for the project.

Next will be commemorative cups, available in a month or so. They will be at a reasonable cost and, of course, will make nice gifts.

More plans will be coming in the next Newsletter.

Oh what a night!

On March 13, Christopher Norman, Executive Director, Crown Point Ecology Center, Bath, Ohio, enlightened guests of the Historical Society on the objectives, services and programs available at the Center. Especially noteworthy: their Foodbank Farm, which contributed 10,000 lbs. of produce to the Akron Regional Foodbank in 2012; their work with Hattie Larlham in providing land and support for their job training program; and Summer Farm and Science Camp which teaches children about ecology, gardening, and farming through games, crafts, and outdoor fun in Crown Point's meadows, forest, and wetlands. Mr. Norman then spoke on their barn quilt, the Dove in the Window pattern, chosen in part because of the reference in the Bible to the dove returning with an olive leaf to Noah's Ark, a sign the water had receded and soon they would be returning to cultivating and living off the land, akin to Crown Point's sustainable farming objective. In addition to describing the aspects of constructing, painting and mounting the barn quilt, Mr. Norman provided detailed handouts to the Historical Society for use in completing their quilt.

Following Mr. Norman's presentation, the Freeman Barn quilt pattern was revealed. To honor the city's heritage and the fact that we host the largest annual gathering of twins, it seemed appropriate to use the Twin Star quilt block pattern. One star is blue and the other star is barn red in color. In the center where the stars overlap, is a gold square with the numeral 50 written in black lines to imitate stitching on a quilt. This center represents the 50th golden anniversary of the Historical Society. The border is alternating blue and gold stripes, the shades of blue and gold found on the Twinsburg City flag. The stripes are 1" x 3" and are to be painted by the public; dates will be announced in the near future. A rendition of the barn quilt is available for viewing at the Historical Society. The actual quilt will be hung on the side of the barn facing Rt. 91, centered above the two windows.

The evening ended with refreshments and Mr. Norman making himself available for an informal question and answer period and exchange of ideas. Crown Point brochures were left at the museum or you are welcome to visit www.crownpt.org for more information. Also, to learn more about barn quilts, please visit www.barnquiltinfo.com.

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The Landscape

The year 1963 was a year of milestones. The Beatles released their first album in the UK and were just a year away from “invading America” bringing with them a new and joyful sound of music that still fills the Ipods of kids today. Motown was the powerful force coming in from Detroit with Berry Gordy Jr. [Smokey Robinson & The Miracles](#), [Mary Wells](#), [Marvin Gaye](#), [Martha & The Vandellas](#), [Stevie Wonder](#), [The Supremes](#), [The Four Tops](#), [Gladys Knight & the Pips](#) and [The Temptations](#). These icons were just getting their start but with television their influence on the culture spread quickly.

Ironically while the new sound of black music played in the background, the war for Civil Rights was waging all over the country but especially in the South. Governor George Wallace refused to allow two black students to enroll at the University of Alabama. Medgar Evers was gunned down outside of his home in Jackson Mississippi. Four black girls are killed and 22 adults and children are injured when a member of the Ku Klux Klan bombs a church in Birmingham Alabama. Martin Luther King gives his “I Have a Dream Speech” during the march on Washington. Demonstrators for voting rights were clubbed and kicked by police in Selma Alabama and adhering to the Gandhian principals of non violence, offered only passive resistance.

The war in Vietnam was escalating. More young men were being drafted and more were seeking ways to avoid the draft and the anti-war movement was dividing many families.

Betty Friedan published *The Feminine Mystique* and began a conversation that continues today. The role of women was changing and so were attitudes. Sylvia Plath published *The Bell Jar* and Kurt Vonnegut’s *Cat’s Cradle* was released.

Tom Jones, won the Oscar for the best film and Sidney Poitier won the best actor for *Lilies of the Field*. Patricia Neal won the actress award for *Hud*.

In June Pope John XXIII died at the age of 81. Elected at the age of 77, he died at the age of 82. In spite of his short reign his Second Vatican Council brought huge changes to Catholics and the Church.

C. S. Lewis beloved writer of the *Chronicles of Narnia* died quietly on November 22 just hours before the world was shocked by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas Texas. The country was plunged into a mourning that many compared to the death of FDR. Two days later the alleged assassin was shot on live TV by Jack Ruby.

The year ended with a new pope, Paul VI, a new President Lyndon Johnson, and an escalating war in Vietnam.

Next month we will explore what all of this looked like in Twinsburg.

Planning your garden?

Working on handcrafted items such as a quilt or afghan or sweater?? Keep the Olde Thyme Fayre in mind - this year scheduled for Sept. 7th and 8th.

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