



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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June 2013

Painting at the Museum!

We had a good response to our initial "Barn Quilt Painting", the week end of April 25 & 26th. Very few came on Saturday, although Mayor Procop was there as promised and painted the first square and expressed a lot of enthusiasm for the project.

On Sunday, there were probably more than 40 visitors....some painted and some just looked around. *Everyone* had some of the special sheet cake that Charlotte Wike had provided for the weekend. Those who painted received a special certificate which indicated which square they had painted. To see pictures from the weekend, check out our website: <http://lwkweb.com/twinsburghhistoricalsociety/> Once we are certain the weather will stay warm, we will move the quilt to the Barn. We hope to finish the squares at the May 26th open house, 2:00 - 5:00. There are less than 15 squares left, so if you want to paint, come when we first open!

May 28th Honor

Assuming you get this Newsletter in time, you might want to consider going to the May 28th meeting of Twinsburg City Council, but be there before 7:30. Shortly after the start of the meeting, Mayor Procop will present Historical Society Trustees with a proclamation, congratulating us on our 50th Anniversary.

Merry Go Rounds

Marcia Ostrowski recently shared information on the great discovery she made on Mothers' Day. Her daughter took her to the Merry Go Round Museum in Sandusky.....something most of us have never heard of. She reports that it is a delightful Museum, an easy drive, and not expensive. It is at 301 Jackson St. in Sandusky and the phone number is 419-626-6111.

Or, try <http://www.merrygoroundmuseum.org/>

Do you have information on an interesting museum or spot that is not well known? Tell a trustee, share by phone (330-487-5565) or via our website lwkweb.com/twinsburghhistoricalsociety/

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**

**June 14th 7:00 - 9:00
Program in the Barn:
"Riding the Freedom
Train"**

**July 28, 2013 2PM-5PM
Open House**

**August 3, 2013
Twins Day Parade**

**September 7 & 8, 2013
Olde Thyme Fayre**

**October 2013
Tales of Locust Grove**

**We are now on
Facebook! Join
us!**

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Green Books

Marti Franks and Sue Graham attended the May 3rd end-of-the-year party held by the Drama Club at Twinsburg High School. Once again, "Green Books" were presented to seniors who had taken part in "Tales of Locust Grove". The Seniors always seem pleased to receive the books, and we are always more than delighted to have the involvement of the drama students. Their enthusiasm and creativity truly add to the whole adventure.

Olde Thyme Fayre

It's definitely time to start planning for this year's Olde Thyme Fayre, Sept. 7th & 8th. The Barn awaits your produce and flowers, and there will be plenty of space for handcrafted items in the Museum - anything knitted, quilted, crocheted, woven, painted, crewelled, embroidered or otherwise made by hand. There will be special projects for children and the Amish bake sale.

Sisters (and Judges) Betsy and Susan Geul are thinking about this year's baking competition, and should have an item in mind soon.

New this year will be an opportunity to operate our old printing press. It has gathered dust in a corner of the craft room for many years, but Kim Mazey, after many, many hours of effort, has it working again. She has also sorted through thousands of pieces of various kinds of type and has put together enough so that a small card can be printed. It is an amazing machine, and people visiting the Olde Thyme Fayre will have a chance to use it!

Plant Sale

The Garden Club's annual plant sale was once again held at the Mail Pouch Barn. This was May 11, the day before Mothers' Day. The festivities included a cake, celebrating the Garden Club's 50th anniversary, and help from Twinsburg Girl Scouts. This year vegetable plants were added to the colorful annuals and perennials that are always offered. Virginia Schmidt, co-president, said that this was the most successful sale yet. Proceeds go to their scholarship fund and to community projects.

Several shoppers also visited our Museum, which was open during the plant sale.

The Historical Society and Garden Club have a shared history of 50 years, starting with the beginning when Marge Percy was a founding member of each group.

Scholarship Winner:

For the third year, we are giving a \$500 scholarship to a senior from Twinsburg High School. It would be hard to find a senior who has done more at the Historical Society than this year's recipient, Halle Ponter. She has helped with Tales of Locust Grove, Halloween Story Telling, Ice Cream Socials, Rummage Sales, and the Olde Thyme Fayre (many years, in many ways) She has even cleaned the Barn! And attended potlucks and Christmas parties! Halle is the daughter of Joan and Ed Ponter. We all congratulate Halle and wish her well as she heads for the University of Toledo, where she will major in Nursing.

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.

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We are hosting “Riding the Freedom Train” on Friday June 14.

Lyndsi Hersch, a junior at The Ohio State University, has gathered a cast of twelve who will be telling their adventures with the Underground Railroad. The time is 1870, five years after the Civil War and a group of people have gathered to share their adventures. The Underground Railroad was a system set up by Harriet Tubman, an African-American abolitionist and Union Spy during the Civil War. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made more than nineteen missions to rescue more than 300 slaves using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses. This event coincides with the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation in January of 1863. June 14 the public is invited to join Hersch and her cast in the Mailpouch Barn next to the Museum on Darrow Road. Each of the twelve actors has a story to tell. The audience will be free to wander in and around the barn to hear the stories and to ask questions. The actors are a mix of college and high school students who are all from Twinsburg. They will share their tales of life on the railroad and the lives they lived after the war.

The barn will be open from 7:00 until 9:00 PM. Visitors can come and wander in and around the barn. Each character will be available to tell their stories and answer questions about that time in history. There is no admission fee but donations are always welcome.

Memories

The RBC class of 1963 started High School in 1959 with 87 members. By graduation that number had dwindled to 58. Two members of the class were inducted into the National Honor Society. According to the yearbook, Tiger Tales the winter formal was held in March. The Senior prom was at the Forest Country Club. The Junior-Senior Prom theme was Song of My Heart and was held at Aurora Inn. That dinner was at the school. It would be great if someone from the class of 1963 could fill us in on the details. Some things never change, prom, school play and blue and white robes for graduation. The size and scope change. Many young men and women will cross the stage at E.J. Thomas this year and it has been a very long time since RBC hosted the prom meal. William Mercer was the Superintendent of Twinsburg Local Schools and Donald Welever was the high school principal. John Yohe was the only counselor for the high school and Nell Mengel handled the junior high. The extra curricula's that have wandered into memory are Y-teens, Future Teachers, Future Nurses and the Library Club. One of the largest groups was the Projectionists Club led by advisor Mr. Baldwin. The newspaper and the yearbook were put out by the Publications Club. Mr. Sunderland was the music director and offered four years of chorus. The band director was Mr. Pontious and he offered four years of band, including the marching band. The girls sports program was mostly confined to Drill Team and Cheer Leading. The boys wore short shorts for basketball and most of the boys were on the football team. Walter Howard was the head football coach and soccer had been added to cross country as another outlet for the young men. One of the senior traditions was to elect the best and most as in the Best Dressed and the Most Likely to Succeed. Those honors went to Anna Mesich and Terry Davis for fashion and Mary Alice Harley and George Dodson for success. The kids in that class are now in their late 60's and many have moved away or moved on. Twinsburg Schools have changed a lot. Bissell would open its doors in 1964 and later Dodge and finally the flagship high school in 1999. The “Old School” closed its doors to students in 1992 and after Chrysler and Kent State it now stands empty with a fate uncertain. The district keeps growing and changing as people move in to the new developments that are built on the farmland left empty by the families whose sons and daughters sought other careers. Things look very different than they did fifty years ago. Much of this history was written in our schools. We are still looking for your memories. What are the things you remember from these last fifty years?

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