



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

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## 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!

## Grandma Dragged me to the Historical Society

Jenna and Nicole Ostrowski, who are sisters - and also Granddaughters of Marcia Ostrowski - were not sure what to expect. Their Grandmother planned a mystery trip for May 26th and would give them no clues as to where they were going. Imagine their surprise when they arrived at the Twinsburg Historical Society! Marcia had been interested in the family being part of the Barn Quilt project since first hearing about it. She wanted to be sure the Granddaughters, who have grown up in Twinsburg, had a chance to paint! Nicole, who will be a junior at THS, and Jenna, a sophomore at Grove City College, painted - as did Marcia. They also looked around the Museum and Barn and sat in Dan Simecek's 1934 Fire Engine, parked in front of the Barn during open house that day. To add to the day's fun, Jenna was the 50th person who signed in this year during an open house. It's our 50th anniversary, so Jenna won a commemorative mug! Marcia reports that they all had a good time and that it was a very worthwhile visit.

## 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.

**July 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**

**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**

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**Cash Mob**

The Open House on May 26 was also our Cash Mob day. The Cash Mob is a group of locals who select a target or two every month to shop and support a local business. It was a great day. We only have a rough count because we were having such a good time we didn't pay attention to the sign in sheet. Our estimate between the quilt painting in the Freeman Barn and the visitors to the museum was around 40 folks. There is no way to measure the enthusiasm of the people who came. Some people came to remember their field trips from their grade school days and others came to see us for the first time. Everybody was impressed and many shopped our store. We sold mugs and Green Books and wooden buildings and some at special prices. Our total take was almost 500.00. We even got a new member or two. If you weren't able to make it this time, mark your calendar for the last Sunday of every month. Let's start a trend. See you in July?

**Historical Society joins the American Quilt Trail!**

Please come and share in this historical event as we unveil the Twin Star barn quilt during our Open House on Sunday, July 28, 2013.

It all started in January with an idea and after many hours of sanding, priming, designing, drawing and painting, it grew to a beautiful 8' x 8' plywood quilt block. Created as a piece of art to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it became a venue to build camaraderie with the community through several public painting days. In April, Mayor Procop painted Space #1 along the border of the quilt and received a certificate for her efforts, as did all who helped with this undertaking. Following guidelines provided by organizers of the Quilt Trail, a frame to hold the quilt block will be built this month and mounted securely to the barn so the quilt block will have a safe home for generations to come. It is our hope that instead of tourists traveling through Twinsburg on Route 91, they will stop at the Freeman Barn to photograph and learn about the quilt, walk over to Starbucks or another vendor, perhaps strike up a conversation to learn more about the city, decide to stay in town for dinner or make plans to return another time, thus helping our city grow financially as well as in popularity. Open house is from 2 – 5 pm, with the unveiling taking place about 3pm. Browse the museum, have some refreshments, and enjoy an afternoon with us.

**Only at the Historical Society:**

Dan Simecek's huge aerial photo of the I480 corridor *before* there was an I480 is once again on display at the Museum. This dates to the mid-50's and the views are fascinating....so few houses and businesses; Glenwood Acres was just starting; there is so much farmland! Come and look for your house or Church or school during the next two months - attend an open house or leave a message at 330-487-5565 and we will make arrangements.

**Proclamation**

Mayor Procop, in commemoration of the Twinsburg Historical Societies 50th Anniversary, honored us at the May 28th City Council meeting with a proclamation which listed the many accomplishments of our organization. In addition, the Mayor noted our continued work in recording and preserving the history of our city as well as showcasing its many attributes.

Marge Percy, a founding member of the Historical Society, along with a number of other members, were in attendance at the meeting to enjoy the honor. All of us who were in attendance agreed that it was very nice to receive such well deserved recognition.

Sue Graham

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### **Memories**

Celebrating the “years of yore”, or “back in the day”, or “once upon a time”, is really fun when we can look at real memories.

Remember when we resorted to the dictionary definition of a word to pad our research papers?

Celebrate is from Middle English, from Latin celebratus, past participle of celebrare to frequent, celebrate, from celebr-, celebrer much frequented, famous; perhaps akin to Latin celer

1: to perform (a sacrament or solemn ceremony) publicly and with appropriate rites

2 a : to honor (as a holiday) especially by solemn ceremonies or by refraining from ordinary business

b : to mark (as an anniversary) by festivities or other deviation from routine

3: to hold up or play up for public notice <her poetry celebrates the glory of nature>

First Known Use: 15th century

One way we celebrate is to share our memories

Larry Hoon RBC class of 63 sent this, and though it predates our actual year it takes us back to those times.

1963--the end of my freshman year at RBC. In the fall, we had this whacky tradition called "Freshman Initiation." It was probably the worst day of my high school career. I have successfully blocked most of that day from my memory, except that guys had to wear women's nylons and lipstick. We all had to carry a toothbrush and scrub the floor when the sophomores instructed us to do so. My only consolation was that all of my friends had to do likewise. I remember that one or two opted out of this exercise in stupidity. They quickly became social outcasts. Mind you, this was totally endorsed by the administration. Can you even imagine this happening today? There would be a mass-firing of the faculty and administration as well as mandatory anti-bullying classes put in place. I was never so happy to get home. My sister's class went through this the following year (fall '63)--which was the last class to endure such punishment. So much for the "good old days." Thank goodness that times do change! Despite this scar, RBC remains a fond memory for me.

Larry Hoon

RBC '66

There are so many stories out there and you know what they are. Please share them with us so we can share them with you. Where were you when the Kennedy was shot? What happened here in Twinsburg? It is wonderful to hear these memories filtered through the lens of time. Can we hear from you?

Email me at [martifalk@aol.com](mailto:martifalk@aol.com).

### **Wilcox Twins Descendants**

In recent years Lea Bissell has communicated with several descendents of the Wilcox twins. Some have visited Twinsburg, some are in touch by email, phone, or the USPS. Not all were aware that the twins are special in Twinsburg! Earlier this Spring, the Historical Society was thinking of celebrating our 50th anniversary by having a float in this year's Twins Day Parade. During the same time period, Lea was describing Twins Days to some of the Wilcox families. Many expressed an interest in attending and, as it turns out, a great deal of enthusiasm to be part of our float! One couple will come from Canada! Plans for the float are being worked out, and it will certainly be special! We are not sure how many of the families will be here, so watch the parade on August 3rd and count for yourself!

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