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

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## **October is here:**

October seems like a slow month, but we still have things to do. In October we will be selling pumpkins at the Chamber Clam Bake on the square on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Story Telling in the Barn on 23rd.

## **Planning Ahead:**

Planning ahead, mark your calendar for the Christmas Party, at our December meeting at the Riley house. We will be picking the winner of this years quilt. Bring an appetizer to share and a white elephant gift for the gift exchange. It's a great way to get the season started.

## **Open House changes:**

Next year starting in January we will be doing something different for our open houses. We will start at the Riley House the Sunday of the month from 2-5. The museum will not be open. The next month we will be back at the museum, from 2-5. I will post the schedule in December's news letter.

## **Riley House Utilization:**

We would like to have more open houses at the Riley house, but we seem to be short on people to host them. If anyone is interested in helping with the open houses please call me or Charlotte. If we get enough people we could open both the Riley house and the museum on the same day. We need at least four people each Sunday to volunteer. It's a fun way to meet people and get a better idea about our history.

## **Emailing of Newsletters:**

If you would like your newsletter delivered by email, you need to go to the web site, **[www.twinsburghistoricalociety.org](http://www.twinsburghistoricalociety.org)**, and then go to the "Officers" page and click on the email link for the "Newsletter", (that's me). Send me an email with your name and email address in it and I will put you on the list for email delivery. This started with the June edition of the newsletter. Every month we get a few more requests for the email delivery. Let's keep that number growing!!

Thanks, Bob

## **October 2014**

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

#### **Oct. 16th**

Pumpkin Sale at the Chamber of Commerce Clam Bake

#### **Oct. 23rd**

Halloween Story Telling at the Barn

#### **Oct 26th— 2:00-5:00**

Open House

#### **Nov. 30th— 2:00-5:00**

Open House

#### **Dec. 3rd -**

Christmas Party at the Riley House

#### **Dec. 28th— 2:00-5:00**

Open House

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**Olde Thyme Fayre Wrapup:**

The Olde Thyme Fayre has come and gone for another great year. We had the barn filled with things to do. Charlotte and Lana Verbic and Jessica Kancler were helping kids make crafts. Hope you brought home a paperweight, Cheerio's bird feeder and Native American Stick game. Charlotte works on these ideas for the games all year and she comes up with a new one or two every year-Great Job Charlotte!

Martha wasn't able to be at the Fayre this year so she sent her daughter and all their bakery. I don't think they took any home with them and her daughter won our 50/50 raffle. She won \$40.00. The Knitwitters, were in their place and I know people love to see the ladies and their needle crafts.

Tony Roberson was able to with us again this year. He loves being a part of the Fayre and this year sold several of his pictures.

We had the corn sheller working, the rocking horse rocking and mystery item. And lots of beautiful produce from local gardens. We had beautiful flowers in baskets, vases and jars. A special thank you to Twinsburg Garden club Members for judging the produce and flowers, Virginia Schmidt, Mater Gardener, and Marlene Hatton, trained Flower show Judge.

We even had eggs this year. Did you miss the chickens? They came later in the day and loved to be petted. In the museum Mary Williams and her gang of friends took care of all the handycraft items that were brought in this year. Again we wouldn't have many entries if it wasn't for the Kinitwitters, thank you all ladies. We had wood workings, a covered bridge, a stone building. We also had quilts, all beautiful but one should be mentioned. A hand stitched, hand quilted double bed quilt made by Diane Neso's grandmother who will be 102 this December. She made the quilt in 1990. Great Job.

Kim Mazsey demonstrated the printing press on Saturday and we had the Davenports added their music for us on Saturday afternoon. Dolly Raines was at the quilt both days, working to finish, so another can be started. Last but not least the Cobbler contests:

Adult 1<sup>st</sup> place Linda Mistur; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Joan Ponter; 3<sup>rd</sup> place Charlotte Wilk & Sue Graham-tied

Youth 1<sup>st</sup> place Jessica Kancler; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dominic Mistur; 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mady Mistur

Again, we couldn't do the contests without our great judges, Susan Diersing and Besty Geul. Thank you both! Congratulation all our winners when you see them

**Monthly Meetings First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM**  
**Open House the last Sunday of Every Month from 2-5PM**

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## **THE PAGEANT OF TWINSBURG**

**By Miss s. Gertrude Hadlow**

No method of celebrating the anniversary of a town seems more fitting or gives more permanent satisfaction than the presentation of a pageant. There is every reason why this should be true. For, a pageant is the history of the town presented dramatically in the open fields and sunshine, by the co-operative effort of the townspeople. Local pride and patriotism are quickened by seeing enacted the heroic past, out of which the present has come. Pageants not only give communities a wide advertisement but they teach the valuable lesson of co-operation and common endeavor. For, when such an undertaking is once carried through, there remains a spirit of unity, which is the greatest strength of any institution or community. Mr. Louis N. Parker, "the father of modern pageantry", speaks of the pageant as being "the representation of the history of a town, in dramatic form, from the earliest period to some later point. This is set forth in verse and prose of the most direct sort, and is embellished with choruses, songs, dances, marches, and every legitimate spectacular adjunct. It is acted in some beautiful and historical spot. It is acted by the citizens of the town themselves, their wives, their children, and their friends. It is acted in a spirit of simplicity and reverence, and the audience must bring the same spirit in watching its progress. It is not a stage-play. It is a lofty and dignified panorama of the town's history. And it is an act of local patriotism. And out of local patriotism grows that wider patriotism which binds the people of one country together. But it is more still. I confess I cannot conceive a pageant except as an incident in a great act of praise and thanksgiving." The "*episodes*" in the Pageant of Twinsburg will be scenes of importance in the past of the town. The "*episodes*" will be linked together by "*interludes*" music, dancing or singing, which will suggest the nature of the scene which is to follow. In a general way the Pageant of Twinsburg will follow the outline suggested below:

### **Episode 1**

Struggles of our ancestors with the savages.

### **Episode 2**

1. An incident of settlement.
2. The naming of the township.

### **Episode 3**

1. An incident showing the influence and character of Samuel Bissell.
2. An exhibition or activity of the Bissell Institute.

### **Episode 4**

1. The Underground Railroad.
2. The departure of troops for the Civil War.

### **Episode 5**

- I. Fair day at Twinsburg, of the Union Fair Association.

### **Episode 6**

- I. Dedication by the "Spirit of Twinsburg" of all past history (all performers in all episodes) to "the Spirit of America."

It is customary to close a pageant with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by the whole cast and the audience the latter, of course, on their feet. A patriotic air, sung with respectful fervor, brings home to the people the underlying patriotism of the whole performance, and sends them away in an exalted state of mind.

*The above is from the Green "Nosey Book". Which still can be purchased from the Historical Society*

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