



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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May Open House:

You may have noticed that some of our open houses have a theme, or focus. May 25th, appropriately, is "A Tribute to Veterans". Come any time between 2:00 and 5:00 to see what we have to offer. Of special interest will be the notebook with issues of "Mail Call", a mimeographed newsletter sent by people in Twinsburg to Twinsburg servicemen during WWII. George Richner assembled the notebook several years ago and donated it to the Historical Society. The papers are protected by plastic covers so that anyone may read the news that was sent overseas during the 1940s. We also have an extensive collection of information on local men who fought in the Civil War, and the enlistment and discharge papers of Twinsburg men from WWI. A mystery item will be the uniform of a woman from Twinsburg who served in WWII. Can you guess who wore it?

The Historical Society joins the 21st Century!

It has come to our attention that some of you would prefer to receive your Newsletter via email, and we would be happy to oblige. But we need to know if this is something you would like. If we have enough people that would like their newsletters delivered to them via email we will set it up. We know that not everyone will or desire to have it delivered that way. We just don't want to only have a very small group want it delivered by email. As of this date we have a very small group, 5, that would like their newsletter delivered by email. If we do not get a bigger group then we will have to reconsider providing this service. So, if you would like your newsletter delivered by email, you need to go to the web site, www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.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 may not start until the June edition of the newsletter. Thanks, Bob

Exhibit of FASHIONS from 1900 to 1949 at the Summit County Library:

On display from now through July of 2014, a collection of photographs and actual pieces of clothing and accessories will attest to the ever changing world of fashions. The first half of the 20th century was an especially interesting time as fashions reflected not only the culture but also the economic and political climate. The exhibit is free and open to the public and may be found in the Special Collections Division at the Akron-Summit County Library, 670 South High St. in Akron. The Library opens at 10AM, closes at 8PM Monday-Thursday, 6PM on Friday, and 5PM Saturday, closed Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

June 2014

Mark Your Calendars:

June 21st- 2:00 - 8:00
Historical Society Booth
at "Taste of Twinsburg"

June 29th- 2:00-5:00
Open House
1853 Wedding

July 27th - 2:00-5:00
Open House

August 31st- 2:00-5:00
Open House

Sept. 6th & 7th
Olde Thyme Fayre

Sept 26th & 27th
Tales of Locust Grove

Sept 28th- 2:00-5:00
Open House

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. 28th- 2:00-5:00
Open House

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Busy, Busy, Busy:

It's been a busy few weeks, little did I know when I took on this task what was in store.

At our last Trustee meeting in April, we decided that the ceiling in the museum should come down, It had quite a bow in it and some of the panels on the south side looked like they would pop at any time. We had gotten an estimate from a local contractor and approved his proposal.

Rich Bissell called on Monday April 28 to say the contractor wanted to start Tuesday morning. Rich, Audrey, Charlotte and Rick & I came to the museum and moved things from one side to the other so he could start first thing in the morning. By 9:30 Tuesday morning, a crew of three men were hard at work taking down the panels. They wrapped up their day by 4:30 and were 2/3rds done. They were back Wednesday for another full day and finished the job by 4:00. Now, we clean and put stuff back. Look for some changes in the displays. It may take us more than a month but will be worth all the work. We will decide at a later date if we will replace the ceiling or leave it open. We did find that we have several leaks in the roof.

It looks like we will need a new roof. We have gotten several quotes and will have a meeting to decide which one will do the job. This is a shameless plea for any donations that anyone would like to make towards the cost of a new roof. We are thankful that we haven't had too many repairs on the museum. But we must maintain what we have, so that those that follow can enjoy our past. Please mark your donation as "roof replacement", and thank you for what you can do.

The great news, we asked for and have been promised, a computer. Bob Davet is getting a new computer so we get his old one. Will Adams has offered a monitor and May Kay Johnston has given us a printer. Thank you to all. We will put them to good use.

Also Wednesday, April 30, we had a fundraiser at Bob Evans. We were able to display some of our military items, and show off the beautiful quilt. Thanks to all who came out and supported us.

We have two great open houses coming up you don't want to miss. May 25, we will have a tribute to our military. We have much more than what you saw at Bob Evans.

Also June 29, will be the recreation of Four Weddings. They were all held at the same time in Twinsburg in 1853. ALL are INVITED TO ATTEND.

We did not decide at our last meeting about outside maintenance. It is the time to weed and get a load of mulch down. We probably won't get to it before Memorial Day but could use any and all help getting the grounds into shape. Let me know if you are interested.

2014 Historical Society Scholarship Winner:

Scholarship winner is Alina Karapandzich. She is planning to study classical archeology. More on Alina in next month's newsletter.

Olde Thyme Fayre:

Mark your calendars for our Olde Thyme Fayre on September 6th & September 7th. Get your vegetables and flowers growing now so you will be ready to enter our competitions! Your knitting and needlework completed along with other types of handy-work and come and join us for a fun time at the barn and museum! More details in future newsletters!

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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Weddings in June at Open House:

Lyndsi Hersh and her expanded group of players is planning a big wedding for the June Open House. The group is called “Into the Past” The wedding joined four couples and took place in a hotel off of the square. It took place on March 9 1853 and weddings were very different then. All of the brides were from out of town. Those of you who read your Green Book will recognize the names of the grooms. Israel Lewis Cannon married Ruth Skeels of Bedford, Hoadly Alling married Mary Jane Webb of Newberg, Edwin Parmalee married Mary Hathaway of Independence and Rufus Bailey married Sarah Richardson of Bedford. Ruth Skeels has been a featured character in “Tales of Locust Grove.”

The Freeman Barn will be the site of our affair since the hotel is long gone. There will be some new faces as well as those you will recognize from “Locust Grove” and the “Underground Railroad”. The group has been researching weddings of that time so that they will have just the right outfits and just the right music and perhaps a dance or two. Guests are invited to dress up or come as you are. There will be refreshments too, for what kind of a wedding would there be without them? Each of the brides had their own ministers and because of their commitment to the temperance movement no alcohol permitted.

History is much more fun when you see it before your eyes.

Soon you will see invitations strategically placed all around town. Everyone, young and old is welcome to come and dance the afternoon away. Bring a friend or two. You don’t have to be from Twinsburg to appreciate it’s history.

If you would like to join the company or help out in any way, just send me an email or leave a message on the Facebook page. martifalk@aol.com.

Pictures of the museum after the ceiling was removed: *(More have been posted on the web site)*



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