



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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August Update:

I hope you're all having a good summer. The Museum is having a great summer. If you missed the Four Weddings at the open house; sorry, it was a wonderful day. It was a little too hot, but I think everyone that attended had a fun time. Thank you Lyndsi Hersch for all your dedicated work.

As I write this the roof is being replaced at the museum. Jim and his crew showed up on July 14th bright and early. I have pictures to show what the sheeting under the old roof looked like. Jim is excited to help us and I can't wait to see how good it will look. Thanks Jim Jilek and your crew.

You can still make a donation to help with the expense of the roof. I don't think, as a group we have spent much of our donations other than to keep up with the overhead. Unfortunately now we must. The cost of the roof with 50 year shingles will be about \$14,000.00. Thank you to all that have made donations. We will send you a thank you which can be used when preparing your taxes. The work should be completed by the end of the week. YEA!!

This month at open house we will be having a BARN SALE. We have some items that we can no longer use in the museum and some items that have been donated for this sale. If you need woven rugs, a pump organ, an old trunk, ironing board, old picture frames come see us. All these and more will be available at the barn for a fair price. I'm sure we'll have more items by the time of the sale. This is a vintage sale, not a garage sale. Call if you have something you would like to get rid of. We'll sell it for you for a commission. Please don't just drop stuff off without checking with us. Proceeds from the sale will help with roof costs.

Our next trustee meeting August 6th, will be at Dean Wilhelm's barn on route 14 by the bridge replacement. Dean invited the group to come for a meeting so come and enjoy. We'll be meeting early at 6:00, bring a covered dish to share. We'll have hot dogs on the grill. The meeting will start at 7:00. Any questions call me at 330-650-2642-Gail.

I need to thank Rich Bissell for the load of mulch, and for all who helped spread the mulch before the last open house. As usual, Stan Jewell out worked us all. Thanks again - the museum and grounds look great.

August 2014

Mark Your Calendars:

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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A Walk Back through Time

A larger than expected crowd turned up for “Four Weddings” at the June Open House. Lyndsi Hersch assembled a group of 20 people including four musicians to reenact an unusual wedding ceremony. March 9 of 1853, four men of Twinsburg married four brides from out of town. The brides brought their own ministers and the whole town turned out. Mary Jane Webb (Chelsea Sinex), George Hoadley Alling (Zack Fitzgerald), Mary Hathaway (Nikki Fisher), Edwin Parmalee (Brandon Lacivita), Ruth Skeels (Alyssa Ursem), Israel Lewis Cannon (Nick Horvath), Sarah Richardson (Veronica Ruhe), Rufus Bailey (Cameron Quarry) were the couples. The other actors played the wedding guests and everyone was invited to join in the dancing and dining. The entire event was managed by Hersch and her father Mark played one of the ministers. The guests sampled seed cake and other tasty treats and lemonade and chatted with the characters all afternoon. The ceremony was performed twice so that everyone had a chance to attend. Thanks to the trustees and especially Gail Herrilko and Charlotte Wike and everyone else who pitched in on a very hot afternoon.

And now on to Locust Grove. Our annual Tales of Locust Grove will be in September this year and will dovetail with the September Open House. We are just beginning to gather our crew. Each year we add some characters and lay some characters to rest, you should pardon the expression. The actors change too. Some of our younger folks go away to school and new folks move into town. Sometimes we welcome folks back who have missed a year or two. We need actors, behind the scenes help and of course an audience.

If you would like to be involved on any level, stay tuned. Updates will be on our Facebook page, in the Twinsburg Bulletin, in this Newsletter or you can email Marti Franks at mfranks@aol.com or leave a message at the Museum 330 487 5565. Check the website for more information and pictures of Locust Grove. Everyone has a good time and we all learn more about the folks who came before us. If you have relatives who are buried there let it be known that too. We are always looking for more tales to tell. Mark your calendar for Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27 for Locust Grove and then Sunday September 28 for the Open House.

Olde Thyme Fayre:

Our Olde Thyme Fair will be September 6th and 7th and we need you to join us!

Think for a few minutes about your prize flowers and vegetables that you grow year after year – well, bring a few down to the barn for judging! You may get to take home a Blue Ribbon! Last year we had a huge pumpkin and really tall sunflowers! Let’s see what we can come up with this year. I know lots of people are already growing their sunflowers!!

Dig out those handcrafted items that maybe your Mom or Grandma made for you and bring those down to the museum for judging too! Not only may you go home with a Blue Ribbon, but visitors will get to see some beautiful handiwork.

There will be crafts for the kids and lots of fun things to see and do at the Olde Thyme Fair! Our Bakery item for judging this year will be a fruit cobbler. We are looking for fruit cobbler from scratch with fresh fruit. There will be 2 categories one for adults and one for 12 and under. All entries must be in by 2:30PM on Saturday for judging.

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 Historical Society joins the 21st Century! (sort of):

It was brought to our attention that some of you would like to receive your Newsletter via email. I have set up the email delivery for those that have contacted me and told me that they want it delivered that way. As far as I know everyone that requested it has been put into the system. 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 people**, 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 started with the June edition of the newsletter and if the numbers do not get considerably bigger we might have to reconsider delivery of the newsletter in this fashion. Thanks, Bob

From the "Green Book"

The Underground Railroad

In general, the Western Reserve inclined very strongly toward the abolition of slavery in those stormy years preceding the Civil War. Hudson was the boyhood home of John Brown and, at a later time, he gathered and stored some of the "sinews of war" within the confines of Summit Co. But the fact that Twinsburg's public school building was torn down by the Loco-focos because it was being used for anti-slavery meetings shows plainly that the friends of abolition did not have all things to their own liking. For many years previous to the war politics seethed with accusations and recriminations. That the escaping slaves had many friends here was well known, and that a branch of the underground railroad was operated through Twinsburg was an open secret. Probably slaves were sometimes secreted in Twinsburg but commonly Twinsburg's activity was expressed by the zeal of some of her citizens in conveying the refugees from Hudson, or elsewhere, to points north of town. Some of the citizens were subjected to suspicion because of their well-known attitude favoring putting right above an unjust law, and in later years there were mild rumors to the effect that some men, never suspected of complicity in the business, were really very efficient servants of down-trodden humanity. It is a sad time in a nation's history when men feel they cannot rightly obey the country's laws; but when war raised its ugly head Twinsburg showed her love of country was sincere and earnest.



Twinsburg Park from the School House

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