



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

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## **From The President**

I would like to express thanks to all of the volunteers who have donated their personal time to make the programs we offer a success. Thanks to the volunteers, the Birthday Party was fantastic with a turnout of visitors in excess of 100. Everyone had a good time. Without good volunteers we would be unable to provide programs that make the Twinsburg Historical Society shine.

## **Missing You**

As many of you bring your handmade items to the Museum next month you will notice that a familiar face is missing. After serving as a Trustee for decades, Mary Williams has resigned! Mary contributed in many ways through the years, but most notably as being the Chairperson for the Museum displays and judging during the annual Olde Thyme Fayre. Mary was also the person who introduced us to the Bob Evans fundraisers. Thank you Mary - you are missed!

## **150 Year Celebration Wrap-up**

Over 100 people crowded into the museum on July 16 to celebrate the 150 birthday of the Twinsburg Institute. Samuel Bissell built it by hand, using stone from local quarries. Guests toured the museum and dined on delicacies provided by Michael's Custom Catering on Darrow Road. Trustee Audrey Kancler was grateful to some of the members who are not trustees. "Diana Kriedman, Nina Landais, and Beverly Kress helped in the kitchen. Russ Mortus played the piano and guitar; Steve Noble fixed and tuned the piano so that Russ could play! It is one of the best things we have ever done. Deb Davenport created great birthday cake poster for the sign in front and Frank Klimas just helped all over the place." There was wine, lemonade and fruit flavored water. This was the largest gathering at the museum in recent memory. President Jon Howard was delighted with the event. "Everyone worked so hard to make it a success." Lea Bissell and Marti Franks got another surprise when Abby Schroll Fechter from the Chamber of Commerce called to say that David Parker who is a direct descendant of Moses Wilcox had come in from Claremont New Hampshire and was hoping to see the museum. They met David and his wife Karen and spent a great two hours making wonderful connections. They wandered the museum and loaded up on books and memorabilia. We have their contact information and they have ours and they promised to come back and see us soon. We'll keep the light on for them.

## **September 2016**

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

August 28th , Open House,  
2-5PM, Museum

September 10th & 11th,  
Olde Thyme Fayre

September 25th , Open  
House, 2-5PM

October 14th & 15th, Tales  
of Locust Grove

October 27th, Halloween  
Stories in the Barn,  
7:00PM, ages 5yrs and  
older.

October 30th , Open House,  
2-5PM

November 27th , Open  
House, 2-5PM

December 18th , Open  
House, 2-5PM

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**Getting ready for the Olde Thyme Fayre.**

It is definitely time to finalize your plans for the Olde Thyme Fayre, Sept. 10 & 11! Start babying your favorite tomato and sunflower....finish knitting those mittens.....and practice careful water balloon skills. There is something for everyone! New this year will be fresh bakery items provided by Betsy and Susan Diersing, Twinsburg's own professional bakery chefs. They plan to donate their profits to the Historical Society! They will begin selling, in the Barn, at 11:00am on Saturday and will sell until 4:00pm or until they are sold out. They will offer a variety of breads, including filled breads (cheese, peppers, pepperoni, etc.) and traditional bakery items such as cookies and brownies. Charlotte Wike and Lana Verbic are busy creating projects and games for what has become the children's corner of the Barn. Other Barn personalities include the spinners, Tony Roberson painting, and Dorothy Bascombe and Louise Jackson from the Knitwitters--demonstrating skills and selling knitted and crocheted items. Outside the Barn you can meet two Twinsburg artists and entrepreneurs. Angela Dobbins-Rivera, of "Escentially Inspired", will have artisan soaps, candles, and skincare products for sale from noon until 5pm both days. Cynthia Schamber will be selling a large variety of jewelry items, 10-5 Saturday and Noon-5 Sunday. Joining her will be her mother, Lotus, who will have paintings and craft items for sale. Homegrown produce and flowers, homemade jellies and canned goods, will be displayed in the Barn and will be judged by members of the Garden Club starting at 10AM on Saturday. Items may be brought in from 5-7PM on Friday, Sept. 9th, and from 8:30-9:30AM on Saturday. It has been a tough summer, but we hope to see many entries from local gardens and flower beds. The Museum will present handcrafted items of all types of skills. Bring anything that you have sewn, quilted, knitted, crocheted, woven, painted, or carved from 5-7PM on Friday. Items will be on display, with ribbons, throughout the week end, and while looking at them you will be treated to music played by Deb and Rob Davenport on the kinds of instruments used when Twinsburg was first settled. On Saturday, Kim Mazey will again assist people in using our antique printing press. Raffle tickets will be on sale in the Museum...you might win a 3' x 4' rug that Gail Herrilko wove from cut up blue jeans! Sunday's baking contest is a real challenge this year...cinnamon rolls, made from scratch. As usual, there will be adult and children (12 and under) divisions. Entries may be dropped off at the Barn between noon and 2:30 on Sunday. While awaiting the judges' decision, you can try your hand at a balloon toss (weather permitting). On both days you will have the opportunity to buy a truly unique calendar - created by the Historical Society for Twinsburg's Bicentennial in 2017, the calendar features pictures, historic facts, and dates of many 2017 activities!

**Bicentennial Calendar Update**

Work has progressed nicely on the promised 2017 calendar. Many hours have been spent selecting pictures, deciding on the format, and contacting sponsors. Next comes the task of deciding which historic dates to include. Community volunteers Ray Diersing and Grace Condelli, along with Trustees Beverly Klimas, Sue Graham, Marti Franks, Bonnie Williams, Lea Bissell, and Audrey Kancler have all worked to make this happen. Thanks to the professional and patient guidance of Steve Noble, at Erieview Reproductions, this should be ready in time for sale at the Olde Thyme Fayre.

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**1848** – The Congregational Church was built at a cost of \$3,000. In 1856-7, the steeple was damaged and repaired until it could be replaced. This united the church which had split 5 years earlier. The Congregational Church was designed by Simon Porter who also designed the Congregational Church in Tallmadge, Brewster Mansion in Hudson and the Keith Mansion in Cleveland once owned by John D. Rockefeller.



From 1831 to 1894 there were two Baptist Church groups. The first was formed in 1831 with nine members. In 1841 they built a Church on the north side of the Square (later used as the Crouse Tin Shop and Richner Hardware). In 1859 they moved into the vacant “Free Will Baptist Church” on the west side of the Square. In 1867 the noise from the nearby blacksmith shop forced them to move the Church building to a lot on Cleveland Road. In 1885 the last pastor resigned but meetings continued until 1894 when the membership merged with the Bedford Baptist Church. The old Church was sold. It was remodeled and later purchased by the Township. It was used as the Town Hall until 1977. In 2015 it was used as VFW Post 4929.

Ethan Alling turns his store over to his sons Frank and George who continued to run the store.

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