



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

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## Good things at the Museum

If you haven't been to the museum lately you will be amazed at all the wonders that have been wrought. At our Open House on June 25th President Tomko will give a demonstration of all of the new technology that has been installed over the last year. He will demonstrate the program that allows us to digitalize our collection. All of these changes and creative work are giving a fresh look to the museum and more opportunities for research to all of our visitors. On July 22, Founder's Day, we will celebrate the Bi Centennial with a grand reopening of the Museum. Come and see all of the work we are doing with your dues dollars and your donations. Andy will show off our brand new website. Be prepared to be impressed. The gift shop will be open too. We have small books and big books and picture books too.

Stop by the Barn at 11:00 or 3:00 when some of our founding folks will be on hand to reminisce about those early days. Samuel Bissell, Luman Lane, Ethan Alling and at least one of the Wilcox twins will be telling their stories. You can hear about the wild animal adventures and the challenges our first families had while they were settling in Millsville and creating Twinsburg. Some of the pioneers who ended up in Locust Grove will be there too. You can wander up to the cemetery to visit while it is quiet. A perfect venue for photographers.

## Special Open House

The museum will have a special Open House on Friday, August 4 for Twins Days from noon to four. Great day to welcome the twins and visit the museum. We are inviting all the Wilcox descendants we can find.

## New book and Presentation

Veronica Hughes is writing a book on Twinsburg Veterans of the Civil War and she will be giving us a preview on the August 27th Open House. Veronica has many stories you have never heard before. Be the first on the block to see this book.

*Not too early to get involved with " Tales Locust Grove" On October 6 and 7*

## July 2017

### Mark Your Calendars:

July 22 Founders Day Bi-centennial Celebration. Museum and Barn Grand Re-Opening

July 30, 2-5PM. Open House, Museum and Riley House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

August 4, Noon-4PM, Special Open House for Twins Days

August 5 & 6, Twins Day

August 27, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

September 9 & 10, Olde Thyme Fayre, Museum & Barn

September 24, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

October 6 & 7, Tales of Locust Grove

October 26, Halloween Story Telling

October 29, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

November 25, City of Twinsburg Luminocity

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### **Olde Thyme Fayre**

If you are looking ahead, September 9 and 10 are the dates for the Olde Thyme Fayre at both the museum and the Barn. As you tend your gardens remember we will be judging in floral and produce categories. We also welcome home-canned items, dried arrangements, and anything else that is a result of what someone cultivated. We have a special judging this year for sunflowers. There will be ribbons for the tallest plant and also for the biggest flower. The bakery contest this year will be for coffee cake. This gives people all summer to practice and to try out new recipes (and to make their families happy!) So many opportunities to participate and be recognized.

### **Membership/Support**

In addition to our Open Houses we are open from 9:00 to 12:00 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Members are our best ambassadors so please share our coming events with all of your friends and neighbors. Looking forward to seeing you soon. If you are wondering where we get the funds for all this activity it comes from you. Membership is the life's blood that keeps our doors open and the heat on. Consider a perpetual membership, or donate in memory of a friend. Bring your checkbook and stock up on gifts from our store. We can always use tech savvy teens. They are a precious resource and we give community service hours.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers as well. No experience necessary and we will train. Come be a host or hostess for the Open Houses. Work with us on our special programs. Bring suggestions for future projects. Help us keep our exhibits clean and tidy. Bring your green thumb to our garden. Involve your kids too.

### **The Peninsula Foundation's 2017 Civil War Lecture Series**

Held on the fourth Thursday of each month from March to October at the G.A.R. Hall (1785 Main St, which is Rt. 303) in Peninsula. Lectures begin at 7:00pm and are free to the public.

#### **Dates still remaining in the series:**

7/27: The Battle of Franklin, presented by Mel Maurer

8/24: USCT Regiments at the Crater and New Market Heights, presented by Ron Gorman

9/28: Remembering the Civil War: Reenacting and Battlefield Preservation, presented by Bradley Keefer

10/26: A Talk with Clara Barton, presented by Carol Starre-Kmiecik

### **Help Wanted**

If you have a few hours available, we are looking for helping hands to assist us in the upcoming Founder's Day (July 22) event. Everyone has talents and here is a opportunity to share those talents. There are many easy tasks that need to be accomplished not only on the day of the event but definitely before. If you want to join in and help please leave a message on the Society's voicemail machine @ 330-487-5556. And remember the Museum is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 9 & 12. Stop in and see the many changes that you made possible.

**Bicentennial shirts** are now available from RDP Sports. There are six styles....all grey, with the "200"/star logo on the front. Orders can be placed online at: [RDPSports.com/Twinsburg-Bicentennial-Apparel](http://RDPSports.com/Twinsburg-Bicentennial-Apparel). Or, you can call the company at 330-405-3501 to place an order. RDP Sports is located in Twinsburg. Orders can be shipped for a charge or you can arrange to pick up your shirt(s).

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The monument was dedicated on July 4, 1867 during a daylong celebration of Americas Independence, and the 50 year semi centennial of Twinsburg's settlement. A large tent was set up on the West side of the Square where the main exercises were held. At the northeast side of the Square, where Mr. Bishop use to live, was an orchard where a 1,000 pound ox was barbecued by cooks from Cleveland. Tables were set up in the orchard. The free ox roast was enjoyed by the over 500 who attended. Jonathan Herrick was president of the day, with Horace Cannon as chief marshal. The Declaration of Independence was read by the honorable O S Griswold of Cleveland. Speeches were given by; Judge N D Tibbals of Akron; The President of the Western Reserve College in Hudson, Henry L. Hitchcock, who had lost a son during the war; Civil War Surgeon and Twinsburg native, Doctor H J Herrick; Reverend Sydney Bryant; Edward Oviatt of Akron; S. A. Lane, editor of the Summit County Beacon newspaper; and the first settler of Twinsburg, Ethan Alling.



Between the end of the Civil War and 1869, eight Ohio cities and towns erected Civil War monuments. Seven of the eight were located in north-east Ohio. Eagles were a dominant design element of early Civil War monuments and comprised 70% of the monuments. The preference changed, and between 1870 and 1889 eagles represented only 12%. Typically, Civil War monuments and statues face north as do most Union soldiers. Most Confederate statues and monuments face south, but it was not a steadfast practice. In LaGrange Ohio, their statue was turned from north, to south. The fraternal organization "Grand Army of the Republic" said they would not turn their back on the enemy.

*Trivia - Sometime after Twinsburg's Monument was completed, the Eagle on top was turned from facing north to facing east. The year and reason it was turned is not clear. Perhaps, it was thought the direction the Eagle was looking was more important than the direction it was facing and the Eagle was turned to "look north" instead of facing north.*

**1868** - May 5th the Ohio House passes a bill authorizing the Twinsburg Township Trustees to levy a tax to improve the Public Square. More grading was done and trees were planted.

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