



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 7, Twinsburg, OH 44087-1720

Phone: 330-487-5565

Bicentennial Calendar Update

Don't miss out on the Historical Society's 2017 Calendar - we think it turned out quite well! Creating it is one of the ways that we are participating in next year's Bicentennial. It includes historic pictures and facts and lists many of next year's events. Thanks to our 24 sponsors and tremendous help from Steve Noble at ERC Printing, the cost is only \$5.00. Calendars are available at the Historical Society Open Houses and the "Friends" Gift Shop at the Library, or simply call and leave a message at 330-487-5565 and we will make arrangements to get you one.

Genealogy Closer to Home

Beth Martin is a Twinsburg resident who has an interest in genealogical research as well as some expertise. She will be at our [January 29th](#) open house from 2:00 to 5:00. She will be available to people on an informal one-to-one basis, so bring your records and the family information that you have been jotting down over the years. The fact that there is now internet and wifi at the Museum will be of great help to anyone wanting to take advantage of this opportunity.

Christmas Party "Wrap-up"

The Riley House on Liberty Road was full of Christmas cheer at the annual celebration. Everyone was welcome to share a treat and raise a glass to celebrate the season. Over thirty folks assembled for good cheer, conversation and sharing little gifts. The house was built in 1853. The society took it over in 1967. This year was president, Jon Howard's first year as host. "I hope it won't be the last. We still have a lot of things to do. Everyone had a real nice time. It's a great way to start the holiday the right way. It was wonderful way to be with like minded folks having a merry evening."

Quilt Raffle Winner

The annual quilt raffle winner was drawn. Long time member and former trustee, Charlotte Wike was the lucky winner. Dolly Raines, one of the quilters, made the presentation.

January 2017

Mark Your Calendars:

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

February 26, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

March 26, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

April 30, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

May 13, Garden Club Plant Sale

May 28, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

June 17, Taste of Twinsburg

June 25, 2-5PM, Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

July 30, 2-5PM. Open House, VFW Open House 2-5PM

Twinsburg Historical Society News Letter
P.O. Box 7
Twinsburg, OH 44087

Free Classes

These FREE classes at the Akron Public Library require registration. For more information and to register, contact the Special Collections Division, 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org. Visit our Web site at <http://sc.akronlibrary.org/>

Finding Your Family in the U.S. Census

Saturday, February 11, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

United States Census records are rich sources of genealogical information. Join us as we learn more about using these valuable records for your family research. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. Registration required.

Using Historical Newspapers in Your Genealogy Research

Saturday, March 4, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Historical newspapers should be a "primary" source for all genealogists. From births to obituaries, estate notices to news stories, newspapers can fill in important details and help to paint a fuller picture of our ancestors' lives. This new class will take a look at accessing newspaper content through a variety of resources. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. Registration required.

2017 Plans

Our 2017 calendar is still under construction but there are many things in the blue print. We are planning to continue with our clock program and Olde Tyme Fayre and of course Tales of Locust Grove. We will have a special Twins Day Open House too. Local writer Veronica Hughes is working on a history of Civil War veterans and will be doing a presentation later in the year and we are working on something on the history of Twinsburg Heights. Details will be in our February Newsletter.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S AIR & SPACE MUSEUM PRESENTS NEW EXHIBIT

Pretty Purple Puddy Tat Mascot, Limited Time Only

CLEVELAND, Ohio- The International Women's Air & Space Museum (IWASM) presents a new exhibit featuring the mascot of the late aviatrix, Tracy Pilurs. This will be the first time the stuffed cat has been on display. The "Pretty Purple Puddy Tat" plane is a permanent static display within the museum. Due to the fragility of the stuffed cat mascot, it will only be on display a limited time concluding on January 15, 2017.

Pilurs was an airplane builder and mechanic, flight instructor, and aerobatics champion. She took her first flight lesson at the age of 16, but didn't obtain her private license until the age of 30. By 1960 Pilurs had her commercial, flight instructor, and ground school ratings.

In 1962, Pilurs finished in 17th place in her first Powder Puff Derby. Around the same time, she was divorced and raising her six children alone. A year later, with the support of her children, Pilurs went on to place first in the 1963 Women's National Aerobatics Championships.

The museum offers free admission. Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. Office, gift shop and research center hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The International Women's Air & Space Museum is located in the terminal of Burke Lakefront Airport. The mission of IWASM is to preserve the history of women in aviation and space and to document their continuing contributions today and in the future. For additional information please visit www.iwasm.org.

Twinsburg Historical Society News Letter
P.O. Box 7
Twinsburg, OH 44087

Following the sale of the old Masonic Lodge on the Square, the Mason's purchased land on Shepherd Road and began construction of a new Lodge. In 1997 the Bedford and Twinsburg Masonic Lodges are merged. The Summit Masonic Lodge 213 is located at 9545 Shepard Rd. in Twinsburg.

1852 – In August, P. T. Barnum brought his "Museum and Menagerie" to Twinsburg, Cleveland, Akron, Canton, and Ravenna. Consisting of 10 Elephants, 6 Lions, Band, etc. There was no railroad so everything moved by wagons. Admission was 25 Cents, children 9 and under 15 Cents. It was the first season he had Charles S. Stratton (Tom Thumb) on exhibition. Tom Thumb was then 14 years old and less than two feet tall and weighed sixteen pounds. First year Tom Thumb was earning \$3 a week. After he became a sensation he was making \$200 a week.



1853 – In the fall, Twinsburg holds its first agricultural fair on the Square. A large tent was erected on the northwest corner of the Square. Livestock and agricultural products were displayed. Men were stationed on the four corners of the Square to collect attendance money.

Four Weddings - March 9th, 1853. Four couples were married together. All 4 marriage licenses were applied for in Cuyahoga County by Edward Parmelee on Feb. 23, 1853. The couples were Israel Lewis Cannon and Ruth Skeals, George Hoadley Alling and Mary Webb, Rufus Baily and Sarah Richardson, Edwin Parmelee and Mary Hathaway. The men were from Twinsburg but the brides were all from out of town. In the evening a great party was given in the hotel. The invitations were printed in New York and about three hundred guests including all the officiating ministers were present. In deference to the wishes of the brides the grooms hired the bar for the evening and closed it. The dining-room was enlarged for the occasion, enabling two hundred to be seated at one time. The party broke up about midnight, but some of the young people danced two hours longer. Those who came from the Institute could not get to their rooms until morning.

TWINSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships available:

- ☐ Individual – Annual \$15.00
- ☐ Family or Individual – Perpetual \$150.00
- ☐ Family – Annual \$ 25.00
- ☐ Business / Professional – Annual \$100.00

These dues are essential to the operation and maintenance of the Twinsburg Historical Society, which includes the Museum properties, programs, monthly newsletter, and mailings.

The Twinsburg Historical Society is a 501 c(3) organization. Donations and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Your support is important and appreciated.

Please fill in below and mail with check or money order to:

Twinsburg Historical Society
P.O. Box 7
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Or deliver in person to the Twinsburg Historical Society monthly Open House (last Sunday of the month. 2 – 5 P.M.). We are located at 8996 Darrow Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087; Telephone – 330-487-5565.

Check us out at www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org and / or join us on Facebook.

Amount enclosed \$ _____ for a _____ Membership.

Make checks or money order payable to Twinsburg Historical Society

This is a: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

PLEASE PRINT:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Initial _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Business Name _____

Business Contact Name _____

Business Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Business Phone Number _____ Business E-mail Address _____

Please indicate if you want our Electronic Newsletter sent to your home or business instead of a mailed hard copy.
Want an Electronic Newsletter? Yes ☐ No ☐

PLEASE READ OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT

PLEASE NOTE

We are in the process of moving from a manual record keeping system to a more efficient computer based system. In order to ensure our records are completely up to date, please ensure the following information is entered on the preceding page and either:

E-mail us at info@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org

OR

Snail-mail us at Twinsburg Historical Society, P.O. Box 7, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

OR

Voice mail us at 330-487-5565

Please tell us:

Last name, First name, Middle initial

Complete mailing address including zip code

Your contact phone number (in case we have a question)

Your E-mail address (even though you may choose to have your monthly newsletter Snail-mailed)

Present Membership level (Individual Annual, Individual or Family Perpetual, Family Annual, Business or Professional - Annual)

If Perpetual Membership: Month and Year you joined

If this application is for a new member, indicate membership level desired

If you are a business, please also include your Business name, phone number, contact name & E-mail address.

Should you have any questions please contact us via our web site or Museum phone.

We apologize in advance for any confusion and/or additional work this updating process may cause you.

We want to make our Historical Society to be a place that Twinsburg can be proud of and we appreciate your support in making that happen.

Twinsburg Historical Society News Letter

P.O. Box 7

Twinsburg, OH 44087

STAFF

President: Jon Howard

Vice President: Bonnie Williams

Secretary: Marianne Pieramici

Treasurer: Dan Simecek

News Letter: Bob Davet

Twinsburg Historical Society
P.O. Box 7
Twinsburg, OH 44087
Return Service Requested

U.S. Postage PAID
Non-Profit Organization
Permit # 23
Twinsburg, OHIO