

Tales of Locust Grove Cemetery

October 12th & 13th



Tours from 6:00-8:00 PM

Hear the tales of old Twinsburg told by
Ethan Alling, Aaron Wilcox, Samuel Bissell
and other current residents of Locust Grove.



Tickets: Adults - \$5, Children 12 & Under - \$1

Tickets available at the door only. Free refreshments courtesy of Twinsburg businesses.

Buy tickets in the Museum, where your adventure begins!

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New Feature to the Newsletter Postponed

Meet your Trustees. Just a little info on one Trustee a month of the Twinsburg Historical Society. We had planned to add this to this month's newsletter. But with everything that has happened since the last one and everything that is going on in October we have had to push the new feature back. We just ran out of room.

Olde Thyme Fayre Wrap-up

Despite the crazy weather, we had a great turnout at this year's Olde Thyme Fayre. We enjoyed having the Class of 1965 include us in their reunion plans....it is always fun seeing friends from past years. The weekend started with the dedication of "Charlotte's Corner" - the section of the Barn where we always find Kids Krafts during the OTF. Charlotte Wike, who passed away earlier this year, organized the activities there for several years and was very active with the Historical Society. Daughter Stephanie Wike helped unveil the "Charlotte's Corner" sign, which was made by Ed Kancler. Third graders and their families attended in abundance, hopefully learning about Twinsburg history as they completed extra credit questionnaires. Betsy Diersing and Susan Engeman once again sold wonderful bakery products and gave us their profits - \$403 this year! On Sunday they judged the Oatmeal Cookie contest, somehow deciding from more than 20 entries. Carole Krupa won in the adult division and Lucy Hopp for those 12 and under. Other winners include: 50/50 - Allison Williams (\$50!); mystery item, (a cream separator) - Kadie Verbic. Winners of the items in the Museum, made by the Tuesday morning crafters: woven afghan - Janice Hory; multi-colored woven rug - Kelsey Klune; the denim woven rug - Edele Bortnik Jones (who is also the person who gave us 20 pairs of knitted blue and white slippers that we can sell). Many officers and trustees spent much of the weekend at the Museum and Barn. In addition we had plenty of help from the community and we give thanks to all! Rob and Deb Davenport again treated us to Olde Thyme Music on Sunday afternoon. Nancy Wolff helped set up the Museum's handcrafted items display on Friday evening, and Dolly Raines and Lana Verbic did the judging and pinned on the many ribbons. Naomi Stutzman and Marlene Hatton, from the Twinsburg Garden Club, judged produce and flowers in the Barn. We had a sixty pound pumpkin! Lana Verbic and Carole Krupa, with help from teens Cadie Verbic and Jessica Kancler, took care of kids crafts; Tony Roberson painted, and the Garden Club and Knitwitters offered their wares and added to the inviting atmosphere. The Spinners returned - educating and entertaining. On Sunday, Kevin Noon sharpened knives and scissors. And on *both days*, a popular Barn attraction were Mitch Verbic's Bantam chickens - this breed is thought to be one of the three smallest in the world. Lois Lowe, from the Tuesday morning craft group, came both days. When she was wasn't selling raffle tickets she was quilting and answering questions. Kim Mazey, our professional printer, helped people use the Samson printing press, still working after 150 years. Terri Bissell and family, Doug and Mary Johnson, and Bob Davet all helped with hot dog sales. The concession stand was wisely moved inside on Sunday.

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Mark Your Calendars:

September 30, 2PM-5PM,
Open House at Museum
and Riley House.

October 12, 6PM-8PM and
October 13, 6PM-8PM,
Tales of Locust Grove.

October 25, 7PM-8PM,
Halloween Story Telling in
the Freeman Barn.

October 28, 2PM-5PM,
Open House at Museum.

November 18, 2PM-5PM,
Open House, National As-
sociation of Watch and
Clock Collectors .

December 5, 7PM, Christ-
mas Party at the Riley
House.

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Olde Thyme Fayre continued:

In the Museum, kids tried their weaving skills with the "children's loom" when not filling in questionnaires, listening to music, or wondering at the old toys. Adults marveled at the many displays and stopped to chat with David Triggs who shared information on his Herrick family lineage and showed railroad spikes engraved with the dates they were laid. The weather kept us from some of our fun outdoor activities but did not diminish the spirit of the weekend. This is truly a community event, and again - we thank all who volunteered their time to make it happen.

Tales of Locust Grove

Tales of Locust Grove is on Friday, October 12 and Saturday October 13. Tickets are available those nights at the Freeman Barn on Darrow Road, right between the Museum and Mr. Chicken. Adults are 5.00 and children are 1.00. Tours start at 6:00 and continue until 8:00 with each tour lasting around an hour. Locust Grove is the oldest cemetery in Twinsburg and it holds the remains of Moses and Aaron Wilcox, the twins, for whom the town was named, Samuel Bissell, Ethan Alling and many of the folks who founded the town. Since then, every autumn, local actors don costumes and take their places to tell the "Tales of Locust Grove". Some of the actors are even descended from the characters they play. Each year the focus changes just a little. As new actors come into the troupe they find new stories to tell and new ways to tell them. Musicians wander among the story tellers and to add a bygone feeling to the night. The cemetery is located on a small strip of land west of the Giant Eagle parking lot. The entrance is on Aurora Rd. People driving by would never even know it was there. Proceeds are used for upkeep of the cemetery, including fixing tombstone and removing old trees and planting new. It is a kid friendly event. Nothing scary or spooky, just nostalgic and sometimes funny. Locust Grove Tee-shirts are for sale as well as Historical Society tees and sweat shirts and other items. Local merchants donate hot chocolate, cookies, pizza and snacks. The museum which was the site of the Bissell Institute is part of the tour. Every year we change it up, so if you have been here before you will meet some new folks as well as the old. Plan to come and bring your friends. We count on our members to support us.

Help Wanted

With all of the many projects we are planning we need many hands to make them work. The Riley House on Liberty Road is in need of repairs including scraping, painting the exterior and repairing windows. We are eager to get ahead of winter so we have enlisted the aid of students from the History Department from KSU's main campus. Students, working under the guidance of Professor Leslie Heaphy will be gathering at the historical house on October 20 to begin scraping off all the old paint in preparation for the new. This is just the beginning of our collaboration with the university. We look forward to collaborating on research projects and developing a docent program and educational activities for all grades. This is in addition to our connection with the high school we look forward to real engagement of the younger folks who are the future of the society. We recently met with the Twinsburg Library to form another partnership to share our genealogy resources. We shared a lot of good ideas and are planning another planning session soon. We welcome any and all who have time to join us. Watch the website and the Facebook page. Message us with questions and someone will get right back to you. I mean right back.

Story Telling in the Barn

We have partnered with the Twinsburg Library to bring you this program. This year the event will take place on Thursday, October 25th from 7 to 8 pm in the Freeman Barn. (next to the Museum)

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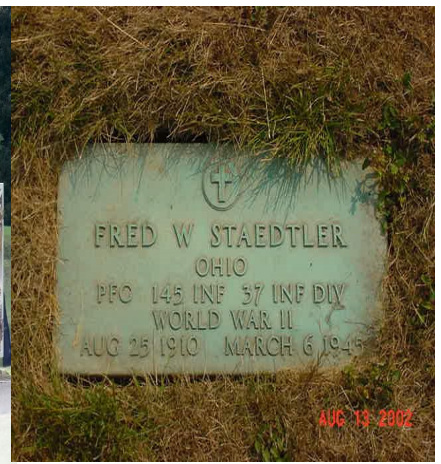
1934 - The second fire truck was a 1934 Ford which is still owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Dan Simecek. The original 25 gallon extinguisher was carried on the 1923 Reo and the 1934 Ford until 1947. In 1948 the 1934 Ford was updated with a booster and front pump, and the three 20 gallon soda acid tanks were removed. Twinsburg Fire Department was an all-volunteer department from 1919 to 1988. Volunteers were paid from \$1.00 to \$8.00 per call. All payroll was donated back to the Fire Department well into the 1980's.

1939 – The Fire Station was moved to the Township Hall where it remained until 1955.

1941 – United States joins WWII. About 250 men and women from Twinsburg serve in the military. In 1945 Twinsburg forms V.F.W. post 4929 and begins holding meetings in the Twinsburg Grange.

During WWII Twinsburg lost 4 servicemen:

- **Herbert M Gill**, age 33, married with two children. In 1943 Navy pilot Lieutenant Gill was reported missing in action in the South Pacific and was buried at sea. Lieutenant Gill was a graduate of the Twinsburg High School and Kent State University. His name appears at the Punch Bowl Cemetery in Honolulu Hawaii.
- **Paul A Bennett**, age 33, killed in action December 16th 1944 in Belgium. He served as Tec 4 with the 486th Quartermaster. Buried in Belgium, Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Liege Belgium, Plot F, Row 7, Grave 74. His father died two years later.
- **Bert Buganski**, age 24, killed in action February 1944, in Italy. He fought with the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, and was buried in Provincia di Firenze, Toscana, Italy Plot E Row 1 Grave 41.
- **Fred Staedtler Jr.** - age 35, died of wounds received in Manila Philippines March 6th 1945. He served in Company M of the 145th Infantry. The Staedtler family immigrated from Diesseldorf, Germany in 1921. Fred became a naturalized citizen in 1940, and joined the Army with his brother in 1941. His brother Sergeant Ernest Staedtler fought in Germany.



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