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We have so many folks to thank for another wonderful weekend telling the "Tales Of Locust Grove". The weather was pretty close to perfect. These are the folks who braved the dark and cold bring the stories to life. Some actors took on new roles, some new actors revised old roles. We had new stories too. Every year we change things up so there is always a surprise.

Another shout out to musicians Mark Hess and Larnie Zellner who make our hill sing with their sweet strings and the haunting melodies of the harmonica.

Thanks to all of the trustees and friends who sold tickets and managed the pizza and sweets in the Barn. Thanks to Lara Mentzer who managed the actors along with Ron Eyink. George's Donuts, Fresh Start and Starbuck's have supported us for all 12 years. Mr. Chicken, Teresa's Pizza, Gionino's Pizza, Giant Eagle, Master Pizza, Twinsburg Beverage, Michael's Café, Pizza Hut and Subway. Please support the local business who support us.

This is a very complicated project and we could never do it without the generous support of our community. Veronica Hughes and I are already working on next year.

Sue Graham, one of our most seasoned trustees has retired from her position as she and her husband Jerry are downsizing to Stow. Sue was recently profiled in this Newsletter. She has always worked with children and one of her favorite projects was the Halloween Story Telling at the Barn in conjunction with the library. Since moving to Twinsburg almost 30 years ago she has been an active member of our vibrant community. She developed a program called "Nature's Nook" for the Twinsburg Parks and Rec. She volunteered for the South Chagrin Reservation of the Cleveland Metro Parks and at Twinsburg's Liberty Park. Sue was a mainstay for the Historical society and was responsible for planning many of our programs. She was a constant inspiration and we will miss her enthusiasm and her energy. Luckily Stow is not that far away.

Sadly we are losing the Tomkos as well. Andy is stepping down as president and Betty is retiring from her role as trustee. We are all grateful for their contribution to the Historical Society.

As we plan for next year it is clear we need more folks to step up. There is much to do. We have several committees and some trustee positions. Look for more details in January. Plan on coming to the Christmas Party at the newly painted Riley House on Liberty Road. Parking is limited so carpooling is suggested. It is on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00. Dress in your funniest holiday wear, bring a snack or dessert to pass and a gift if you want to participate. Regifting is fine. Nothing more than \$10.00 and everyone likes a bottle of wine. The reason for the season is to share cheer and bring light onto our winter night.

2019

December Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

November 24, 2PM-5PM,
Open House, Program: National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (NAWCC) will be on hand from 2PM-4PM

December 4, 7PM, Christmas Party at the Riley House

Moses Roach Restoration Fund Drive:

\$46,000 raised & \$54,000 to go! We asked & so many of you responded. Thank you.

As you drive by the house, you can already see some of the changes to the Front. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished so far.

Since our last newsletter we would like to recognize the following individuals who also contributed to restoring the Moses Roach House: Thank you.

Elwood & Mary Jean DeVaul

Marti McHugh-Curtis

Joseph & Pamela Pollack

Dave & Liz Murch

Diana Kriedman

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Cub Scout Visit

On a cold and snowy November 12, the Historical Society hosted local Cub Scout Pack 67 for its' monthly Pack meeting. Around 25 Scouts, ages 5-11, some siblings, and several parents came to the Museum to learn a bit about early Twinsburg, Native American populations, and what it was like to live in the area 150 or so years ago. The group was energetic and enthusiastic, with many good questions and a lot of interest in hands-on activities such as butter churning and weaving. Several Trustees were present and were helped by Jill Griffiths, from the Tuesday morning crafters, and Locust Grove re-enactors Veronica Hughes, Meredith Aistrope, and Ed Kancler. All agreed it was a fun but rather exhausting evening.



Charitable Giving

The Historical Society relies upon the generous financial support of private individuals & of our local businesses to help us preserve and care for Twinsburg's historical legacy. We hope that you will help your Twinsburg Historical Society continue its important work by considering us in your will, trust or by beneficiary designation.

History is preserved not through government institutions but through the actions of selfless individuals who became aware of a momentous event or were touched personally, then inspired to do what they could do to save it. As a society we grow learning from our past and we hope you will join us in preserving this knowledge for the future.

Bequests in your will, trust or by beneficiary designation cost you nothing now. You can hold on to your assets for as long as you need them & you can change your beneficiaries at any time.

Leaving a financial gift in your will to charity is not done on a whim. It is a deeply personal decision that reflects your values and beliefs. It is an easy thing to do. Just contact your lawyer or financial advisor & tell them that you appreciate the Twinsburg Historical Society & want to support it for future generations with a gift by bequest in your will.

New Members:

Richard Hejduk

Margaret Martin

James Milkovich

Connie Sasala

Elwood Duvaul Jr.

Daryl & Marlene Smith

Robert Schroeder

Lynn Wyse

Renewing Members:

Don & Geni Spera

Michael Silvestro

Patricia Redmond & Doug Jones

Thank you to the 2019 Tales of Locust Grove Actors

Warren Spencer	Mark Hersch
C. Amelia Bissell	Sarah Shaft
David Henry	Ken Roddie
Huldah Hull	Kelsey Minter
Wilcox Twins	David Wales
Luman Lane	Ed Kancler
Moses Roach	Paul Flynn
Ethan Alling	Keith Kneisel
Rev. Samuel Bissell (Fri only)	Dan Richner
Israel Cannon	David Painter
Mary Righter Fessenden	April Dale
Gertie Parmelee Chamberlin	Mallory Mentzer
Augusta Upson.	Taylor Eyink
Caroline Herrick.	Regan Wittrup
Ruth Skeels Cannon	Betty Young
Zilpha Freeman Griste	Gillian Robbins
Rebecca Young	Veronica Hughes
John and Theresa Dell	Kevin Onion and Paige Grum
Wilcox Wives	Kay Shoults and Meredith Aistrophe
Juliet/Jerusha Post Parmelee	Ellie Kneisel (Sat only) and Taylor Eyink
Agnes Cochran/Agnes Chamberlin	Lizzie Heiner/Aimee Flores
Louisa Herrick	Hannah Whaley
Polly McFarland.	Rachel Hill
Tolman Riley.	Lucas Bilek
Fidelia Clark.	Aimee Flores

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*The Twinsburg Historical Society
would like to wish all of our members,
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anyone who has helped our cause in
any way this year, a
Happy Holiday Season.*





Roach House Donation Sponsorship Form

You still have time to get in your 2019 tax donation to help restore the Roach House

Family Sponsorship Levels

☐ Museum Booster (\$50)

☐ Museum Friend (\$75)

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Sponsorship Application

Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone : _____ Email Address: _____

Please return this form with your check made payable to **The Twinsburg Historical Society**. P.O. Box 7, Twinsburg, OH 44087. Please make sure that you have checked the appropriate box as to what level you are contributing to.

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Any questions please email: president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org

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August 5th - Sesquicentennial opening ceremonies; Flag raising, invocation, proclamations by State Representatives and Twinsburg Mayor Lippitt, introduction of dignitaries by Bill Mercer, ending with band and Sequa Singers. The celebration included exhibits, old time craft demonstrations, walking tours of the downtown area, antique car parade, Historical society was open daily, Kangaroo Court, buffet dinners, horse-shoe contests, band concerts, historical slide presentations, old settlers day when costumes were worn, doll buggy and bicycle parade, ice cream social, Sequa Singer concerts, fire department demonstration, recognition of armed services personnel, industrial tours of local businesses (Loco Industries, Alvin Products, Ankeny Products, Twinsburg Bank, Industrial Electronic Rubber, and Northern Ohio Paving), Medicine Show, Teen Band contest and dance, recognitions of twins, barbershop quartet, old time fashion show, Ox Roast, Square Dancing Exhibition, Beard Contest judging and shave off, ending with a Grand Parade and recognition of oldest citizens.

Twinsburg considers a 1/2% Village Income Tax. Chrysler workers and union protests. In November, Twinsburg residents reject the tax, in an advisory vote. That vote was non-binding, and Twinsburg's Village Council enacts the tax anyway.



Plans to construct a shopping mall, motel, restaurant, service station, and housing development between I-80, Rt. 82, and Rt. 14 interchange was announced. The first model home was built at end of Ashdale Drive.

Year	Population	Notes
1817	4	Ethan Alling, Zeri Alling, Rodolphus Wolcott, and Lex Johnson arrive in Millsville.
1820	302	1819 first birth in the Township. 1821 was first marriage. 1823 Post Office created
1830	607	1827 Wilcox Twins die. 1828 Rev. Bissell moves to Twinsburg
1840	1180	1840 Summit County was created. 1843 Twinsburg Institute was started.
1850	1281	1846 Locust Grove was created. 1848 the present Congregational Church was built.
1860	1,136	1860 Twinsburg Institute closes.
1870	729	1867 Twinsburg 50 th year and dedication of Civil War Monument.
1880	776	Railroad comes to Twinsburg.
1890	820 Est.	1895 Rev. Bissell dies. Town clock was installed. 1896 first sidewalks installed.
1900	855	1907 telephones come to Twinsburg.
1910	912	Library was formed. 1911 first paved road and first Bank. 1912 Wilcoxon Water Co.
1920	924	1919 Fire Department formed. 1921 "Old" School built. 1923 first Fire truck.
1930	1,153	1929 Crown Hill opened.
1940	1,747	1941 VFW Post was formed.
1950	2,689	1955 Police Department was formed. 1956 Chrysler Plant ground breaking.
1960	4,098	1959 Cleveland Water comes to town. 1963 new Library. 1965 I-480 opens.
1967	5,800 Est.	Twinsburg's 150 th year Sesquicentennial.

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