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This month's Newsletter is dedicated to the Twinsburg Garden Club and includes a big "Thank You". Members of the Garden Club did a wonderful job of introducing new plants to the flowerbeds at the Moses Roach House and then maintaining everything throughout the growing season. It all looked lovely!

January will be a fun month at the Museum!

Our first program of the year is on Wednesday, January 19, and will be presented by Ray Diersing. Ray has lived in Twinsburg most of his life and is a past-President of the Historical Society. For the evening we will be: "Going Down Memory Lane - Remembering Our Schooldays". This is an audience participation program with a video, and everyone is invited to share their stories and experiences. We start at 7:00. Ray promises that it will be a fun evening, with no tests or detentions.

At the end of the month, at our January 30th Open House, we will get an early look at Valentines Day. Our collection of OLD Valentines will be on display plus you will have a chance to make your own. We will furnish the fancy supplies and we'll have several tables so that we can spread out. (We'll all be glad when phrases like "social distancing" are part of our history...) Children of all ages are welcome to stop in and unleash their creative spirit.

Open House is 2:00-5:00....

Happy New Year, It has been a busy year and we are all excited about all of the ways we were able to get back to a little bit of normal. Twins Day Open House, Olde Thyme Fayre, and Tales of Locust Grove were back on track of a little scaled down. Your trustees have continued to meet and plan as always. We have worked hard to give you a calendar. While a few things may change you can mark those dates on your brand new 2022 calendars.

This is the year to get involved. We are looking for members who would like to become docents and act as hosts for our Open Houses. We can always use volunteers for our programs. We are going to start our Local Writer's Series in April and you will be seeing more news as we develop that program. You will see that many of the regular events that we lost to Covid are back on the agenda too.

This year we are partnering with Twin Masks Theatre for Black History Month in February for their production of "The Visit". This is a powerful play about a fictional meeting between civil rights icons, Malcom X and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Constance Peek Longmire, a trustee of the Historic Society is a consultant on the production. There will be someone from the Historical Society to conduct a talk back for each performance. The play runs Fridays and Saturdays from February 4 to the 19th.

We are always looking for someone to help manage our Facebook page and help with publicity. So much to do. Come on in. We will put you to work. Handy men & women are also needed. With four buildings there is always something that needs to be fixed. We welcome folks of all ages.

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Mark Your Calendar

1/5/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, First Congregational Church.

1/19/2022, 7PM, Special Program, Museum, "Going Down Memory Lane - Remembering Our Schooldays" by Ray Diersing.

1/30/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum. Valentine Making.

2/2/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, First Congregational Church.

2/4/2022, 8PM, Black History Month Performance at Twins Mask Performing Arts Center.

2/5/2022, 8PM, Black History Month Performance at Twins Mask Performing Arts Center.

2/11/2022, 8PM, Black History Month Performance at Twins Mask Performing Arts Center.

2/12/2022, 8PM, Black History Month Performance at Twins Mask Performing Arts Center.

2/18/2022, 8PM, Black History Month Performance at Twins Mask Performing Arts Center.

2/19/2022, 8PM, Black History Month Performance at Twins Mask Performing Arts Center.

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Are you a photographer? Would you be willing to volunteer to cover our events? We need good pictures for Facebook and to archive. We would like to get a photographer to each event. If you are a local professional, we could schedule you for an event and you could publicize your business at the same time. Might be a good portfolio project for a student. As members you are welcome to schedule a photo op in the museum, barn, or the Riley House. Fun backdrop for your senior pictures. Maybe a family reunion? Send us an email.

Remember to renew your membership if needed or even think about a perpetual membership. Every penny goes to support our work. If you love history and you love Twinsburg this is a great opportunity.



A big shout out to Andy Krupa for all the hard work and dedication he has put into the Twinsburg Historical Society over the past years.

He has made and kept our Museum grounds looking fantastic!! This is his latest project. He has been working on the west wall flower bed garden. It abuts up to the parking lot behind the museum.

The stone wall and garden needed work and he has tackled it! It is not completed yet but the main part of the wall has been started and some of it is in place.



Now that winter has arrived, it has been put on hold till the spring time.

Thanks Andy for all that you do for the Historical Society.

You make us look good!!



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TWINSBURG SCHOOL TIMELINE by D. Diersing 2015

Trivia – 1933, twelve year old Twinsburg student Alma Roach won the National Spelling Bee title. She spelled “propitiatory” when 15 others couldn’t. Alma later became the wife of Twinsburg School Superintendent William Mercer.

1951 – Due to the Korean conflict, School Superintendent William Mercer was called to active duty in the U.S. Navy.

1952 – An addition to the “Old School” added 11 new classrooms, making room for the “baby boomers”. This was before the population growth from Chrysler or Glenwood Acres.



Trivia - Kindergarten was not offered at the “old school” until 1952. From 1946 to 1948 Kindergarten was a private class offered at the Town Hall and supported by contributions and fund raisers. The School Board adopted the Kindergarten as a class in 1948 but classes remained at the Town Hall. In 1952, Kindergarten classes were moved from the Town Hall to the new addition.

1957 – Twinsburg builds a new High School named after local Doctor Robert B. Chamberlin.



This Month in History:

1901 : The first Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. The Nobel Prizes are funded by a fund created after the death of Alfred Nobel the Swedish inventor of dynamite and other high explosives. In his will, Nobel directed that the bulk of his vast fortune be placed in a fund in which the interest would be "annually distributed in the form of prizes to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind."

1914 Henry Ford introduces \$5.00 per day wages for all his Ford workers.

1934 Loch Ness Monster Spotted

1967 In the first Super Bowl The Green Bay packers defeat the Kansas City Chiefs in Los Angeles

1920 Prohibition takes effect stopping the sale and consumption of alcohol when the 18th Amendment went into effect

Trivia Challenge:

What series of laws passed by the British Parliament were meant to punish Massachusetts colonists after the Boston Tea Party?

- A. Vindictive Acts
- B. Punitive Acts
- C. Subversive Acts
- D. Intolerable Acts

Answer:
D. The Intolerable Acts were the American Patriots' term for a series of punitive laws passed by the British Parliament in 1774 after the Boston Tea Party and meant to punish the Massachusetts colonists for their defiance.

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