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### **Attention!! We need your help for the Riley House Roof Fund Raiser**

We are facing an unexpected expense to replace the roof of the Riley House on Liberty Road. This could cost between \$12,000 and \$18,000, but is necessary to protect this historic house and contents.

So again, we are asking for your help in covering this expense. In the past you have helped us with donations to pay for 2 new furnaces for the museum, the repaving of the rear parking lot, and the major fund raiser we had for the Roach House. Your support helps us to continue our work in preserving our history.

Any and all donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to us at:

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**Twinsburg, OH 44087**

**Attn: Riley Roof**

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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This year's "Tales of Locust Grove" is on Friday, October 6 and Saturday October 7. The tours will begin at 6:00 and the last tour will leave at 8:00. Groups should plan to get their tickets at the same time. There are no presale tickets. The actual tour is around an hour. Visitors will purchase tickets at the Museum located on 8996 Darrow Road. Adults are 5.00 and 12 and under are 1.00. Each tour takes the visitors on a special path in the cemetery beginning with the museum..Musicians fill the air with harmonica and guitar music. Even though the tellers are inhabitants of a cemetery, there is nothing scary here. All of the proceeds go to preserving the cemetery. We welcome additional donations and any amount you drop in our donation jars will be gratefully accepted. It is all outside so dress for October weather. Sturdy shoes are recommended as the ground can be tricky. We will be there rain or shine. Bring a neighbor and a friend. Check the website [www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org](http://www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org) or the Face Book Page for updates.

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### **Another Olde Thyme Fayre is a part of History!**

Trustees agree that it was a good weekend. We were pleased to welcome many long-time friends as well as those visiting for the first time, and we were all grateful for the good weather. People enjoyed some olde favorites - the Bakery, Kids Krafts, the antique printing press, Tony Roberson painting, historic music to name a few. And this year's additions were well-received. Jill Griffiths engaged families in the Craft Room, helping them understand spinning wool into yarn and then having them weave on one of our looms. Many people stopped at the tables set up by the Friends of the Twinsburg Library, the Twinsburg Garden Club, and the Library Foundation to learn more about these groups. Curry's Tropical Sno Cones did a pretty constant business and say they will be back next year! And Tony Roberson changed from artist to Predator and told us about the adventures of riding an electric unicycle - complete with demonstrations, much to the delight of old and young. People went home with ribbons earned by showing produce, flowers, and home crafted items. Others were happy winners of one of the 11 different raffle items. Deb and Rob Davenport, our dedicated musicians, collected \$64 from the 50/50 raffle. Not huge, but OK for a \$5.00 investment.

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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9/24/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum & Riley House.

10/4/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

10/6/2023, **Special Program**, 6-8PM, Museum/Freeman Barn, Tales of Locust Grove, Ticketed Event.

10/7/2023, **Special Program**, 6-8PM, Museum/Freeman Barn, Tales of Locust Grove, Ticketed Event.

10/25/2023, **Special Program**, 7-8PM, Museum, Presented by Marion Boyer. A narrative about finding her own roots plus learning much about East coast England in the early 1900's.

10/29/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

11/1/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

11/19/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, **Special Program** on the Edmund Fitzgerald, Program starts at 3PM, Museum.

12/6/2023, Christmas Party, 7-9PM, Museum. Bring a snack to share.

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## Olde Thyme Fayre Continued:

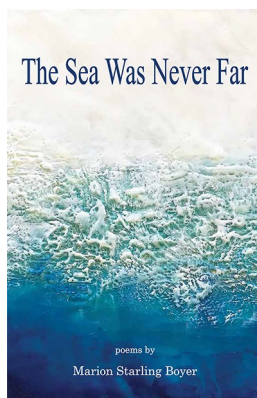


And, Joan Ponter, pictured to left, won first place in this year's baking challenge - oatmeal cookies. Her prize? A Handel's gift card!  
The Trustees thank all of the many people who helped make it a good weekend. We especially thank sisters/chefs Betsy Diersing and Susan Engeman who once again baked through Friday night in order to have fresh goodies to sell on Saturday morning. And then, as always, gave us their profits.  
And thanks to ALL who attended. Do you think you missed something or want to see more? Our next Open House is soon - Sunday, 9/24, from 2:00-

5:00. Or, we can make arrangements for private visits. Leave a message at 330-487-5565 or email [president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org](mailto:president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org)



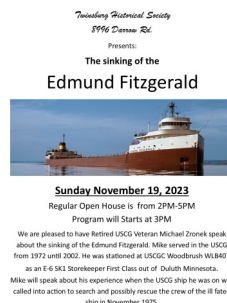
On October 25, 2023 from 7-8PM we will host Twinsburg author, Marion Starling Boyer, who will speak about how she uncovered her grandmother's secret through Ancestry.com and that led her to travel to England and write her book, The Sea Was Never Far. Join us as Boyer unfolds the mystery, shares documents of London's Foundling Home, and recreates the historical voices of fishermen and gutting girls during the English herring industry's boom from 1900 to 1913. Of shipwrecks and salvage in the treacherous North Sea; of witnesses to the bomb dropped from a Zeppelin, the first aerial bomb ever to fall on England, with images to accompany these fascinating stories.



## \*\*Membership Dues\*\*:

This subject has been discussed over and over and we have come to the conclusion that we need to raise our membership dues. We have maintained the current rate for a very long time. With what we are trying to do to maintain the history of Twinsburg we just can't hold that line any longer. Starting in January 2023 we will be installing the new Membership fees. More info coming next month.

We have a special program lined up for the November 19th Open House. Mr. Mike Zronek will be presenting his experiences while in the United States Coast Guard. He was on one of the ships that was sent to search for the Edmund Fitzgerald. He has first hand experience and insight that you may never have heard before. Open House is from 2pm-5pm. The program will start at 3pm.



***"The challenge of history is to recover the past and introduce it to the present."***

**David P Thelen**

## Renewing Members:

Joyce Harney  
Bob & Sharon Vejdovec

## New Members:

Carla Vondrak &  
Timothy Garfield

Want to become a member or renew?  
Just go to our website at  
[www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org](http://www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org)  
and select "Membership".

## ***This month's Featured Business Partner:***

**Jilek  
Roofing Inc.**

Jilek Roofing in Twinsburg, OH offers complete residential roofing services. As a GAF authorized seller, we use only the best roofing supplies and materials on every project.

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## SOLON TO TWINSBURG

A JOURNEY DOWN SOM CENTER ROAD,  
NORTH STREET. ROUTE 91, DARROW ROAD,

OR AS YOU LIKE IT

By William T. Gillie

Part 8

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all young adults when I was a child and they were all out on their own. Will, I believe, was the one who was killed in an explosion at the powder mill at Falls Junction. We occasionally borrowed horses from Charlie for a day or two of service.

Each spring, Charlie Schmalzle supplied us with a batch of soft, round, chirping chicks from which we raised a gaggle of poultry. One or two of these became pets each year. Charlie was a thoroughly good man. In fine weather, he would stop his milk wagon at our house and patiently await and assist my clambering efforts to get up to the high seat next to him for the ride down to the rail crossing at which the Wheeling and Lake Erie train picked up the large milk cans from half a dozen farmers in the area. The thrill of seeing and hearing the large steam engine seemingly coming right at you never wore away. The train crew and the farmers exchanged morning pleasantries and their walking the heavy, full cans into the car and leaving the clanking empties on the platform for refill is all a cherished and still very real memory.

Boarding and dismounting the wagon was a hazard for one of my size at the time, for I couldn't do either rapidly enough to time the operation between the swishes of the horse's tail which inflicted a painful sting on the face as I was half-way on or off the high wagon.

Brother John was, it must be conceded, a more interesting and mischievous an individual. He had fascinating stories, some from German lore, some about our neighbors, some painfully true, and some woven from the purest (*will have to wait till next month to see the ending of this sentence*)

## This Month in History: September

- 1944 Warsaw Uprising Ends
- 1969 Days of Rage riots in Chicago
- 1921 Sleeping Sickness Deaths Increase
- 1966 Strict New Apartheid Laws Take Effect In South Africa
- 1898 The US takes formal possession of Island of Puerto Rico
- 1910 Dr. Crippen Convicted Of Murder
- 1941 The Mt. Rushmore sculpture is completed

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## Trivia Challenge:

What group of American women displayed their loyalty by participating in boycotts of British goods following the passage of the Townshend Acts in 1767?

- A. Women's Social and Political Union
- B. Daughters of Liberty
- C. Daughters of the American Revolution
- D. Suffragettes

The Daughters of Liberty used their traditional skills to weave and spin yarn and wool into fabric, known as "homespun". They were recognized as patriotic heroines for their success, making America less dependent on British textiles. They also experimented to find substitutes to the many boycotted goods such as tea and sugar, and were among the first to use boiled basil leaves to make a tea like drink, referred to as Liberty Tea.

Answer: B

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