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**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.

Twinsburg Historical Society  
8996 Darrow Rd.  
Presents:  
**The sinking of the  
Edmund Fitzgerald**



**Sunday November 19, 2023**  
Regular Open House is from 2PM-5PM  
Program will start at 3PM

We are pleased to have Retired USCGC Veteran Michael Zronek speak about the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. Mike served in the USCGC from 1972 until 2002. He was stationed at USCGC Woodhull WLB407 as an E-6 S13 Storekeeper First Class out of Duluth Minnesota. Mike will speak about his experience when the USCGC ship he was on was called into action to search and possibly rescue the crew of the ill fated ship in November 1975.

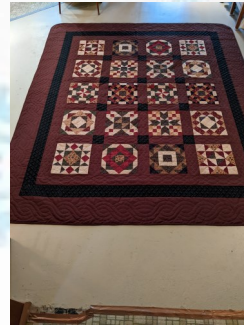
**Last Chance at the 2023 Quilt Fundraiser**

CHOCOLATE CHARM 92" x 108" Queen Size

**\$5.00 Donation per Ticket**

**Drawing on December 6th 2023 at the Holiday Party.**

Tickets can be purchased at the museum during the monthly open house the last Sunday of the month from 2-5pm or by stopping in on Tuesdays from 9-12pm when the quilters are quilting. You can also call the museum and leave a message.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** This year's Holiday Party will once again be at the Museum. We are planning for Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 7-9pm. All are welcome to join us for food and drink and Holiday Cheer. You are welcome to bring a snack to share or just enjoy what your Trustees come up with. Enjoy some Holiday music and a chance to visit with others interested in Twinsburg's history. There will be time to buy more Quilt Raffle tickets before the winning ticket is drawn at the end of the evening.

You're probably reading this before Thanksgiving, so it seems like a good time for the Historical Society Trustees to give some thanks. It is amazing to look back over the year and realize how much help we have had from so many of you in the community. *Volunteers maintain the grounds at the Museum, Barn, and Moses Roach House. Volunteers meet every Tuesday morning in the Craft Room (and come to events and open houses). They work on projects that add to our treasury and enrich the community's awareness of many aspects of life in early Twinsburg. Volunteers make it possible to have the Olde Thyme Fayre, Tales of Locust Grove, and other programs.* We Trustees get our names listed on the back of this Newsletter, but it is all of you who make the Historical Society relevant and valued. We thank all of our many Volunteers, our members, our donors, and all of you who attend our events.

Happy Holidays!!

# 2023

## December Newsletter

### Mark Your Calendar

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

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

1/10/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, First Congregational Church.

1/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

2/6/2023, **Special Program**, 7PM, Riley House. "Shackleberg/ Antartica" Program by Marion Starling Boyer.

2/7/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, First Congregational Church.

2/24/2023, **Special Program**, 1PM, First Congregational Church, "Unity Celebration".

2/25/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

3/6/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, First Congregational Church.

3/24/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

4/3/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

4/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.





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### Riley House Roof Follow up.

We would like to thank all that helped by donating to the Riley Roof Fund. We currently have raised \$740 out of the \$12,890 that is needed. The roof has been replaced but your help is still needed. The cost of replacing the roof on this historic building is much more than the donations that we have received. If you can find it in your heart to help us with a kind donation to help defray these costs, it would go a long way in helping us cover this needed repair. Any amount is helpful. We are a 501 3c entity so any amount that you donate is a tax deduction for you. Please consider donating . Thankyou.

Local author Marion Starling Boyer gave a wonderful talk about her book , The Sea was Never-Far. The story, told in poetry, is inspired by the incredible history of her great grandmother. She was a riveting speaker and held the audience enthralled for the entire time. She will be at the Riley House on Tuesday, February 6, to talk about another book ,Ice Hours is a suite of poems set in majestic and severe Antarctica, chronicling the nearly forgotten story of the Ross Sea party. who sailed on the Aurora at the beginning of World War I to support Sir Ernest Shackleton’s 1914–1917 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition on the Endurance. There is so much more to this story. Boyer is a an excellent researcher and a powerful story teller.

### Don't forget:

From time to time, prices have to go up. For the 5<sup>th</sup> time since 2021 our monthly postal rates are increasing along with the Newsletter printing costs and utilities for the four buildings maintained by the Society. You’ve experienced this on the consumer end, and now the Twinsburg Historical Society finds itself having to moderately increase our Membership dues effective January 2024. Annual memberships will increase by \$5 & two year memberships will increase by \$10. Remember, two year memberships come with a pair of free tickets to our 2024 Tales of Locust Grove.

Even just considering the past year, in addition to our monthly Open Houses, some of the free Historical Society Programs offered were:

Presentations on “History of Geauga Lake”, “Black History Unity Celebration”, “Crime Safety Speech by Summit County Prosecutor’s Office”, “Tech Sunday”, “Beyond the Monument” presentation, “Open Mike Night”, “Fun & Games Day”, “Underground Railroad” presentation, “The Olde Thyme Fayre” and our 15<sup>th</sup> year of “Tales of Locust Grove”. There also was a presentation by author Marion Boyer on finding her roots & a special presentation on the Edmund Fitzgerald is coming soon.

Throughout the coming years, we will continue to provide Special Presentations and are confident that our members will support our ongoing commitment to making Twinsburg history accessible to the community.

Thank you in advance for your understanding & past support of The Twinsburg Historical Society.

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

*David P Thelen*

## Renewing Members:

Debbie Brindza  
Debra Sue Tobak  
Diana Reis  
Daniel Nichols  
Michael & Sandra Silvestro  
M. Lynette & Ali Martin Scoufield

## New Members:

Dawn Winston  
Susan Gay  
Michael & Kristen Holko

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



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of our community.**

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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 9

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Well do I recall the stress and strain which beset my brother when faced for the first time in his life by the request that he account for his services and render a statement calling for payment to himself. Mrs. Snyder had said. "Jamie, when you present your bill, I'll pay you." The result must indeed have been an important commercial document. In my turn, I had his example. ■

The Snyders were the parents of Bob, mentioned above, and there was another brother Howard, who, with his young wife, built a small house in the pasture on the high land east of our house. That part of the property was separated from ours by a rail fence built by my grandfather. A few of its rails currently rest in my back yard in Columbus through the courtesy of our friends Steve and Kathy Shick.

During Howard's occupancy of the house in the field, he built a tennis court in the pasture. Eventually, he and his friends allowed the court to fall into disuse.

Howard was kind enough to allow my brother Jim, our friend Charlie Weimer, and me to rehabilitate and use the tennis court when we were teenagers. Many happy hours were spent on the hard clay of that bit of subverted pastureland.

In our journey southward from Solon, we have now reached the property which was our family homestead, one mile north of Twinsburg.



## This Month in History: December

- 1942** Nationwide gasoline rationing goes into effect U.S.
  - 1933** Prohibition comes to an end
  - 1963** Studebaker Production Ends
  - 2003** Keiko From Free Willy dies
  - 1950** James Dean who is still unknown at that time appears in a Pepsi commercial
  - 1972** Last Men To Walk On The Moon
  - 1966** Dr. Seuss' book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is made into an animated television special and shown for first time on CBS
  - 1903** The first car number plate ( A1 ) is issued in England
  - 1968** Apollo 8 orbits the Moon, becoming the first manned space mission to achieve the feat.
  - 1903** The Iroquois Theater Fire in Chicago, Illinois, claims 602 lives
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## Trivia Challenge:

What mathematician spent his life calculating the value of pi to 707 decimal places?

- A. D.F. Ferguson
- B. John Machin
- C. Gottfried Leibniz
- D. William Shanks

Schoolmaster and amateur mathematician William Shanks (1812-82) spent the greater part of his life calculating the value of pi to 707 decimal places. 60 years after his death, mathematician D.F. Ferguson used a mechanical calculator to show that he had got the last 180 of these decimal places wrong.

**Answer: D**



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