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2024

March

Newsletter

This month's Newsletter is dedicated to long-time Twinsburg resident Larnie Zellner. Larnie has been a mainstay of "The Tales of Locust Grove" and an integral part of our Black History celebrations. This year's program, "Unity", is mostly possible because of him. Thank you Larnie Zellner!

We will have a special program on Wednesday, March 13, about solar eclipses, as preparation for the big event on April 8.

Six students from Twinsburg High School's National Honor Society are presenting this and have supplied us with the following statement:

On April 8th, a total solar eclipse is projected to be visible in Cleveland and surrounding areas. This is a monumental occurrence as the last total eclipse that graced Cleveland skies was in 1806, and the next is predicted to be in 2444. As members of the National Honor Society, we must engage with the public and share knowledge. In light of this once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, we have crafted an inviting presentation to dive into the history of the eclipse and any other information to make the experience as memorable as possible. To fully and safely appreciate this event, correct and engaging information must be shared. We hope you will join us and be fully immersed in the occurrence on April 8th!



This will be at the Museum. The program starts at 7:00 and there is no charge.

The author talk by Marion Boyer at the Riley House had the biggest crowd yet. About 20 people gathered to hear her read from her awarding winning book on another side of the story of Ernest Shackleton's voyage to Antarctica. This is Marion's second presentation and we are looking forward to more in the future.

Mark Your Calendar

2/24/2024, **Special Program**, 2PM, First Congregational Church, "Unity Celebration".

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

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

3/13/2024, **Special Program**, 7PM, Museum, "Eclipses".

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

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

4/13/2024, **Annual Meeting**, 5PM, First Congregational Church, **Program: "History of the Underground Railroad"** by the Summit County Historical Society.

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

5/1/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

5/26/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

6/5/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

6/30/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

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

7/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM,

TWINSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS THE ANNUAL **BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM** THEME: UNITY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024 at 2PM
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
9050 Church St, Twinsburg, Oh 44087

Singers, Dancers,
Community Leaders, Speakers and many more

Special Musical Guests:
Mr. Larnie Zellner Sr.
renowned singing group
Still Under Construction

FREE ADMISSION
Refreshments provided by Sister-Sister and
Harmonii Social Lounge and Restaurant

WE WILL BE HONORING
TWINSBURG'S SON THE LEGENDARY
MR. HUBERT BRANDON

"Unity" is the theme for Twinsburg Historical Society Black History Celebration.

We are presenting this year's Black History Celebration on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 2:00-4:00 at the First Congregational Church in Twinsburg.

This is a day to celebrate all faiths and ethnicities that we are blessed to have in our three communities, Twinsburg, Twinsburg Township and Reminderville. This celebration is an annual tradition and has grown every year. This year will be focusing on music coordinated by Larnie Zellner. There is a special tribute in memory of Hubert Brandon and of course good food to share. Check out our Facebook and our website twinsburghistoricalsociety.org for information and updates.

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We welcome a new Trustee - Bekki Salamon-Maslar. Bekki and her family are fairly new Twinsburg residents although she grew up in the area. She was initially drawn to the Historical Society by her then five-year-old son, Colton, and his love of our Museum and Barn. She, husband Matt, and Colton helped with the “Old-time Toys” that we had at our June 2023 Open House. She has already enlisted the help of her daughter Gwen in baking cookies for an upcoming program. She brings new ideas and energy to the Historical Society, and we are happy to have Bekki and her family with us.

How much time is volunteered to the Twinsburg Historical Society you ask?

I think it will be more than you think. In 2019 we started tracking all the hours that the Trustees and Volunteers put in at the Museum and its properties. We thought this would be a good idea because we were starting to look into different Grants that we could apply for and some of them required “Volunteer Hours” as part of the criteria to apply. So every Trustee has a Volunteer hours sheet that they keep at home to track hours they put in at home and there is a sign in/out sheet at the museum for when we are working at the museum or the other properties. We started this in June of 2019. As of December 31, 2023 we have a total of 4177 line item entries in the data base. (There are entries for 2024 that will be entered soon) These numbers do not even include the amount of time that has not been recorded for documentation. We have a very dedicated group of Trustees and Volunteers. But as you can see, there is a lot of volunteer opportunities at the Museum and it’s properties.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Hours</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2019 | 443.96 |
| 2020 | 1854.11 |
| 2021 | 1724.82 |
| 2022 | 1772.50 |
| 2023 | 1908.17 |
| <u>Total:</u> | <u>7703.56</u> |

If you are interested in Volunteering, please go to our website, twinsburghistoricalsociety.org, click “About” then click on “Volunteer” and you can sign up to be put on the Volunteer list. We have it set up several different ways you can do this. Volunteering is one way to see if you would like to become a Trustee!!

Hope to see you soon!!

Update: Riley House Roof Follow up.

We would like to thank all that helped by donating to the Riley Roof Fund. The total expense from Jilek Roofing was \$12,890 and we thank Jim and his crew for working with us on the roofs of all of our buildings. Total donations received, to date, that were designated to the “Riley Roof” has been \$4140. We appreciate those who have sent in donations and will continue to accept any and all future funds received. All donations received are tax deductible. We will continue to update you on all donations received. Thank you.

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

David P Thelen

Renewing Members:

Sue Graham

Save the date: 4/13/2024, Annual Meeting/potluck with a program by the Summit County Historical Society: “History of the Underground Railroad”

Side Note:

Channel 5 WEWS, is putting together a program featuring Twinsburg Heights. The only other info we have is that it is to be aired on 2/29/2024 . We don’t even know what time. If we get any more info we will get it on the website and Facebook page.

This month’s Featured Business Partner:



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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 12

horses with whom I became acquainted in the twelve years preceding my graduation from college.

One unforgettable member of the William Hirschman family was a nephew of Mrs. Hirschman, Frank Miller, whom we youngsters loved. Frank worked occasionally as a farm hand for his uncle. He was tall, slender, muscular, and very congenial. If he didn't love children, we never knew it because Frank could fix things, lift a nine-year-old high enough to grasp the lower branches of a tree, balance a bicycle long enough to enable short legs and small feet to take over pedaling responsibilities, and could reach apples far beyond the scope of ground bound consumers. One of my early awakenings to the hard fact of life that things, people and life itself change grew out of Frank Miller's departure when he landed a steady job far from easy access to Twinsburg. The upholstery of life just will not stay in its comfortable, familiar, proper place.

Will Hirschman was a strong character and, in many ways, a demanding parent and employer, but in a pinch, a man with a heart and blessed with intelligence enabling him to cope in his world.

When the Hirschman's finally left, and I believe William himself died shortly after leaving our farm, it left a large gap in our daily round.

For a very few years, an elderly gentleman named Hotchkiss, with numerous dependents, lived in the rear part of the house but didn't farm the acres.

In actual fact, my brother and I did most of the work on the tilled acreage while

This Month in History: March

1941 Nashville, Tennessee becomes the home of the very first FM radio station

1957 Ghana gains its independence from Britain

1974 Work on the 800 mile long Alaska Oil pipeline connecting oil fields in northern Alaska to the sea port at Valdez begins.

1969 The Love Bug, a popular Disney movie, was released

1967 The tanker "Torrey Canyon" runs aground on rocks between Land's End and the Scilly Isles

1963 The Beatles' first album, "Please Please Me," is released in England

1982 Groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

1867 U.S.A. Buys Alaska for \$7.2 million

Trivia Challenge:

Who was the first American casualty in the American Revolutionary War?

- A. John J. Williams
- B. John Bacon
- C. Daniel Hough
- D. Crispus Attucks

Answer: D
Crispus Attucks was the first person killed in the Boston massacre and is widely considered to be the first American casualty in the American Revolutionary War. Of Wampanoag and African descent, he became an icon of the anti-slavery movement in the 18th century and was held up as a Native American who played a heroic role in the history of the United States

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