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SPRING HAS ARRIVED - ARE YOU READY TO HELP!

General Information

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Upcoming Events
At the Historical Village

1. April 21st Genealogy Classes begin at 7:00 PM at the Library
2. Sunday May 3, 2015 Historical Village open from 6:00 PM to 8:00 pm and every Sunday until September
3. Thursday May 7, 2015 Historical Village open 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM and every Thursday until September
4. Sunday May 17th Trolley tours of Hilliard 1:30 to 4:00 PM, 2 hour tour guide, water, Train cookie, Begins at Historical Library Sponsored by Destination Hilliard
5. Saturday June 20, 2015 Classic Car show at the Historical Village 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Food, Entertainment ,150 to 200 classic cars on display, Families welcome!
1. Saturday July 18th to Saturday July 25th 2015 Franklin County Fair. The village will be open all week with many volunteers needed for every type of job.

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Board Meetings 2015 The first Wednesday, of the month at 7 PM in January, March, May, July, September and as needed and called for by the President.

Membership Meetings (At the Library)

Third Wednesday of the month in March, April, May, June, September & November except for October (annual dinner meeting) & no December meeting

Message from the President

-Steve Smith-



The year 2015 is upon us and is quickly going by. Many accomplishments occurred during 2014 to include Heritage Day, Christmas Tree Lighting along with Santa in the Red Ca- boose, several weddings and the completion of a grant to the City of Hilliard for funds to repair the church. Thanks to all who worked diligently on these projects. As for the church repairs additional funds were received from members and also the Norwich Township Trustees provided funds to assist in the repairs. Work on the church is to be scheduled to start in early April and should be completed by the end of April.

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message from the President.

Now as we move forward there are many things on the horizon. The Hilliard Arts Council will be hosting their summer concert series in the gazebo at the library again this year on Sunday Evenings at 7 PM. Destination Hilliard will also have concerts in the gazebo on Tuesday evenings to promote spending the evening at the farm market, enjoying dinner at one of the local restaurants and then enjoying a concert at the gazebo. Destination Hilliard is also promoting a Trolley Tour of Hilliard for Sunday May 17th from 1:30 to 4:00pm (This is a tour of Old Hilliard, Wesley Chapel and then stops at the village train station and caboose. More information to follow at the next meeting). The Society will also be co-sponsoring a car show with the Empty Pocket Cruisers at the village on June 20th from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. This will be a fun event with the Cruisers and a valuable opportunity to showcase the village to many people.

Soon we will be implementing a sponsorship program to raise monies for the village. Robert Peterson and his group have been working diligently on this program and it will go live soon. If any member would like to assist in this program let Robert or myself know. Also if you have a particular company or business that you feel might be a good candidate let us know.

Soon it will be fair time and the demands of the use of the village will be great. Keep in mind that the village will need docents during the fair and I know that our members will help as much as possible. This is another event that will highlight the work that we do in preserving history.

One other note is that the "History in a Suitcase" is becoming more popular with the schools this year than in the past. This is partially due to funding restrictions on the schools but also provides them an option for when the village is not open. If any docent would like to assist in these

school tours please contact Megan Martin or Barb Cash. Again I want to thank all members of the society for their contributions during the past year and look forward to the years ahead in providing a reflection on the history of our area.

Steve Smith, President

LIBRARY NEWS

Our new librarian is Marilyn Evans. She will replace Ruth Lichtensteiger who remains on the staff but will focus on genealogy research and will work on obtaining Grants for our Historical Society including the Historical Village. Your library staff is: Thelma, Ruth, Pat, Marilyn, Howard, Christy, Theresa & AC. Marilyn reports after her first new experience as follows: "What a gem we have in our archives. As I become acquainted with the resources in our library, the more I appreciate the hard work that has gone into putting together and organizing the materials that we have. Local histories including Hilliard, Yearbooks, Area Church Histories, Family Genealogies, Historical Maps are just some of the items found. Almost all materials have been donated by a long list of people over many years. While our materials do not circulate, we are hoping to make the collection available to researchers and genealogists in the area. Come see us! Hours are 10AM to 2PM Tuesdays and Thursdays. We Hope to see you soon."

Church Weddings by Judy Vowell

We have been very busy at the church with many weddings planned. Call Judy Vowell 614-851-8860 with any prospects for people interested in using our Historical Village Church for a wedding service. As this newsletter goes to press, we have the following schedule for Weddings :

March 28th	May 23rd	June 6th
June 13th	June 13th	July 18th

Volunteers are always needed for Weddings. If you have volunteered before, please contact Judy. Remember there is usually a rehearsal on the Friday night before the Wedding date.

WEBSITE UPDATE



By Darrell Walters The webpage for the society is continuously being updated all the time. A new Membership List has been updated and we have a total of 259 members, 152 Lifetime; 48 Family, 54 Individual; 4 student and 1 business membership.

New info. posted on our NEW Website address: www.hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com
Our NEW Email address is: hilliardohiohistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Our Phone number is the same: 614-876-5880. We have had over 140 hits of interest on our new website. Contact Darryl Walters by Email: darryljwalters@gmail.com or call: 614-777- 9229_with any new information for our website or membership list.

NOTE : IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM The President !!!

The Society needs to ensure that accurate information is provided to the community and agencies that we deal with in a positive and appropriate manner. Any correspondence between members of the Society that may have an affect on the operations of the Society that involve outside agencies need to be coordinated with the President and possibly the Board. This includes any verbal or written forms of communication Requests for printing of any documentations for the Society's benefit needs to be submitted to the Board for review and approval. This will maintain consistency in our organization in providing the best possible information to the community that we serve. Thanks, Steve Smith, President

Sunshine and Memorials

By Marjory Dougherty -

Any one who needs a card, please give me a call: 614- 876- 7772.

Thinking of you

Paul & Jean McCarty - Congratulations for celebrating their 60th Anniversary

Barbara Cash had a hip replaced and is doing great

Nancy Bryner also had a knee replaced and is doing fine

Patty Gloecker is having therapy

Howard Crispin was in the hospital 2 times he had the Flu - much better now

Jane Anderson had vein in leg taken care of March 6th

Memorials

Leon Boucher's son David passed away, he was 61.

Harry Lease Passed away in January 12, 2015 - our sympathy to Dot Lease

Ed Hall passed away in January, our sympathy to Carol Hall

Our sympathy to Thelma Allemang, her son, Ron Passed away March 1, 2015

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

VOLUNTEERS: Are always needed for support of all our programs. You do not necessarily have to know the details of a building or display, however more educated help we can get is appreciated, but sometimes we just need help in set up, service and security to make the program work better. All members are invited. Call either Megan Martin (876-4128) or Barbara Cash at (710-1113) who always welcome your help doing all kinds of jobs. See the list of programs listed on page one are a good examples, plus we have School Tours scheduled for April 7th, April 30. May 19, May 21, May 26 and June 9th . The Franklin County Fair is July 18th - 25th and the Village is open all week. Many volunteers will be needed for particularly for this event .hank you for your continued great support. Keep it going!



Where Is Spring?

I am like everyone I run into these days in that I am tired of winter. It seems to have been particularly brutal this year. I decided to look for evidence of the awaited season. I went outside and all I could find was 5" of cold, white precipitation, no crocuses, no jonquils, and no daffodils. Wind chill readings of -10 degrees are not compatible with spring. In looking outside it was not apparent. In looking inside the library, I found my first sign of spring and was on our Society calendar of events. **Our genealogy classes are beginning on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm at our Historical library.**

We will be having Misti Spillman, Education Director of "The Castle" in Marietta, Ohio, to speak. She is also a Local History Corps Member of the Ohio Historical Connection.

The Society has had an interest for years in restoring the Hart Cemetery. It is the only cemetery within the Hilliard City limits. Ms. Spillman will be talking to us about cemetery restoration. "Cemetery restoration is not an easy process. It takes time and a lot of patience! When I restored my first cemetery, Howell in Montra, Ohio. I had no guide book or toolkit for me to read or follow along. Besides Lynette Strangstad's *A Graveyard Preservation Primer*, there are few books that provided in depth detail about restoration."

Ms. Spillman set about to create a toolkit of information to help people restore an old abandoned cemetery. She wanted to provide help in the process to make it easier to search and research for the history of the cemetery and to also increase the appreciation of old cemeteries and their history.

Please come and join us for the evening of fun and information...Again; Tuesday April 24 2015 at 7:00 PM in the historical Library.

By: Ruth Lichensteiger

Genealogy from Jennie Spring-Starr...

February 24, 2015... My step-brother was buried today ... Donald Pierce Leppert, son of Emerald "Bud", and Hulda May, grandson of Otto and (Emma Pierce) and great-grandson of Christian and Rosa (Siefert) Leppert, the immigrants. World War II was on, Donnie was over in France, letters on paper so thin you could see the outline of your hand when you tried to read the few words left after deletions by the war department. For a while, there was no word, then we were informed he was in a hospital in France as he was shot crossing the Rhine River.

Hulda had died of tuberculous that year, 1945. In November, Corrinne Ann and Doris Jane "Jennie" became members of the Leppert clan when Mary Alice (Gard) Spring married Bud Leppert. Donnie was 9 years older than me. Soon after Donnie came home, he married. Until his death on February 19th, I did not know him very well. Since then, I have delved into this direct lineage of the Leppert genealogy. Christian and Rosa begot Frank, Otto, Katherine, Augustus, Charles, William, Jacob, Clara and Christian. Otto and Emma begot Henry, Vella, Anna, Ervin, Nora, Bud and Emma. Emerald and Hulda begot Paul who died young, and Donald Pierce Leppert. Emerald "Bud" and Mary Alice begot Sharan Kay. In this direct line I have entered 130 people since Thursday.

Aunt Vella Finch lived in Plain City, she heated the house with an old Warm Morning stove, so she came into Columbus to take care of Ann and I in the winter while mother was working at Curtis Wright. Our apartment was warm. War time you know. We knew her, Anna Finch and Nora Cosgray, Ervin and Ethyl Leppert before the marriage but did not question the relationships.

The Leppert family goes back four generations in America. Yet, living in Brown, Norwich, and Washington Townships of Franklin County their presence and friendship is sure to have touched your life.. The Davis, Shipman, Nunamaker, Brobeck, Bower, Gard families all inter-married with the Leppert's.

Think about getting your heritage preserved...Your name, parents and grandparents if you know them.

We would like to add your heritage to our Hilliard Historical Society records. Please bring them to the office or email Jennie at jss6141@yahoo.com. We need your assistance in this Project.



Tales From the Log Cabin

By Megan Martin

.This story is from sources, circa 1850;. We are starting to see a slight glimmer that winter may soon be over. After being cooped up in a one room cabin, the early pioneer family could not wait to get outside and move about to soak up some sunshine and fresh air. The men prepared to start planting their fields and the women turned to the task of “Spring cleaning.” It was a hard task as this old poem states:

The melancholy days that come
The saddest of the year

When scrubbing brushes, mops and brooms
art flying far and near,
When carpets, curtains, rugs and beds,
Are stretched on fence and line
And everything is upside down,
O, sad, unhappy time *

After removing the rubbish from the cabin that had accumulated through the winter, windows and doors were left open to give the place a “good airing out.” A good way to start cleaning would be to take everything outside....everything. You could just imagine sooty the walls were after a winter of constant fires in the fireplace. If you were fortunate to have glass in your windows they would be covered in soot too. Using a broom, cobwebs and dust could be knocked down off the walls. Vinegar and water would clean any glass.

Since the early settlers had only a dirt floor, they would remove several inches which helped clear out the dust and dead bugs. The floor would be replaced with fresh dirt and packed firmly down. Those cabins lucky enough to have a wooden floor used dampened sawdust or coffee grounds to help attract the dust and to cut down on having it fly around the room. Many settlers with wooden floors covered all or part with rugs. The smaller rugs were hung over the clothesline and using a rug beater, beat the dirt and dust out. Children were expected to help with the Spring cleaning and the job of beating the rugs many times fell to them.

Rarely did cabins have wall to wall rugs but they would sometimes sew several rugs together to cover a larger area. For those rugs, they had to be taken apart for easier removal outside. When they were free of dirt and dust, they had the hard task of sewing them back together. Many times straw or sawdust was placed down first to make a type of padding. Afterwards salt was placed between the rug and the wall and the edge of the rug. This was to prevent moths that were attract-

- ted to the rug material.

As furniture was moved back into the cabin, each piece would be dusted and washed. Oils were rubbed into the dry wood and brought it to shine. Beds were taken completely apart and inspected for bed bugs. If found, very hot water was poured into the crevices, hopefully to kill the eggs. Mattresses were emptied of the old corn husk, straw or hay and replaced. As clothes were cleaned and put back into trunks and dishes back into cupboards, herbs like sage and tansy were placed around to keep out the moths and ants. Fresh tansy was hung around the cabin to keep out the flies. When everything was clean and back in place, the family could now settle down to the hard task of trying to make a living in this new village of Hilliard, Ohio
* From Mrs. Owens’s Cook Book and Useful Household Hints, by Frances Emugene Owens, 1884
Megan Martin, March 2015



MUSEUM UPDATE Tim Woodruff

The museum committee is always trying to think of ways to upgrade the displays in the museum.so that it will continue to be an outstanding small town museum. We are looking to rearrange some of the displays in the museum annex to make room for a “**History of Hilliard**” display. The committee would also like to install some kind of ceiling structure over the Parlor Room to hang a historical-chandelier.

We also need a Saturday as a work day to get the Museum ready for the new season. We need to hang pictures and display other items we have in storage. We made significant progress in the past 2 or 3 years and this should add to the attractions we have displayed.

If anyone has suggestions for changes or new displays, please contact an Officer or Board Member so we can continue making our museum attractive, interesting & informative for the community.

We are always looking for artifacts or historically interesting pictures, letters, or article to display in our museum. If you or an acquaintance has something to be donated, please provide a means of getting these items donated and assessed. We are looking for an exciting new year at the museum and the whole Historical Village.

All truth passes through 3 stages: First it is ridiculed
Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident

Arthur Schopenhauer

Historical Society Members voted for a New Name Change

In the September Newsletter we included a ballot to all members to vote to change our name to: Hilliard Ohio Historical Society After a phone call or two with questions from members, the name change was unanimously accepted. We now have done the paperwork with the State of Ohio and other agencies to make this change. It is almost complete. Here's the New Logo:

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Corporate Sponsors Program

We have a formal program in the works now to solicit financial and “In Kind” or product or services support for our Society’s operations, and the programs and events that we provide for the community. If you as a Member of the Society have any good contacts with local companies; you own a local company or if you work for a large national company; they are all Corporate Sponsor prospects.

We now have comprehensive “Corporate Sponsor” presentation booklets that you can get from Bob Peterson or ask any one of the officers or board members for a copy. We have a great Historical Society and a very unique and inviting Historical Village to showcase, that many sponsor would be eager to support. Many times they just need to be asked. Our regularly planned events like: The Franklin County Fair, Heritage Days our Christmas Programs, School Visits, Weddings and this year in June a Classic Car Show, attracts hundreds of people to our Village. If you would like a presentation to your company or would like one of us to come with you to you prospect company, give me a call. Remember our Historical Society is a 501(c) (3) Non-Profit organization which is a special tax category for donations for companies

Thank you for your support.

Bob Peterson (614-353-9330)