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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

General information

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Historical Village Events for 2017

Plus other Events of Interest in downtown Old Hilliard & Fairgrounds

1) School visits START in March end in September

Our village is open to local invited schools
To volunteer and information call Megan Martin 614-565-3210 - at least one A week in the spring.

2.) May 5- 7 Early TV Museum Conference

Down Town Old Hilliard at 5396 Franklin St.
This is a must to see daily event

3.) May 6 WALKING tour of down Town of Old Hilliard

9 AM Meet at the Library 5274 Norwich St

4) May 7 – 13 National Travel & Tourism Week National Preservation week

Downtown Old Hilliard

5.) MAY 21 21 OHIO N Scale Train Show

Franklin County Fairgrounds

6.) June 24th 3rd Annual Classic Car Show at the Historical Village - Hours 10 AM to 3 PM

7.) July 4th Parade

We usually enter our Model T, MODEL A AND 1941 CHEVY TRUCK - Down town Old Hilliard

8.) July 15 – 22 Franklin County Fair

100th Anniversary of the Fair
Destination_Hilliard_is sponsoring a display April through August in the Village Museum
With items from previous Fairs

9.) Old Hilliardfest September 9th

Downtown old Hilliard and the Village

10.) Heritage Day October 14th

In the Village

(2017 Events continued)

11.) Veterans Day Parade November 11th.

We enter our 3 Historical Trucks

12) December 10th Santa in the Red Caboose in the HISTORICAL Village

New Officers January 1, 2017

President – Barbara Cash 614-710-1113

Vice President – Bob Peterson 614-353-9330

Treasurer – Rodney Garnett 614-395-6736

Secretary – Marilyn Evans 614-742-7519

Board Members

Darryl Walters

Wally Cash

Randy Smith

Harold Brown

Megan Martin

Jeff Smith

Steve Smith (ex Officio) (2 open positions)

Board Meetings 2017 (At the Library)

The first Wednesday, of the month at 7 PM in January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and as needed and called for by the President.

Membership Meetings 2017 (At the Library)

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

Message from the President

Steve Smith

2016 has been has milestone for the society and its members. We celebrated our 50th anniversary as an organization and had many successful events during the year. How did we accomplish this? It was with hard work and dedication from our members. As my tenure as being president expires and the end of this year 2016. I encourage all members to continue their dedication to the society and the new administration, as it paves the way for 2017. Thanks to every member for making the society an integral part of Hilliard as we continue our mission to preserve the history of the area. I wish you all a very prosperous and Happy New Year! Thanks, Steve Smith

Open House Wednesday January 4th

_In the Library 5PM to 7 PM

2017 Dues & Membership Renewal

Forms attached - Return ASAP

Message from the Vice President

Tim woodruff

The Museum: The members really look to the coming year with great anticipation for the museum. A major change is in store for the Military display. Christy Clark approached us as spokesperson for the Franklin County Fair. 2017 is the 100th Anniversary of the Franklin county Fair at the Hilliard location. Christy asked if we would let them use the Military showcase to house a display of artifacts representing the Fair's 100 years of existence. We agreed to house the Fair display for a major part of 2017. We will relocate some of the Military items in a new location and in a new display.

Hopefully, we will upgrade multiple other displays to enhance the appeal to the public. Upgrades will include repairing items in displays and notes on items to explain what they are and other information, plus put other items in displays. Finally, we would like to display miscellaneous we have stored for years that we think will be interesting to all visitors. This is important take our museum to the next level to keep the public coming back time and again.

It might be the time to have a Museum committee that would meet regularly to work on accomplishments set forth above. If anyone is interested please contact Tim Woodruff.

Reminder: We have a fresh supply of the 50th Anniversary History Books for sale at just \$5.00 ea. in the Library and all of our Events. This is great collector's item of the History of Hilliard and of the 50th anniversary of our Historical society. What a great gift to give to friends and family for Christmas. They are available in the library now. Call in advance 614 -876-5880 and finish off your Christmas list and shopping

Bell Tower Monument

Our new 50th Anniversary Bell Tower monument is built and placed on the grounds of the Village. It is just about complete. We have inserted all of the 400 plus engraved bricks into the four sides of the tower. We are in the process of planning the

(Tim Woodruff –Continued

Commons around the Tower to make it a special place to stop and visit to see you memorial brick in its place on the tower. A Time Capsule was placed in the base of the tower with current artifacts inside and the plate on the outside instructs future members to not open until our 100th anniversary in 2066. This was a great project for our 50th Anniversary celebration

Archival Library News - Marilyn Evans

OPEN HOUSE

January 4th 5 to 7 PM

There will be an Open House for all members of the Historical Society on Wednesday, January 4th from 5-7pm. Come and join us for food and a social time. The new Hilliard Historical Society Board members will be there as they are meeting at 7pm. It will also be a chance to see the new classic shelving in the library. They all were generously donated by Jenny Spring-Starr, one of our members and genealogist. We hope to see you there.

More news from the Library

Again, thanks to Jenny Spring-Starr, our library has five new units of shelving which are added to the shelving that is in place. Jenny's gift gives the library much needed room to grow in the future. Also, we now have finished the cataloging all of the materials in the library proper. We plan to move on to cataloging the materials in our "back" room which are off the office area. Kari Inglis has been adding the call numbers to our data base. This will make the collection easier to find. Come and see us and see what we have accomplished.

We are now putting in place our new colored printer that was recently purchased. We are in the process of interlocking it with our laptop computer. Once everything is set up, we will now easily scan items on the new copier/printer and send them to the computer for saving in our data base records.

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR DUES AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS – ASAP

Tales from the Log Cabin – Megan Martin

FOOD FOR THE EARLY SETTLERS: Christmas

The early pioneers brought only a few supplies with them. As soon as they reached their destination they had to find more food. The early settlers could hunt, trap, fish and gather berries and other fruits to stay alive. The native people taught them how to plant crops that would grow well in the new land. If a family of settlers worked hard, they could build a house, clear some land, and plant crops in just a few weeks' time. The next year, the extra crops could be put away or bartered for animals, such as chickens, geese, pigs, sheep, and cows. The more crops and vegetables a settler could grow, the more could be traded for other goods.

The settlers discovered that wild turkeys were very good food. Turkeys soon became part of every holiday meal. In later days the settlers domesticated the wild turkey. The domesticated turkey was more moist than the wild turkey. However, many settlers still preferred the taste of the wild turkey.

The Christmas and Thanksgiving meals of the settlers were very similar. The only difference between Christmas and Thanksgiving meals were the foods that were symbolic to the holiday. There were many courses of meat, vegetables, and desserts. One settler wrote home that, "Our Christmas dinner was so big that we feared the table would break under the weight." Of course not everyone could afford a sumptuous meal with many dishes. Many settlers felt lucky even to have seen a turkey. One dish, plum pudding, was served only at Christmas. Plum pudding was the ultimate symbol of Christmas. No matter how little or how much the settlers had to eat for Christmas dinner, the pudding was always the main event

The tradition of the pudding can be traced back many hundreds of years in England. Christians used to fast before Christmas each year. The period of fasting was called "advent." Starting in the 14th century, they originally ate a porridge called "frumenty." It was made of

beef and mutton with raisins, currants, prunes, wines and spices. This was later mixed with sausages called "hackin." The mixture of the two resulted in the plum pudding. As the years went by, more and more ingredients were added to the pudding. Most of the meat was replaced by fruit and nuts.

When people immigrate to a new country they often want to keep traditions that were dear to them in their old countries. So when British settlers came to the New World they wanted to celebrate Christmas in the old way. The plum pudding became more important to them than it ever had been. It was a way to hold onto the past and to the customs. The plum pudding made the settlers feel that they could follow the same lifestyle in their new home as they had in the old. The pudding recalled the good times they shared with friends and family and relatives. It reminded them of the love they felt for each other. The Christmas pudding symbolized the miracle that is Christmas.

One of the hopes of our Hilliard Historical Society is to remind our visitors of what life was like for these hardy pioneers who settled our town. They all brought with them their traditions from their homelands. And that is why we need to remember the past and how we came to be the people we are today. Think of your own family holiday traditions. It is your duty to pass them on to your children and grandchildren. We need to show appreciation to our ancestors and to see how far we have come, and to never forget how we got here.

Now for the adventurous cooks, I give you a recipe from the past: A copy of this recipe is available in the Log cabin when you visit our village. A copy will also be place on our Website: hilliardohiohistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Megan Martin - "Your Pioneer Lady"

Some information was found in "Food for the Settler" by Bobby Kalman. The book is one from "The Early Settler Life Series." Crabtree Publishing Company.

See the Plum Pudding recipe attached

(Try it if you are adventurous, you will like it)

PLUM PUDDING - Recipe

About 4 weeks before Christmas mix the first 4 ingredients together in a bowl. Pour cooking sherry over top of fruit. Let the fruit soak for about 1 week in the sherry. Stir the fruit often during the course of the week. Mix all of the other ingredients together with fruit. Mix well. Tie the dough into a cloth firmly, but leave enough room for the mixture to swell. Boil it in the cloth for at least 5 hours. Do not let it stop boiling

Store the pudding at least 3 weeks in a cool dry place to develop full flavor.

On Christmas Day, steam pudding 30-40 minutes. Serve with hard sauce.

250 mL light raisins

500 mL currants

250 mL dark 200 mL grated orange and lemon peel

200 mL cooking sherry

250 mL grated carrots

500 mL suet, finely chopped

1.5 L bread crumbs

60 mL flour

300 mL brown sugar

2 mL mace

2mL nutmeg 5 mL ginger

8 eggs, well beaten

HARD SAUCE

20 mL soft butter

180 mL sugar

3 mL vanilla

1 egg white, beaten stiff

Warm bowl and spoon with boiling water. Cream butter. Add sugar and vanilla. Fold in egg whites. Store in cool place

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