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Historical Society Events

1. Special Tours and Weddings*

We welcome tours of our Village and rental of our Village Church for weddings or our other facilities for picnics, special parties or reunions. Call for fees & appointments at 614-876-5880 or

Email: hilliardohiohistoricalsociety@gmail.com

***Note:** All planned events are posted on our Website: hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com

2. March Membership Meeting:

The March 14, 2018 was held at the Safety Services Building. A special program was presented by **Angela O'Neil, Manager of the Local History & Genealogy Division for the Columbus Metropolitan Library. She formally worked at the Ohio History Connection** as the Director of Collections. She provided us with a great listing of Historical online resources that is available for our use and also for all citizens of the Hilliard area.

Message from President Barbara Cash

The winter months have been a time for dedicated volunteers to tackle some very large projects. The general store has been emptied, fitted out with a new "authentic" floor, reconfigured, and is on the way to being visitor ready by April.

In the meantime, Peggy Trump has been putting the final touches on our Civil War volume which should go to the printer soon.

Coming soon we will have a spring clean-up-day for the Village on Saturday, April 14th 9 a. to 1 p. we need everyone's help! That afternoon we will also host an open house at the Archival Library from 1 p to 4 p. Please join us and share the date with neighbors or friends who share an interest in the history of the area.

Get ready for spring tours! Calls are coming in to schedule school tours, Girl Scout ceremonies, weddings, Eagle Scout Projects, and Senior Center picnics. All of these events require planning and preparation by members to insure the safety of the treasures entrusted to us and to share the history of the area in an interesting and factual way. You will be contacted in April to attend training /information sessions and/or identify how you can serve the Society in other ways....construction, repairs, marketing, sewing.....the list goes on. Only you know your talents and how they can benefit the Society.

Volunteer Spotlight – No one individual is being pointed out this issue, but my gratitude goes out to the Building and Displays Committee who have been working practically every weekend all Winter to re-present the General Store, prioritize the many needs for the buildings for which we are responsible, the appropriate display rotations, and the security measures necessary to protect the Village.

Funding Opportunity - Did you know the Society owns or is the custodian for three antique vehicles?

Message from President -Continued

Currently they are stored in private garages and barns, but the need exists for The Society to provide a building for them. Thanks to the heirs to the Estate of **Dean Salts** the bulk of the money has been provided for us to do so. We are within \$4000 of meeting that goal. If you have a love for old vehicles, or just received a nice tax refund, or want to honor someone by having a plaque on the building for them, please consider contributing to this project. We hope this addition will be in place by autumn (Heritage Day).

Our March 7, 2018 Board Meeting

We discussed our two major projects that are in the planning and funding stages:

1. A New Blacksmith Shop a committee was formed, chaired by Bob Brooks. We have concept drawings and are now considering a suitable site in the Village to build it.

2. A Car Storage Building for our Car collection of Model A and Model T Ford trucks and our 1941 GMC truck is also in our plans.

3. Change in Our By-Laws

Fees for Tours – An active member will not have to pay for tours for events sponsored by the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society, including immediate family members. Other minor wording and spelling errors also corrected.

Message from Vice President Bob Peterson

After a grant from the City of Hilliard in 2017, we were able to do many fix-up and painting repairs to the Village. Plus we added the Montgomery Room meeting and display area. But the upkeep of historic building never ends. We do have funding from annual dues and fees collected for tours and planned events but we always need donations & sponsors to stay ahead of our fixed costs of insurance, rent, utilities, maintenance etc.

Remember we are a 501(c) (3) Non-profit organization. Which means all your donations and sponsorships is tax deductible. You have all of 2018 to make your donation to your Hilliard Ohio

Historical Society. The new Federal tax reforms are now in place.

Here are our needs NOW:

1. Blacksmith Shop. We are actively looking for additional new sponsors for this planned project. Estimate we need another six thousand dollars to complete it. The Blacksmith Shop was a key industry in early Hilliard. This will be a major attraction for our Village visitors. All donors will be recognized on the shop wall when the project is completed.

For Sponsorships and Donations to support your Hilliard Ohio Historical Society and ongoing planned events and programs Contact:

Bob Peterson Cell: 614-353-9330 or Email: peterston2700@gmail.com for any of these projects or any other donations. Thank you for your support.

News from the Archival Library

Marilyn Evans, Librarian

Library Open House April 18, 2018

Open house hours will be from 1 to 4 PM at our library located at 5274 Norwich Street, Hilliard, Ohio just across the street from the Tidd Funeral Home. The purpose is to acquaint Hilliard residents with the Society's collections and how we can help them in their research. We will highlight our materials on the Hilliard schools, our family genealogies and recently discovered Land Abstracts, Warranty Deeds, and Quit Claims.

The Library staff will be present to show visitors how to use our collection of books, maps, plat maps, to research the history of Hilliard, its land and families. If you can't come that day, stop in any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 10 AM to 2 PM. Have a question and can't come in, submit it on our website: hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com

News from the Library– Continued:

Land Abstracts

A land abstract tells the history of a parcel of land. Hilliard was part of the Virginia Military Survey which covered the territory between the Scioto River and the Little Miami River.

This land was set aside by the State of Virginia to pay Revolutionary War soldiers for their service. The first surveys took place before 1780 but the land was not opened until 1794. All surveys conducted since are based on this VMS Survey. The Historical Society has land abstracts dating back to the 1700 & 1800's. Some of them are for Old Hilliard and further out in Brown and Norwich Townships. Our goal is to put the contents into digital format and have typed copies which can be used by researchers.

The original ones are very fragile and the hand writing is difficult to read. An example is an abstract of the corner of Norwich and Main Street now occupied by Chase Bank. We hope to have them all typed and recorded by the end of the year. We will then index them by place and owners for public use. This has been an exciting project for the Library staff.

Sunshine & Memorials – Marge Dougherty

-- **Thinking of You:** Patty Gloeckner, Pat Peterson & Penny Woodruff

-- Dean Salts passed away on October 17, 2017.

--Joanne Kuhn passed away in December of 2017.

On May 18 at 1:30 PM there will be a celebration of life service at the Resurrection Lutheran Church 3500 Main St. A reception after the service will be held at the church. Dick Kuhn passed away in 2012. They had retired to live near their daughter.

Membership Chairman – Darryl Walters

All level of membership's are important to the Society because they help maintain the buildings and provide funds to continue to have our two most popular annual events, Heritage Day and Santa in the Red Caboose. But it is most important

to continue to keep your annual membership current because these are the funds we count on each year to budget the next year's events, building maintenance and operating funds.

We also should all be recruiting New Members to be in our Society to enjoy the great fellowship and participate in learning about and bringing the best of the Hilliard area history to the community. If you are a life member, please consider continuing to support the Society as you are able. 1990 dollars (or earlier) are not doing the job to maintain the Village at today's costs.

Historical Society Member Janet Anderson Turns 100 on March 26, 2018 – Interview by Tim Woodruff

It's not every day that one gets to acknowledge someone who is 100 years old and has lived those years with integrity, honor and dignity. Our spotlight shines today on Janet Anderson. She was born March 26, 1918 in Linworth, Ohio. She was the third of 10 children. She moved residences several times as a child and finally ended up in Madison County. She played basketball and graduated from Canaan High School.

She met a farmer, Glenn Anderson, from Hilliard and married him in 1940 at the age of 22. They



began housekeeping in a house on the Anderson farm on Alton Darby Creek Road and have lived in that same house for 78 years. Interestingly, just a couple of yards north of their house was the Colwell Church which along with their farm was located in the area called Mudsock. You might recognize that church as the same one that is now located in our Historical Village in Weaver Park.

Janet Anderson Interview – Continued

Glenn Anderson was a dairy farmer all his adult life. They raised three children: Nancy, Margey and Robert. They have 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Being a dairy farmer's wife was a full time job but Janet found time to be a Sunday School Teacher, a 4H leader, a Judge in a voting precinct, and a cook in the Hilliard Schools. Her hobbies are: gardening, canning and sewing.

Glenn was on the Franklin County Fair Board and was elected a President at one time. Over the years, Janet has been a member of the Hilliard United Methodist Church and a Life Member of the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society. Together with her daughter Margery, Janet and she were docents in the Historic Church for many years.

The Anderson family wanted to get ownership of the Colwell Church so they could donate it to the Historical Village. Little did they know how difficult a task that would be?

Thanks to their perseverance and the perseverance of the members of the Historical Society, the Anderson family was able to get ownership of the church and have it moved to its current home in the Society's Historical Village.

Among Janet's most precious memories were her trips to Hawaii and Europe. She also loves to eat mush at Bob Evans. Members of her family were married in the Coldwell Church and a memorial service for her husband Glenn was held in that church. She was happy to be a substantial donor for the major repairs to the church. Physically, she is unable to do many of the things that helped to define her storied past. Thankfully, she still is able to read and her passion now is to be an avid reader.

What a pleasure it is to acknowledge our only living centurion.

Thanks Janet for being a major part of the great history of Hilliard and the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society.

Janet shared pictures that we have included of Glenn and Janet in the 1940's soon after they were married and a picture of the complete Anderson family in 2012.



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