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General Information

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Historical Society Events *

1. School and Senior Citizen Visits

All Schools and Senior Citizens are welcome to tour our Historical Village. For scheduling or to volunteer: Call Megan Martin 614-565-3210

2. Heritage Day

Saturday, October 14th - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Held in the Historical Village

3. Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 11th - 10 a.m.

Society vehicles will be part of the event.

4. City of Hilliard Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 3rd - 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Activities at the village include Mrs. Santa, Letters to Santa, choral groups, face painting and refreshments on the museum porch.

5. Santa in the Caboose

Sunday, December 10th - 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

In addition to Santa, tours of the village buildings will be available, wagon rides and refreshments.

6. Special Tours

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: www.hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com

Message from Our President Barbara Cash

The Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, October 30th and is the ***2017 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers***. This dinner meeting will be held at the Safety Services Building - 5181 Northwest Parkway beginning at 6:00 p.m. Your reservation form is included in this newsletter. Please plan to attend and return your reservation promptly so Theresa Montgomery can order a dinner for you.

Heritage Day - This is our biggest event of the year and is slated to be GREAT this year. Shirley and Don Russell, along with Peggy and Dan Trump have lined up a village/park full of exhibitors and activities that will delight the community as well as showcase our fabulous village. Please plan to attend and bring guests, and **please plan to say yes** if asked to help with the planning, set-up, clean-up or operation. This is our opportunity to make the community aware of the Historic Village and the value of the Historical Society.

Volunteers Spotlight - From writing grant proposals, to cleaning out the storage room to make way for the new Montgomery Room, to chairing the Nominating Committee, to emptying the military display case for the Fair Anniversary Exhibit and then rebuilding it after the Fair, to shepherding the progress of the group working to get the civil war letters publishing project ready for the printer, to getting estimates for a potential building project, **Randy Smith** devotes literally hundreds of hours to the Society, and asks for nothing in return except an occasional hamburger when there is no time to grab lunch. We owe Randy a big round of applause for all his efforts.

President Message – Continued

Wish List - Last month I asked that you consider helping to provide professional looking nametags for the docents and volunteers to enhance our image as an organization. **Thanks to Marilyn Evans** for answering the call. We all look much more “official” now.

Our newest dream is to make a space for the housing, AND USE, of our blacksmithing tools and equipment. Addition of this display and activity will be a tremendous addition to the village and create an opportunity for living history. As planning progresses, we will be asking for financial support for the project.

The Montgomery Room is coming! Thanks to the generosity of the family and friends of A. C. Montgomery, we will soon have additional display space in the museum. We have been bursting at the seams with valuable historical items which could not be displayed in the existing space. With the funds provided to honor A. C., we are able to convert a storage room into a brand new space devoted to the ongoing history of Hilliard as we move forward in time. Many of the memories that we have all made in the last 50 years...and into the future...will be displayed in the new space. Additionally, there will be opportunities to display visiting or rotating displays. Watch for an announcement of the grand opening.

Take a look at Weaver Park!! Hilliard Rotary, with the help from a grant (proposal written by their member Christy Clark) has provided five new park benches to the Village area. This represents a sizeable investment in the community and the benches will provide durable and comfortable seating to visitors.

Did you hear? The Hilliard Ohio Historical Society was presented with the **CREAM OF THE CROP AWARD** this year during Fair Week. We were one of three people/organizations to be so named. A committee of our members worked very diligently this spring to insure that activities in the Village enhanced the experience of Fair attendees.

Additionally, the Fair Board placed an emphasis on accessibility and visibility of the Village when they were assigning space to fair exhibitors and vendors. **THANKS FAIR BOARD.**

Thanks to those who contribute:

Since the last newsletter, the following people or organizations have helped improve the village through their contributions:

Darby Creek Nursery and Landscaping
The Franklin County Fair Board
Paul and Beverly Burkitt
Steve Campbell
Marilyn Evans
The Hilliard Rotary
Christy Clark

Board Meeting Schedule: 1st Wednesday of January, March, May, June, September and November.

Membership Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of March, June, October and December.
The location of all meetings will be posted on our website.

Message from Vice President Bob Peterson

Here is a quick review of the events and happenings since our last Newsletter in June 2017.

- 1. Our Annual Classic Car show** on June 24th grew to 111 car participants up from 72 participants last year. We have booked this event for June 2018 and hope to make this another huge attraction for our Village.
- 2. Franklin County Fair Opening Ceremonies** in July were held in our Village and attracted a huge crowd that came back for tours and a second look to see what we have to offer. They really liked the ringing of our Church and School Bells for the official opening.
- 3. Our Signage is Updated** All our signs on Norwich Street and in the Village now displays our new name: Hilliard Ohio Historical Society. We also are refreshing all other signs that need to be repainted. Hopefully, people will find it easier to locate us.

Vice President Message - Continued

4. The Voting Booth Cleaned and Painted

The Voting Booth now has individual booths since curtains were recently made. It also includes historical displays and more will be added that depict the history of voting in the USA and in particular in the Hilliard area. It is now open to all when we have tours in the Village.

5. Best of Hilliard Magazine

We are now featured in the Best of Hilliard magazine section distributed by This Week Newspaper. We are listed as a top destination to visit for our scheduled events like the Classic Car Show, County Fair, Heritage Days, Santa in the Caboose, Christmas Tree Lighting, and of course a memorable place to have your wedding in the Colwell Church in the Historical Village.

6. Repairs and Renovating in the Village

Thanks to a Grant from the City of Hilliard we were able fix and spruce up many of our Historic Buildings. We have a new platform on our Train Station; the Museum exterior has been repaired and totally painted; the One Room School got a new paint job, the roof replaced and the Bell Tower repaired; the Barn and the Granary were repaired and the metal roofs repainted a bright Red.

The whole Village is looking GREAT!!

News from the Archival Library

Marilyn Evans, Librarian

The Library is reorganized so that things are a lot easier to find, Family Tree Genealogy books are clearly marked for easy use, Hilliard High School and all school records are all together; Hilliard area Village and City history records and maps are well marked and organized so that it is easier to do research when needed.

The Library has had some staffing changes over the summer. Pat Peterson has retired and we will miss her. Pat has volunteered for at least four years and was a real asset to our staff. Thank you, Pat for your time and dedication.

The Library is now open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Theresa Montgomery is volunteering

on Mondays; Marilyn heads up the library on Tuesdays, with Jenny Spring-Starr on alternate Thursdays with Randy Smith helping out where needed. Megan Martin has volunteered to do some much needed typing.

We added a map case, thanks to Jenny. Now we have a place for our numerous maps of Hilliard and the surrounding area. Come and see our resources. We are here to help you.

Sunshine & Memorials – Marge Dougherty

- Sue Eisner is feeling much better.

- New member and docent Bob Eggerich's wife Judy is recovering from an operation.

Memorials There is a memorial service for Doris Dellinger Anthony Schum who grew up in the Hilliard area and graduated from Hilliards High School in 1943. She was the twin daughter of Fred and Cora Dellinger. Their son, Raymond was the past president of the Franklin County Agricultural Society for many years. The Dellinger Building in the fairgrounds was named for him. Both Fred and twin daughter, Dorothy are deceased. Doris lived in Savannah, Georgia with her daughter Debra (Greg) Larson. A celebration of life will be held at the Chapel in the Historical Village on September 24, 2017 at 1 p.m.

Hilliard Ohio Historic Society

2017 Officers and Board Members

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Newsletters will also be posted on our website at www.hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com

***New Membership Forms** are attached for 2018 and should be completed by October 1, 2017

***Annual Meeting Reservation Forms** for your Main course selection for the October 30th dinner are also enclosed.

Heritage Day – October 14th 10 AM to 4 PM!