



Chagrin Falls Exponent

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OUR OWN ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW!



When: Thursday, November 19, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Where: The Shute Building Meeting Room

What: A Chance for you to have a knowledgeable Antique Dealer look at one or two of your Antiques or Collectibles and give their assessments of their quality and value.

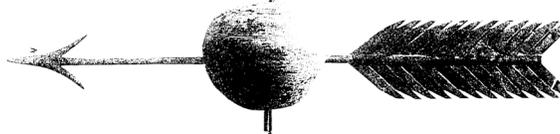


Who: Jane and Ed Martin, Dealers in Antiques and Americana.

How: Call the Martins (440/248-8295) and tell them what you plan to bring to the program.



Cost: No Cost for one object per person. A Second Item can be assessed at a cost of \$3.00, which will be donated to the Historical Society.



ATTENTION TO MEMBERS

There will be a very brief Business Meeting preceding the Program so that the Members present can vote on the adoption of proposed changes to the Society's Constitution.

Welcome to New Members

**Gretchen and
Bill Hamann**

Penny Whittaker

New Life Member

Jan Thomas

Renewed as Life Member

Jennifer Evans

Condolences

**to Connie
and Dave
Caldwell
upon the death
of their daughter
Anne Tachovsky**

**to Roselyn Krizan
upon the death
of her husband
Roland**

**to Jean Poultney
upon the death of
her sister
Ethelyn Giles**

**to Larry Shibley
upon the death of
his mother**

**to Joan Taggart
upon the death of
her mother**

OUR OWN ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW
Jane and Ed Martin have been collecting, studying, buying and selling antiques for over thirty years and have become experts in American antiques. Ed's special interest, as an engineer, is early tools and scientific instruments.

They will be delighted to share their knowledge with us on Thursday Evening, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Shute Building, for our own "Antiques Road Show".

Bring your family "treasures" for Jane and Ed to admire, identify and/or appraise. Each person attending can bring one item for a free assessment. A second item can be brought for a fee of \$3.00, which will be donated to the Historical Society. Please call them at 440/248-8295 if you are planning to bring something to show. This will help them with their evaluations.

Tim Scott, Program Advisor

Refreshments will be served after the program – coffee, tea and cupcakes. So we're asking our wonderful bakers to bring along a dozen or so of their favorite homemade cupcakes to share. (We wouldn't refuse store-bought ones, either!) Please call me (440/338-1855) if you will be bringing cupcakes. Thanks!

Pam Lubs, Hospitality Chairwoman

OCTOBER TRIP TO AMHERST, OHIO
On October 14th eighteen Chagrin Falls Historical Society members boarded the bus for a trip to The Amherst Historical Society and their Sandstone Village.

The first stop was the Quigley Museum. A sandstone house, built in 1820, from stone quarried on property owned by Joseph Quigley. This houses many exhibits of early Amherst, including a complete kitchen of the 1930s.

The Sandstone Village contains several stone buildings that were taken down from

their original locations and moved to the Village. Each stone was numbered and reconstructed by area stone masons and Society members. Included in the Village are: an 1840s Greek Revival farm house with furnishings from the 1840s-1880s period. A one room schoolhouse, later used as a Grange Hall and meeting place, (the Society's one room schoolhouse program carried on for area grade school students is presented here,) the 1882 stone Chapel which had been used as a school and apartments in another part of town before being moved to the Village and now is made available for weddings and other services, and a small sandstone building used as a pig sty.

Frame buildings include an Auto Garage with three vintage autos and repair equipment, the Octagonal Barn and carriage house, and a contemporary Art Gallery with a resident artist. Other buildings not open that day house a blacksmith shop, a farrier and machine shop.

There are very interesting exhibits and pictures of the quarrying operations that made Amherst "The Sandstone Center of the World".

A delicious lunch was enjoyed at the Jefferson 150 3 star Restaurant, housed in an old house adjacent to the Village.

All agreed this was a very interesting trip.

Mil MacRitchie

LAURA GORRETTA IS OUR NEW LIBRARIAN

The Nominating Committee and Laura herself should be very pleased at the comments some members wrote on their ballots in electing Laura unanimously. "Excellent Choice." "Couldn't be better!" So congratulations to Laura, who will take office at our next Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 10th.

CONSTITUTION REVISION

A Constitution Committee and a Constitution Review Committee have been working on updating the 1989 version of the Society's constitution. The revisions have recently been presented to and approved by the Executive Board and are now being presented to you, our membership, for your approval and vote. Copies of the old and new constitutions are available for your perusal at the Museum and at the Chagrin Falls Library. In accordance with our current 1989 constitution, a vote will be taken to approve the revisions at our program meeting on November 19.

The revisions basically update the procedures and language that have changed in the past 20 years and that we now utilize in the operation of the Society and Museum.

The Endowment Fund section was rewritten with a new name, the Heritage Fund, following the advice of legal counsel and updates the details of its purpose and use.

We thank the following committee members who have shared their time, talents and experience during this revision process: Don Barriball, Lucy Beattie, John Bourrisseau, Louise Brick, Paul Foster, Nancy Haag, Carolyn Sihler and Scrap Zalba.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed revisions, please call me at 338-3040.

Nancy Haag, Constitution Review Committee Chair

A CHANGE IN THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

In the process of completing our review and revision of the Historical Society's Constitution, we were made aware of some legal complications of what we have traditionally called our Endowment Fund. That name has some serious legal ramifications which determine how the funds donated to the Society can be used. We hired legal counsel from a law firm in Cleveland that has a department specializing in Non-Profit Organizations Law. As a consequence our Constitution Review Committee, along with our Endowment Fund trustees, have made a number of recommendations to our Executive Committee which our membership will vote on as revisions to our Constitution. In effect, we are choosing the option of declaring ourselves as a Public Charity, whose basic mission is to collect, preserve and disseminate information and artifacts relative to

the history of Chagrin Falls, and provide programs and services that will further our mission. We also propose to re-name the Endowment Fund to the Heritage Fund, which will serve as our financial resource for operating the Historical Society, and saving for its future. There can be specific endowment funds in the form of donations made which specify how the funds may be used, and usually allow a specified portion of the income from the interest from such funds to be spent as designated, with the principle of the fund kept intact.

ENDOWMENT/HERITAGE FUND

In Memory of Elton A. Root, Jr. from Barbara Kortwich.

Patron Gifts: Shirley Ashby, Phyllis Patton Ekelman, Lou and Marjorie Fow, Wayne and Pat Hosmer, Ed Kolberg, Roland and Roselyn Krizan.

Century Club: Benjamin and Jane King.

Lucy Beattie

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

The Historical Society is very much alive and well as you probably assume when you read our Newsletter. This is truly reinforced when you attend our programs and/or lend a hand as a volunteer. Our Board and Committees are happily very well meshed. Our excellent leadership has set us in motion to accommodate the demands of the coming days and years. We have just completed an update of our Constitution which will keep us on track with today's guidelines and give us the ability to move forward with much confidence.

Henceforth the "Endowment Fund" will be known as the "Heritage Fund". It will continue to support the mission of the Society with a focus on the perpetuation of its mission, its space and function.

Again, thanks to each one of you who recognize the importance of our history. Only if we treasure and save it will we have it for future generations.

Lucy Beattie.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS NEEDED

The museum is looking for one or two laptop computers to use for word processing as we update our files and collections. If you would like to contribute one (or if one of your children or grandchildren have one they're no longer using) please contact us at 247-4695.

Thanks.

Nancy Haag

CURATOR'S CORNER

Calendar Overview

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| November | 10 | Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Bldg., 10:00 a.m. |
| | 11 | Endowment Letter Stuffing Party, Shute Bldg., 1:00 p.m. |
| | 12 | “Railroads of the Cleveland Area”, Speaker Mike Kole, (Friends of the Library), At The Library, 7:00 p.m. |
| | 13 | Senior Lifestyle Fair (Flu Shots) Hamlet Atrium, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| | 19 | Evening Program: “Antiques Road Show”, Shute Bldg., 7:30 p.m. |
| | 23 | Cub Scouts: Badge work with Pat, Shute Bldg., 6:30 p.m. |
| | 30 | “Hanging of the Greens”. Decorating the Museum for our Christmas Open House. Please call Pat (247-5209) if you can come for an hour or two. 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. |
| December | 4 | Caroling at Triangle Park, followed by our “Christmas Past” Open House, with Santa Claus, cocoa and cookies, Victorian Christmas Decorations 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. |



Acquisitions

Acquisitions Chairman Mil MacRitchie purchased a small cast iron stove for us on eBay. It is thought to be a Williams toy, but that is difficult to determine as different companies had the same mold.

Visitors

In addition to our regular Thursday visitors we recently had a bus tour group from Stow, Ohio. We toured the Village by bus and then returned to the Historical Society museum to see the items made in the mills in town. They then spent some time at the stores in town. Thanks to Jo Roeder and Jean Tripp for helping as hostesses for the group.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Pat E. Zalba, Volunteer Curator