



# Chagrin Falls Exponent

Chagrin Falls Historical Society 21 Walnut St. Shute Memorial Building

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*For the first time we started the program year with a retreat led by John Bourisseau, in which we identified and explored the major tasks and problems facing the Historical Society. As a direct result we were able to complete the revision of our Constitution, and clarifications of the roles and duties of our officers and committees with major work by Nancy Haag. Our regular annual programs included our interesting monthly programs, field trips to the Amherst Historical Society with its museums and the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Beachwood, and our Soups & Breads Luncheon, and Membership Only Pot Luck Dinner. Our thanks to Joyce Teeft, Dee Bomback and Tim Scott for all their work in arranging these. We also had our 3 concerts co-sponsored with the Library, and many exhibits arranged at our Museum. In addition, our activities included the granting of three \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, the de-accession of our excess dolls, replacing many of the documents and records in our library in new acid-free containers by Laura Goretta and the development by John Bourisseau of a computer Facebook for the Society.*

*We published another book in our series of local histories written by Don Barriball. The History of the Cleveland-Chagrin Falls Electric Railway was a big hit. At a book-signing at Fireside Book Shop we kept running out of books, so Ron Humphrey kept printing additional copies for the next few days. We sold over 100 copies during the book-signing. Our Chagrin Falls Historical Society Press has been a successful endeavor in community historical awareness, and in producing income for the Society.*

*As usual we had the valuable services of our generous volunteers in such tasks as cataloging and computer scanning our photographic collection with Zo Sykora, monthly Newsletter folding and mailing, the annual Fund-Raising Letter (organized by Margi O'Brien) and our always ready bakers and cooks. Upon their retirement we honor Lucy Beattie as our long-time Chair of the Endowment/Heritage Fund, and Pam Lubs as our Hospitality Chair, who has been responsible for serving us the delicious cupcakes, pies and cookies we've enjoyed at our program meetings. We now have 443 members*

*After a summer break we will resume sending you our newsletter in September. The Museum will continue to be open on Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and three Tuesdays in July, and one in August from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Chautauqua Programs of the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture.*

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER !**

*JoAnn Roeder and Scrap Zalba*

**CLEAN UP DAY A SUCCESS**

A force of volunteers descended upon the Shute Building and took on a variety of assignments from Curator Pat Zalba. With cheerful demeanor they worked hard, visited with old friends and made new ones. They really mopped up! They cleaned and dusted the Museum, the display cases, scrubbed the museum steps, dressed mannequins, cleaned windows, installed the window curtains that had been washed and changed the bedroom and kitchen displays. The downstairs refrigerator was scrubbed within an inch of its life to a gleaming white, inside and out!

THANKS EVERYBODY!

*Pat Zalba*

**ELECTION RESULTS**

As expected, the nominated candidates for Historical Society Offices and Heritage Fund Committee Members were elected in our Annual Election., though there were a couple of write-in votes. For our 2010-2011 year the officers are: President: John Bourisseau, , Vice Program, Programs: Tim Scott, who will be assisted by an active committee, Vice President, Membership: Jo Roeder, Treasurer: Carolyn Sihler, Ass't Treasurer: Zo Sykora, Recording Secretary: Louise Brick, Corresponding Secretary: Betty Solether, Heritage Fund Committee Members: Lydia Champlin and Nancy Haag.

*Scrap Zalba*

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES  
FAIRE**

The Historical Society is sponsoring an Antique & Collectibles Faire on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Township Hall at 83 N. Main Street from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Society members will showcase and sell their wares, including quilts, antique toys, vintage clothing, linens, a fabulous antique estate doll collection, doll furniture and clothing, jewelry, Christmas decorations, vintage kitchenware, plus collections of hearts, Mid-east metalware,

bells, miniatures, hammered aluminum, Steinbach nutcrackers and smoking men, 1950s pottery, milk glass, wooden hat molds and so much more!

The Society will also have a special space to sell any of your antiques or collectibles you want to donate to raise money for the museum's Acquisition Fund. Please bring your tax deductible items to the museum on Thursdays between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. or call 247-4695 to meet at the museum for a special drop-off time, or to arrange a pick-up. We welcome your tax-deductible donations of any type - antiques or collectibles (which may be new or modern items) or small furniture. (We cannot handle any items too heavy or too large to transport easily.) If you know the value of your donation, please list them on a piece of paper for ease of pricing at the sale. You will receive a tax-deductible letter at the time of your drop-off.

We will need some helpers before and during the Faire. If you would like to be on the committee or help out the day of the event for two hours, please call me at 338-3040.

*Nancy Haag*

**CHAGRIN FALLS SWING  
ENSEMBLE**

Our Swing Ensemble, that performs each year at our Winter Concerts at the Library, will be playing at 2 summer events - at the Library's Ice Cream Social on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and at the Chamber of Commerce's Thursday Concert in Triangle Park on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Hope to see you there! *Scrap Zalba*

**WE DO GET AROUND!**

Following Don Bariball's talk to the Chagrin Valley Woman's Club in November about the History of the Chagrin Hardware Store (at which we sold 9 copies of his book), Don gave a talk on the Cleveland-Chagrin Falls Interurban Electric Railway in May

**Condolences**

to the family of  
**Marcia Handke**  
(who passed away  
in April)

to the family of  
**Anne Lash**

to the Mayfield Township Historical Society (at which we sold 10 copies of his book). Scrap Zalba and Ron Humphrey gave a talk to the Know Your Antiques Club in May, after which we sold 9 copies of Barriball's book on The History of the Ober Manufacturing Company. To our surprise, Gale Ober, the granddaughter of the last manager of the Ober Co. was present! Barriball also talked about his books and signed them at the Fireside Book Shop at the end of May.

This is called community historical education and marketing our history books!

### THE HERITAGE FUND

Our grateful thanks

to Nancy Martt for her most generous and thoughtful gift in honor of Pat and Scrap Zalba

to Pat and Scrap Zalba in memory of  
Ken Shutts  
and in honor of  
Pam Lubs and Lucy Beattie

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

We were pleased to award \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors Mike Fields, Chris Flesher and Andrew Vento at the Chagrin Falls High School's Honors Ceremony on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Committee had a hard time selecting from among the excellent applicants.

*Gini Fast*



Chris Flesher, Andrew Vento, Mike Fields



## CURATOR'S CORNER

### Overview Calendar

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| June   | 3 Chagrin Falls High School Senior Project Presentations, 9:00 a.m., at the High School   |
|        | 8 Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Bldg., 10:00 a.m.   |
|        | 18 A group from Hamlet will come to visit our Museum for a tour and a program with Pat Zalba.   |
|        | 19 Ice Cream Social at the Library, Music by the Chagrin Falls Swing Ensemble, 2:00-4:00 p.m.   |
| July   | 13, 20, 27 The Museum will be open 3:00-6:00 p.m. in cooperation with the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture's Summer Chautauqua Programs. |
|        | 31 Antique and Collectibles Faire at Township Hall, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.   |
| August | 27 Museum open 3:00-6:00 p.m. in cooperation with the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture's Summer Chautauqua Programs.                     |

The Museum will continue to be open each Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m., and by special appointment throughout the summer. Various committees will be meeting during the summer to plan for the coming year.

### SPECIAL SUMMER DISPLAYS

On display in the Bedroom is the 1826 "Whitewear", a cotton crewel-like work bedspread, linen sheets woven in Chagrin Falls, 1840s, and a knitted 1860s white counterpane.

The Kitchen and Parlor mannequins are dressed in summer cotton clothing of the 1890s - 1910 era. In July we are featuring a "Chautauqua in Chagrin Falls" display in the long display case. And for August we are planning an "Early photographers of Chagrin Falls" display.

### THANKS TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who helped at the Spring Cleaning Day at the Museum! "Many hands make light work" was certainly true as everyone completed their tasks in record time. The Historical Society and Museum could not exist without the many volunteers who contribute their time and skills to make things run smoothly.

Thank you all!

### HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND COME IN FOR A VISIT SOMETIME!

*Pat E. Zalba, Volunteer Curator*