



# Chagrin Falls Exponent

Chagrin Falls Historical Society 21 Walnut St. Shute Memorial Building

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## DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Caroling at Triangle Park



followed by

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAST OPEN HOUSE

At The Shute Building, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

- . Hot Cocoa and Holiday Cookies
- . Santa Claus for the Kids
- . Chagrin Falls Schools Carolers
- . Victorian Christmas Decorations in Museum
- . Old Fashion Toys to try in the Museum

We ask our Talented and Generous Bakers to bake a batch of their Tasty Holiday Cookies for us all! Cookies may be left in containers on the front porch on Thursday or Friday, or brought in on Friday night. Come with your children and guests, and bring some home-made cookies if you can.

## THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

After the Candlelight Caroling at Triangle Park, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on December 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., come downstairs to the Shute Building for our annual Christmas Past Open House: Hot cocoa and holiday cookies baked by our wonderful members; Santa Claus for the Kids; a performance of holiday carols by a group of Chagrin Students, led by Yousef Hamid, the Middle and High School Music Instructor. Victorian decorations upstairs in the Museum, and our Christmas Tree with antique ornaments. Old fashion toys for children (and their parents) to try out!

Come with your children and guests, and bring some home-made cookies if you can.

## THE D.A.R. PROGRAM WAS TERRIFIC!

The Society was treated to a remarkable vignette of Chagrin Falls in the years 1941-1945 - World War II on the home front and abroad - as Laura Gorretta, our resident scholar and author, read the wonderful letters sent by the Molly Chittenden chapter of the D.A.R. - under the guidance of Mrs. Miriam Stem - to the Chagrin Falls soldiers and sailors serving in the war.

The letters were charming, with amusing stories of wartime life on the home front - just the right touch to cheer the troops, who wrote letters in return, read by John Bourisseau, as the screen was filled with fine photos of the Chagrin Falls men in uniform. It was a moving view of an era which many of us lived through and want never to forget.

A fiesta of colorful and delicious cupcakes on a beautiful fall table ended the evening. Thanks to our always faithful and talented bakers who created most of the refreshments, and to our new Hospitality Co-chair - Diana Gardner - who arranged for the delicious refreshments.

*Tim Scott, Program Chair*

## START THINKING ABOUT THE SOUPS & BREADS LUNCHEON IN JANUARY

We've just finished with Thanksgiving, and are facing Christmas, but it's not too soon to start thinking about that good soup, bread or spreads you might bring to our January 20, 2011 Soups & Breads Luncheon. This is always a delicious and enjoyable event, which this year will be held

at the Hamlet Atrium, along with a preceding program on dolls. More details in the January 2011 Newsletter.

## MUSEUM ACQUIRES HENRY CHURCH JR. PAINTING

The Chagrin Falls Historical Society recently acquired a beautiful painting by Henry Church Jr. 1836-1908. Henry Church Jr. was a Chagrin Falls Blacksmith and self taught sculpter and artist. His work is exhibited in many museums throughout the United States including the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum in Williamsburg, Va. Church also has been acclaimed for his carving of Squaw Rock and his Sculpture The Young Lion and the Fatling Together, which is now at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

The painting entitled "Snufftakers" measures about 37 X 24 inches. It is oil on paper, with the paper then being glued onto a woven material and stretched across a frame. The painting is signed and dated 1865, and when illuminated seems to glow with rich colors. An image very similar to this was used in the late 1800's for an award winning advertisement for Lorillard Snuff. This painting becomes the 3rd work of Henry Church Jr. owned by the museum and we hope to be able to acquire more. This painting was purchased through an auction house and has been fully restored.

*John Bourisseau*



**Snufftakers**

## New Members

**Rob Arnold**

**Heather and Chris  
Reeder**

**Beth and Phil Shaw**

## Re-joined Members

### Life

**Kathryn and Michael  
Garvey**

### Annual

**Laurel Gelin-McKinley**

## Condolences

### To The Families of

**Ray Bell**

**Jane Brooke**

**Jean Mercereau**

**Olive Wilkens**

## **ANOTHER BEST SELLER BY SOCIETY MEMBERS!**

Members Heather Reeder and Joyce Teeft's new book, published by Ron Humphrey's Windjammer Adventure Publishing Co., was a big hit at their book signing at Fireside Book Shop on November 20<sup>th</sup>. They are also planning another book signing at the Shute Building on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. The book, named CHAGRIN FALLS, OUR VILLAGE - LETTER BY LETTER, is written for school age children, giving a short history of a number of Village landmarks, with names beginning from A to Z, with attractive illustrations by Joyce Teeft. The book can be purchased for \$13.95.

## **THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP!**

As we've come to expect, approximately 40 of our members once again volunteered to fold and stuff our annual Heritage Committee Fund-Raising Letters into envelopes for

mailing. They made fast work of the task, and enjoyed their time together with light hearted conversation. Many, many thanks for all your work. We couldn't do it without you!

*Margi O'Brien, Heritage Committee*

## **MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY**

It's almost time to begin our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Music At The Library Series. Our insert in this issue of the Newsletter lists the schedule of the concerts we (The Historical Society and The Friends of the Chagrin Falls Library) will provide during the winter of 2011. The Friends also provide the refreshments during the Intermissions, with the help of Arline Moore and Rita Owens. So we hope you'll be able to attend the free concerts, and enjoy the music of the professional artists we will be bringing to you.

*Scrap Zalba*

## CURATOR'S CORNER

## Overview Calendar

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| December | 3  | “Christmas Past” Open House, Shute Bldg., 7:00-8:30 p.m.  |
|          | 6  | Village Nursery Pre-School Class, Toy Program with Pat, at the Museum: 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.   |
|          | 8  | Village Nursery Pre-School Class, Toy Program with Pat, at the Museum: 10:00 a.m.   |
|          | 11 | Book signing Event with Heather Reeder and Joyce Teeft for <u>CHAGRIN FALLS, OUR VILLAGE - LETTER BY LETTER</u> , Shute Building, 2:00 p.m. |
- Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Bldg., 10:00 a.m.
- Chagrin Falls Arts & Culture Round Table Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Thank You

Thank you to Michael Garvey for making the DVD copies of the Historical Society's video "A Look At Our Past".

Thank you to our Village Service Department for all of the yardwork around the Shute Building - Spring, Summer and Fall - and for keeping our sidewalk and steps cleared of snow all Winter long.

Accessions With A Chagrin Falls Connection:

5 small meters in their original boxes labeled, "Assembly Products, Inc., Chagrin Falls, Ohio - Panel Meter". This company was located on the corner of Bell and Main Sts, circa 1940s - 1950.

*(Dr. Conrad Griffith)*

14 Advertising glass plate slides, In color, for "Thomas Rosier's (Meat) Market, 65 N. Main St., Tel. 88, C.F., Ohio", circa 1920s. A Tenny souvenir china pin tray with a painted street view of Chagrin Falls, circa 1900.

*(John Bourisseau)*

A Chagrin Falls advertising fan, paper, "Keep cool and go to James Peterson for Boots and Shoes. Repairing of all kinds. C.F. O".

*(Marge Cook)*

A Hymnal - "The Glory" - circa 1870s, which had belonged to H.T. "Tom" Bradley, store owner of Chagrin Falls.

*(Ray Henderson)*

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

*Pat E. Zalba,  
Volunteer Curator*