



Chagrin Falls Exponent

Chagrin Falls Historical Society 21 Walnut St. Shute Memorial Building
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Ron Humphrey, Graphics Editor

September Program
Thursday Sept 22, 2011 7:30 PM

**Cathie Winans, former Executive Director of the
Shaker Historical Society will speak on:**

From the Russells to the Pilots: The Beginning and End of North Union

**The story of the connection of the Russell family to the Shaker
Community in what is now Shaker Heights**

Mrs. Winans is a resident of Novelty in Russell Township

Cake, coffee and tea will be served.

Chagrin Falls in the Civil War: Souls of the Village

The Chagrin Falls Historical Society is partnering with the Chagrin Falls Performing Arts Academy to create a production based on the diaries and letters of Chagrin Falls Civil War veterans and their families. The primary sources are the letters of Austin Church and his family, the letters of GW Hodges and the diary of Westal Hunt. All were members of the Chagrin Falls, N L Norris Post of the GAR after the war. Austin Church was a 'Squirrel Hunter' and later served in the 150th OVI. He represents a family that has a rich history in Chagrin Falls. His sister Jane was the Secretary of the Soldiers Aid Society during the Civil War and later, as President, helped raise the funds to create the Civil War Memorial in Evergreen Cemetery. And of course, his brother Henry Church Jr. was a famous artist, sculpture and blacksmith. Westal Hunt served in the 7th OVI. He lived in Russell, went to Chagrin Schools and moved into a house on Summit St. later in his life. GW Hodges lived in Chardon, but built a home on Cleveland St. following the War and moved to Chagrin Falls. All three are buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

The production is being created by Thomas Q. Fulton Jr., Director of the Performing Arts Academy. He envisions a multi-media performance that will include the Chagrin Schools select choir singing Civil War period music gleaned from the National Archives, dance choreographed by the director of the Inlet Dance Theatre and dialogue created by Tom Fulton from the sources named above. To help support the production the Historical Society is seeking a grant from the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

Performances are set for Friday June 8, and Saturday June 9 at the Chagrin Falls HS Performing Arts Center--Mark your Calendars now!

John Bourisseau

Ohio Historical Society Traveling Exhibit

The Chagrin Falls Historical Society, in partnership with the Chagrin Falls Township Trustees, has made application to the Ohio Historical Society to host the traveling exhibit Ohio & the Civil War: 150 Years Later, a special panel traveling exhibit produced by the Ohio Historical Society for the 150th commemoration of the Civil War.

*The traveling exhibit explores Ohio's participation in the war and focuses especially on individuals' choices that impacted local communities and the course of the war. Three themes--Democracy, Transformation, and Memory--are used to reveal Civil War stories that impacted Ohio in the 19th century to the present day.

The themes from this exhibit mirror the themes that will be explored in Chagrin Falls in the Civil War: Souls of the Village. We are requesting to have the exhibit from the middle of May to the middle of June and it will be housed in Historic Township Hall. The exhibit is mobile enough that it can taken down and moved if Township Hall is being used for another event. Having the exhibit during this time period will allow us to maximize it's exposure in conjunction with the production of Chagrin Falls in the Civil War: Souls of the Village.

*From the Ohio Historical Society Website

John Bourisseau

October Road Trip

For our October Road Trip we will travel to Sheffield Lake to visit the 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI) museum. 38 Chagrin boys enlisted in the 103rd OVI. Most later mustered into the NL Norris Post of the GAR which met in Chagrin. Beginning in 1888, the 103rd began having their reunions--they eventually settled on a reunion site near Sheffield lake. In 1907 the regiment incorporated. They built a barracks and other structures for use during the reunions. Many Chagrin boys would travel to Sheffield Lake for the CAMPWEEKS. The

New Regular Members

**Cathie Winans
Judy Kramer
Joan Smart**

Condolences to the Families of:

**Marie Barr
Jim Evans
Zella Davidson
Jean Parker**

barracks is now a museum dedicated to the 103rd.

Following the visit to the 103rd museum, we will have lunch and then travel to Frostville, a reconstructed 19th century village in Olmsted Falls. We plan to leave from the Historical Society around 8:45 on Tuesday October 18th. More details to follow in the October Newsletter.

Program Committee, Tim Scott

MAX BARNARD TREASURES



Having a web site is a wonderful thing!! Thanks to our President, John Bourisseau, people all over the world can now find us and send us a message. Such was the case this summer when a gentleman named Greg Kennerly got in touch regarding some Max Barnard paintings and a bird feeder also made by Max. Greg grew up in Cleveland Heights and his folks loved Chagrin Falls and brought the family to the Village frequently. Greg's mom made arrangements for the family to visit Max Barnard's studio during one of their visits here. Greg fell in love with a paddle boat in Max's studio but he went home with a bird feeder instead. His mom was so enamored by Max's work that she bought 4 paintings. Years passed. Greg, now faced with clearing out some of the family treasures, decided to donate these amazing items to us. He wanted them to come back to their natural home. He arranged for them to be professionally packed and shipped to the Zalba's home. It was like Christmas in July when they arrived. Please stop in to see these wonderful additions to our Max Barnard collection. These items were donated in memory of Greg's mother, Peggy Allen Kennerly. We welcome additional tax deductible donations to our collection.

Zo Sykora

SUMMER PRACTICUM STUDENT

We were fortunate this summer to work with a Kent State Library and Information Science graduate student named Peter Jennings. Pete came to us through a circuitous route. He served as a practicum student with the Cuyahoga County Public Library information services and was asked to work with the Chagrin Falls and the Gates Mills libraries, both of which are conveniently under the same branch manager, Katherine Malmquist. The libraries then worked with the Chagrin Falls and the Gates Mills Historical Societies. Got that? The goal was to provide photographs of these two communities to the Cleveland State Michael Schwartz Library Cleveland Memory Project. The Cleveland Memory Project is an online collection of photographs, videos, ebooks and documents. Pete scanned a collection of negatives for which we had no prints and I am in the process of cataloging these images. This was very helpful as it takes a long time to scan a large negative. Joyce Teeft and I selected 170 images from our collection of over 5,000 photographs and with the oversight of Curator, Pat Zalba, we shared the actual photo images and our information about the images with Pete. All of this was done electronically with the assistance of Keith Sykora. Pete will prepare these images for inclusion on the Cleveland Memory site. It was a pleasure working with Peter and we wish him the best. To enjoy photographs of Cleveland check out www.clevelandmemory.org.

Zo Sykora

DIGITIZATION OF CHAGRIN VALLEY TIMES

Remember the ad which asked "who put 8 great tomatoes in that little bitty can?" We felt that way this July when Coleman Data Solutions delivered a little bitty beautiful green hard drive which is just a little bigger than an iphone. On that tiny little device are digitized copies of the Chagrin Valley Times from March of 1989 through December 2003. They also sent us 96 discs containing the same information. We can now search these newspapers sitting at a computer rather than hiding out in the basement crouched in front of a microfilm reader. This project has been in the works for a long time and just waiting for technology to be available to accomplish it. The copies of the paper had been lurking in Betty Solether's garage

attic for many years. The original copies will be donated to the Chagrin Valley Times. Some of the funds which supported this project came from the fund raiser, "The Gathering", chaired by member Patty Hridel. Arrangements for this project were orchestrated by our Librarian, Laura Gorretta.

Zo Sykora

Curators Corner

Upcoming Events:

Sept 13 *CF Historical Society Board Meeting Shute Building 10 AM*
Sept 22 *Evening Program Program by Cathie Winans Sept 22, Shute Building 7:30 PM*



Photograph courtesy of Jean Hood

Our Volunteer Curator Pat Zalba has been on a leave of absence to help with the care of her husband Scrap. Scrap passed away early in the morning of August 29th. It is difficult to even try and quantify all that Scrap has meant to the Historical Society. His passion, love of history and vision will be greatly missed. The Zalba's are thankful for all the cards and letters that they have received during this difficult period. Please keep Pat and the Zalba family in your thoughts and prayers.