



Chagrin Falls Exponent

Chagrin Falls Historical Society 21 Walnut St. Shute Memorial Building
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

One Mission, Chagrin Falls

Thursday, November 17th, 7:30 PM

Shute Building, 21 Walnut Street

One Mission explores common themes with veterans from WWII through Operation Iraqi Freedom. Produced by Todd Lyle, the award winning documentary interviews Chagrin Falls veterans in the familiar setting of the Chagrin Hardware Store. The narrator skillfully leads these men and women through the interviews, while fading back and forth between individuals from different generations relating their feelings about the conflict they were engaged in. Interviews are conducted with individuals who fought in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. A heartwarming and intensely patriotic documentary in honor of Veterans Day—Plus—**It's Cupcake Night!!**

Call Diana Gardner, 440-289-1681 if you want to bring cupcakes.

Christmas Past Open House

Friday, December 2nd 7-9 PM

Join us for caroling in Triangle Park, followed by hot chocolate and cookies at the Historical Society. There will be Santa and Victorian Toys to play with for the children. Once again, we will celebrate a Victorian Christmas at the Shute Building. We will begin in Triangle Park singing traditional Christmas carols, followed by a return to the warm confines of the Shute Building, which will be decorated in all its Victorian Christmas splendor.

**Call Diana Gardner, 440-289-1681
if you want to bring your favorite Christmas cookies.**

CONSORTIUM MEETING

The Bainbridge Historical Society hosted the semi-annual meeting of local historical societies on October 22nd. Seven members of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society attended and we were treated to an elaborate breakfast and Bill Takacs donated some of his home-grown Indian corn as door prizes. Representatives from Solon, Moreland Hills, Russell, and Mayfield Village also attended. We met at the Burns- Ludlow building because the Bainbridge Society's new home is not quite ready for guests. We learned that the Burns-Ludlow Building was originally a church and later served as the Bainbridge Fire Department and as a girls basketball gymnasium. Members shared information about upcoming programs and activities and shared concerns about low participation at some events. There was much lively discussion. We will be hosting the next gathering of the consortium in April of 2012.

Zo Sykora

10/23/11 Heritage Fund Donations

The Heritage Fund would like to thank the following donors for their recent gifts: Liz O'Neil, Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, Marjorie Ingall, Marjorie & Louis Fow and Progressive Insurance Foundation. Lucy Beattie donated in memory of Zella Davidson, David Griffith, Don Plazak and Patricia Reschke. Anne Wombwell deConingh donated in memory of Robert Wombwell. Their names will be added to our "Book of Memory" on display in the main room at the museum.

Nancy Haag

Passport to Chagrin

A scavenger hunt for Chagrin Falls Middle School students was held on Walk to School Day ~

This building has a weathervane that was made by the artist who also carved Squaw Rock in the Metroparks. What is the building and the name of the artist?

Do you know the answers? The students at

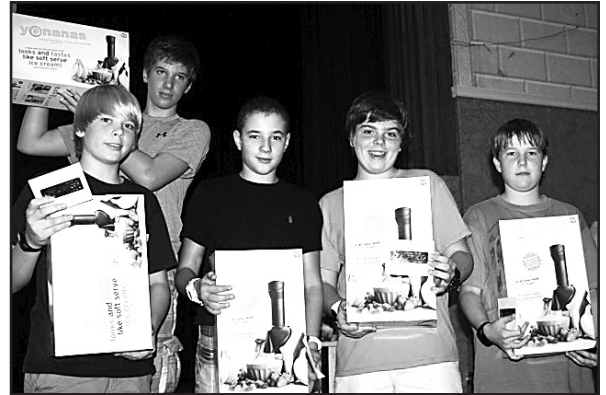


Photo by Kathryn Garvey

Scavenger Hunt award winners

Chagrin Falls Middle School do! This was one of the questions that students solved in order to compete to win prizes on October 7, 2011, Walk to School – Walk to Town Day in Chagrin Falls. The scavenger hunt was designed by Pat Zalba and Kathryn Garvey and took 150 middle school students around the village of Chagrin in search of places of historical importance that correlated to their clues. Volunteers from the Historical Society were the Passport Officers at each clue location, providing students with some history, old photos of the site and of course, stamping their passports and sending them on their way to solve the next clue.

Chagrin Falls is uniquely situated with schools located within a mile of the business district so that students can not only walk to school, but they can also enjoy the village by walking to town after school. This contest was designed to encourage students to enjoy our village and to gain some appreciation for its history and beauty. This fits in perfectly with the goal of International Walk to School events, which strive to emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity, pedestrian safety, reducing traffic congestion, and concern for the environment while building connections between families, schools and the broader community.

This is the second year that the Historical Society has sponsored this event with Safe Routes Chagrin and it is planned to be an annual occurrence on the first Friday in October. This year, students formed teams

Membership

Renewed as a life members

Shirley Copeland

Gretchen Hamann

New Member

Grace Scanlan

Condolences

The Family of
Richard McGinnis

up to ten members with costumes, team names and even mascots. The winners had to solve the most clues correctly in the least amount of time, while demonstrating safe pedestrian practices (teams could receive deductions for being reckless when crossing the streets, or bonus points for being safe). This year's winning team (see photo) each received a Yonanas™ healthy frozen treat machine, donated by Tricia and Winston Breeden of Chagrin Falls, along with a \$10 gift certificate to Geiger's, donated by Safe Routes Chagrin. Other prizes included gift cards to the Popcorn Shop, Yours Truly, Mountain Road Cycles and other Chagrin businesses as well as a private Kuk Sul Do class with Jason Zakrajsek and an ice-skating pizza party at the Pond.

Our appreciation to the following volunteer Passport Officers and crossing guards: Pat Zalba, Kathy Watterson, Ginny Fast, Lydia Champlin, Marie Hobart, Mayor Tom Brick, Kathy O'Donnell, Bobbi Wheeler, Jean Evans, Jo Roeder, Louise Brick, Dick Shanklin, Mark Gottsegen, Muriel Bean, Mary Jane Kelley, Terry Taylor, Jeremiah Polz, Melissa Thomas, April Mapes, Jennifer Levine and Judi Lawrence. It truly does take a Village...thanks everyone!

(Answer: Township Hall and Henry Church, Jr.)

Kathryn Garvey

September Program

Our September 22 program. *From the Russells to the Pilots: The Beginning and End of North Union.*

Members of the Society were treated to a very interesting slide presentation by Cathie Winans, former Executive Director of the Shaker Historical Society and Museum, and new member of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society.

Mrs. Winans told the history of the Shaker Movement, started in Manchester, England by Mother Ann Lee, their journey to America, the beginnings in Watervliet, NY and spreading Westward, and the group led by Ralph Russell of Windsor Locks Connecticut to the area now comprising the city of Shaker Heights. The North Union settlement was comprised of three "families" with large dwelling houses, mills of every kind, farms and quarries. The settlement lasted from 1822 to 1889.

Ralph Russell eventually left the Shakers, bought land in Bentleyville, and is buried in the Union Cemetery there.

The whole story of the beginning and the end of North Union was fascinating and had a very receptive audience with many questions and queries about this interesting group. Cynthia Reece had actually had lunch with the three remaining Shaker sisters at Sabbath Day Lake in Maine.

Members were then treated to a delicious cake, half almond, half red velvet, with a beautiful shaker tree etched in red and blue rings by our very talented hostess Diana Gardner, whose husband Tim, chaired the program.

Tim Scott

October Bus Trip

On Tuesday October 18th, members of the Society travelled to the 103rd Ohio Voluntary Infantry Museum in Sheffield Lake, had a wonderful lunch at Mahle's in Westlake, and then spent the afternoon at the Frostville Museum in North Olmsted.

The 103rd OVI Museum is open by appointment only. Our docent, and all those associated with the museum, are descendants of soldiers who fought with the 103rd. The interesting museum was originally a barracks built by 103rd veterans to accommodate families who travelled to their reunions. There are over 20 cottages, a mess hall and meeting hall in this beautiful lakefront community, all lived in and maintained by descendants of men of the 103rd. It is believed to be the only compound of the type in the country. The museum had many artifacts, well displayed, that relate the history of the 103rd. Thirty-eight men from Chagrin Falls served in company D of the 103rd.

After a delicious lunch we travelled to Frostville. This reconstructed community lies in the Rocky River Reservation of the Cleveland Metro-parks. Our guide took us through the various homes, all but one having been moved to the site. Our tour included 2 homes, a cabin, the Carpenter House and a beautiful Church. Each building had a docent who told the history of the home, its inhabitants and how it was moved from its original location. All of the funds for Frostville moving and renovations were raised locally, and members participated in much of the renovation.

It was a wonderful trip--we are somewhat dismayed that so few people took part. Including the bus driver, we had 14 people. We will need to review if we should continue to have 2 bus trips each year.

John Bourisseau

Curator's Corner

Overview Calendar

November 1 Special Historical Society Board Meeting for Executive Board and Committee members, Shute Bldg, 10:30 a.m.

8 C.F. Historical Society Board Meeting Shute Bldg. 10 a.m.

17 The Arts Round Table 7:30 a.m.

Evening Program "One Mission" Shute Bldg 7:30 p.m.



28 "Hanging of the Greens" at the museum. Come for an hour or two to help as we decorate the museum for our "Christmas Past" open house 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Looking forward

December 2 "Christmas Past" open house at the C.F. Historical Society. Santa Claus, cookies, cocoa, and Victorian Decor. Everyone is Welcome!

We enjoyed a lovely visit with the descendants of Harmon Barrows (Chagrin Falls harness maker/business man with a store on N. Main St. circa 1840's). Sisters Kathleen and Marian Barrows, from San Francisco, CA are sharing their family treasures with our museum. As children they visited their Aunt Florence who lived at the Barrows home at 177 South Main St. (present home of the Pattons) When their Aunt Florence died they inherited all of the family memorabilia. They have donated the following items to the C. F. Historical Society--and have indicated there will be more.

3 cast iron toys made at the AC Williams Co.; glass paperweight with photo of the Union School; beaded velvet bag which had belonged to Leonora Kellogg Barrows; cotton infant clothing worn by Walter H. Barrows, circa 1845, red leather baby shoes; hand woven tablecloth, 1840's, cemetery certificates; hair bracelets; copy of the civil war letters of Walter Barrows; family photos to scan.

We were given permission by Kathleen and Marian to share some items with the Tom Mattern Historical Room. We shared a 1903 High School pin, an 1895 report card and a 3rd to 4th grade promotion certificate. (Kathleen and Marian Barrows)

Have a nice THANKSGIVING!

Pat E. Zalba
Volunteer Curator