



Exponent

The Monthly Newsletter of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society

John Bourisseau, Editor

November 2014

Sold Out!!

The kickoff to the public portion of our campaign has SOLD OUT. We are very excited about this event, and very excited to begin the restoration and renovation of our new home! *Check out all the new members!!*

Welcome to New Members

Joe Baumann

Bill Coleman

Glenn & Bonny Corlett

Bill & Wendy Davis

Christopher and Suzanne Davis

Bill & Patricia Diesing

William & Christine Gibbons

Gary Gottfried & Deborah Fox

Robert & Virginia Gross

John & Linda Hallbauer

Meg King

Phil & Mary Koepf

Matt & Chantel Michalek

Jack & Pamela Polcar

Jeffrey & Courtney Polcar

Mark & Kathy Simone

Margaret Stratton

Jeff & Pam Widmar

Joanne Zettl

Join us

THE PAINTINGS OF HENRY CHURCH, JR...

...and the conservation of "The Old Oaken Bucket"

Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Jane Babinsky, great-great granddaughter of Henry Church, Jr. and Allyn Rosser, Conservator, will give a brief look at the artist, what inspired him and talk about the conservation of one of his paintings.

Support Our

Special Event Sponsors

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Heritage Fund

Formally called the Endowment Fund, the Heritage Fund was established in the early 1980's by Mrs. George Arthur to "provide for the growth and perpetuity of the Society and its Museum." At the end of 1988 the balance in the fund was nearly \$6,500. In the past three decades that balance has grown significantly through contributions, bequests and the prudent governance of the Society.

Because of the previous generosity of our members, friends, neighbors and the Chagrin Falls community, earlier this year the Society was able to make the decision to purchase the 1874 Italianate George Ober home at 87 East Washington Street.

We have now undertaken the **Join the Campaign for Yesterday ♦ Today ♦ Tomorrow** to raise \$2 million.

Consisting of John Bourisseau, Anne Burr, Laura Gorretta, Bill Hamann, Carolyn Sihler and under the guidance of KC Henry, Transitions Unlimited, the campaign committee decided that effective with June 1, 2014 Heritage Fund contributions would be included in the Campaign goal. All contributions received in memory and/or honor of a loved one will be appropriately acknowledged and entered in our Memory and Honor books.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering the Society. Your special gifts are what will keep us vital, accessible and able to grow.

Carolyn Sihler, Treasurer
Campaign Committee

Internet Inquiries

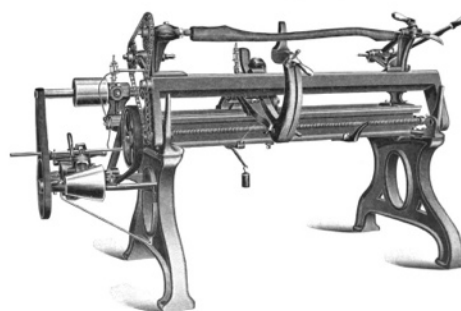
Inquiries coming through the website have been increasing quite a bit of late. Individuals researching family history, questions about old businesses, photo requests, are all part of what we are now doing.

Last week we received an inquiry from Australia about the Ober Lathe. The individual making the request is researching the history of traditional wooden tools and how they were manufactured.

The Chagrin Falls Exponent reports that Ober was exporting Lathes to Australia in the early 1900's

This out shows the

No. 1 Ober Lathe



For turning
Axe, Adze, Pick, Sledge,
Hammer and Hatchet

Handles,

Spokes, Whiffletrees, Gun
Stocks, Lasts and other
irregular work.

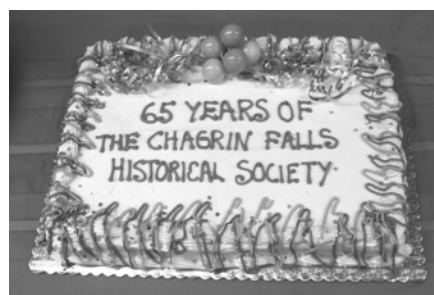
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Durable, Economical.**

We also manufacture other
lathes for making Handles,
Spokes and Variety Work;
Sanders, Shapers, Boring and
Chucking Machines, Rip Saws,
Etc., Etc.
Complete catalogue and price
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THE OBER MFG. CO., 14 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, O., U. S. A.

Our Exponent archives are an incredible resource for the researcher--or just someone who loves history. Dr. Elizabeth Rodgers, out of concern that the actual newspapers would crumble away, hand copied every article and ad onto notecards starting in 1874 and continuing through 1906. These thousands of cards have subsequently been filed by year and subject matter. So if you want to know about manufacturers, or people in 1892, you can go to the card file--an amazing resource!

John Bourisseau



IT IS ALMOST HERE!!!

Ten years ago we published *Chagrin Falls: An Ohio Village History*, the first comprehensive history of Chagrin Falls since C.T. Blakeslee wrote the first history of Chagrin Falls in 1874. It was well received, and listed on the Plain Dealer’s Local Best Seller list for five consecutive weeks. The Society received an Award of Excellence from the Ohio Historical Society for its contribution to local history.

In celebration of our 65th anniversary (and because the first edition is out of print) the second

edition, revised and updated, of this bestselling history is on its way just in time for the holidays. Illustrated with over 300 photos, some never seen before, this coffee table book is a “must have” if you love Chagrin Falls, live in Chagrin Falls, enjoy visiting Chagrin Falls, or just like a good history.

Chagrin Falls: An Ohio village History will soon be available at the Chagrin Falls Historical Society, the Visitor Center, and at Fireside Book Shop.

Laura Gorretta

Thank You Safewalk Volunteers

Our Safewalk to School Scavenger Hunt for historic sites, after being rained out, took place on October 16th. We all had a good time! The seventh and eighth grade students were so polite as well as being enthusiastic about their historic clues. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who made such a successful event happen: John Bourisseau, Jane Babinsky, Gretchen and Bill Hamann, Sally Hawkins, Jan Hill, Lee Johns, Frank Kanzinger, Ken Kvacek, Jo Roeder, Zo Sykora, Joyce Teeft and Pat Zalba. Thank you also to Mayor Brick for being a “Wise Chagrinite” stationed in Village Hall. And thanks again to Kathryn Garvey and her crew of teachers and parents who organized the snacks, determined the winning teams, awarded the prizes and so much more!

We still have to work on having students learn that the wooden structure in Triangle Park is a Bandstand--not a Gazebo!

Pat Zalba



Bill Hamann



Jan Hill



Gretchen Hamann

*Photos courtesy of Kathryn Garvey
SafeWalk to Schools*

Curators Corner



Pat Zalba

Volunteer Curator

Overview Calendar

November

- 1 “Fallback-Spring Forward Gala at the new home of the Historical Society 87 East Washington St.
- 11 Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board meeting, Shute Building, 9:30 am.

Looking ahead to

December 1

Decorating the Museum for the Holidays and for our “Christmas Past” Open House (Dec. 13, 14) on December 1st. We will be decorating the Shute Building from 10 am to 3 pm. Please come for an hour or so to help. It’s fun!

Accessions with a Chagrin Falls Connection

A Family Visit: In October we had an interesting and fun visit with 12 or so descendants of the Nellie and Charles Green family. Nellie and Charles lived on High Street in Chagrin Falls. Charles worked at the Chase Bag Factory on Cleveland Street. Tom Green, who is now 81, remembers walking the pipeline from Whitesburg to Chase Bag. Barbara Green James shared other memories of visits to Chagrin Falls. They also brought old photos of their family and locations in Chagrin which we helped identify for them. The family then presented the Historical Society with a large lamp that had been given to Nellie and Charles as a wedding present in 1901. They also gave us a photograph of Nellie sitting at a table with the lamp in the background.

(Donors--The Thomas A. Green and Barbara Green James Families)

We received 9 small magazines entitled “Bagology-the science of good bags”, published by the Chase Bag Co. issues December 1938 through August 1940. Chase Bag was the paper company that once operated on Cleveland Street in Chagrin Falls. The site is now being repurposed and is known as the Spillway Development.

(Donor-Larry Trace)

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Day!

Pat Zalba

Volunteer Curator



Anne Burr modeling classic evening wear from the historic collection of Ursuline College.

The Chagrin Valley Women’s Club fashion show luncheon was held at Signature of Solon with all proceeds going for scholarships.