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The Birch Bark Canoe and the Fur Trade

Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Lawrence J. 'Bo' Burr Community Room

University School Science teacher, **Terry Harmon**, will speak on the history of the birch bark canoe and the role it played in early North American commerce and in the Great Lakes fur trade. He'll bring an 18' birch bark canoe which he built using handcrafted tools and bark from a tree he felled in the wilds of Canada.

Bake your favorite cookies to share. Call Patti Widmar at 216-409-1455 or email pwidmar@roadrunner.com if you are bringing cookies.



The Chagrin Falls Historical Society is pleased to introduce the 1833 Legacy Circle Planned Giving Program. With your 1833 Legacy Circle Gift you will be giving to the future by preserving the history of the Village of Chagrin Falls. Our Village, founded in 1833, has a wealth of history and heritage for us to preserve and share. Including a gift to the Historical Society as part of your estate plan is one way to support our mission to “discover, preserve, and share evidence of and knowledge about Chagrin Falls and vicinity.”

When you make a Legacy Circle Gift, you will be recognized as a special supporter of the Historical Society, be acknowledged in our publications, receive special invitations to exhibit preview events, and receive the 1833 Legacy Circle pin.

We invite you to make an investment now so future generations may enjoy our treasures and heritage. Your Legacy Circle Gift will be a reminder of your support. To make a gift to the Chagrin Falls Historical Society, consult with your advisors, call 440-247-4695 or email chaghist@gmail.com. Help to Preserve the Very Best!

Carolyn Sihler

From the Museum Director’s Office

On Saturday, March 5th, we were fortunate to have four wonderful volunteers from the Holy Angels Parrish community service program come to our museum and clean display cases, clean picture frames, vacuum and mop the floor! The CFHS will be on their community service list for next year.

A special thank you and welcome goes out to new member and volunteer Marnie Albers. She is diligently working on our wonderful doll collection, which has finally been moved out of the Shute Building and up to 87 East Washington Street. With Marnie’s expertise and special care all of our dolls will finally be catalogued, labeled and stored properly. We hope to

have some special programs planned involving the doll collection that will be fun for everyone!

Many volunteers have been busy preparing the museum for our next exhibit, Chagrin Falls 1860-1880. The majority of the exhibit will pertain to life during the Civil War. Our volunteers, Sally Hawkins and Janice Hill found out how challenging it can be to dress our mannequins! It took the two of them 3 hours to dress two mannequins in dresses from the 1860s because many of the ladies from the 1860s had tiny waists and small busts and our mannequins were built for women of the 1940s! Our exhibit will be opening the week of April 17th and will be on display through August. Please come visit us and see the new exhibit, Thursdays 2:00PM – 7:00PM and Saturdays 11:00AM – 3:00PM.

Jane Babinsky, Museum Director



Volunteers from Holy Angels Parish

L-R Ralph Richard, Mary Jane Richard, Erin Baumgartner and Monica Flesher

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Barb Hubbard

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“Horses, Horses, Horses”

The March 17 program presented by Betty Weibel, was a fascinating journey through the history of the Cleveland Grand Prix. Betty began her comments by thanking the Chagrin Falls Historical Society and especially volunteers Pat Zalba and Zo Sykora for helping with her research.

Based on her book *The Cleveland Grand Prix, An American Show Jumping First*, Betty’s talk began with Cleveland’s equestrian history and progressed to how this horse show jumping event came to be. The first Cleveland Grand Prix was held on July 25, 1965 at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field. It was the only event of its kind in North America and drew a tremendous crowd and riders from six countries. It ultimately led to the formation of more than 350 such events nationwide. Betty shared an interesting selection of photos from her book showing some of the nationally known riders, the incredible jumps and water obstacles and the impressive course layout designed by Laddie Andahazy and D. Jerry Baker.

Though the Grand Prix was not held in 2014, the event was held in the summer of 2015 when it celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

Thank you to the Hospitality Chairs and the Program Committee for this event.

Anne Burr, Program Chair



The Birch Bark Canoe and the Fur Trade

The next program will be on **Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 pm** when **Terry Harmon** will be bringing a birch bark canoe that he built using handcrafted tools and sharing the history of this mode of transportation on the Great Lakes.

Terry is a science teacher at University School who in addition to building birch bark canoes, has also built a dugout canoe, and developed both fish hatchery and maple sugaring programs on the upper campus at US. This promises to be a most interesting presentation.

Anne Burr

Pavers

Individuals and organizations have begun to purchase pavers. What a wonderful way to show your support for our mission, memorialize a loved one or gain recognition for your company or organization. Pavers range from \$500-\$3000 depending on the size and graphics. Email chaghist@gmail.com, or contact Jane or John at 440-247-4695 for information.



Here are two examples. The 7”X14” text only pavers cost \$500, while the cost of the 14”X14” paver will range from \$1000 to \$2000 depending on the amount of text and graphics.

News From the Past

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School Building Notice Owing to the fact from recent developments that the Citizens of Chagrin Falls soon will tax themselves for the purpose of securing a railroad, the Board of Education thinks it advisable that no impediment should be thrown in the way of the enterprise and therefore have revoked, for the time, their action submitting the project of constructing a new school building to the voters of the district. By order of the Board of Education, H. M. Doty, Secretary.

From the Editor—Don’t drive your wagons across the corner of the Park!

Welcome to New Members!

- The Weibel Family**
- Lynn Reboul**
- Jeffrey H. Caufield**
- M.L. Fisher**
- Kathy & Bill O’Donnell**
- Jim Hallstrom**
- M.K. Maxson**

Curator's Corner



Pat Zalba, Curator
Curator

Overview Calendar

April

- 9 Historical Society Scholarship Interviews 9 am to noon. Lawrence J. 'Bo' Burr Community Room
- 9 Chagrin Dad's Club Texas Hold-em Charity Fundraiser 5:30-11:30 pm
- 11 Jaycees Foundation Lawrence J. "Bo" Burr Community Room and Gallery 6:30-8pm
- 12 C.F. Historical Society Board Meeting at 87 E. Washington St. 9:30 am.
- 12 American Legion Meeting 7:30 pm in the Lawrence J. "Bo" Burr Community Room.
- 17 Special Exhibit Preview for Donors and Volunteers 2-4 pm, Museum
- 20 Know Your Antiques, 7:30-9:30 pm Lawrence J 'Bo' Burr Community Room
- 21 Evening Program: The Birch Bark Canoe and Great Lakes Fur Trade. Speaker: Terry Harmon, see article.
- 30 Chagrin Valley Consortium 9 am to noon. Museum, 87 E. Washington St.

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Gifts in *Honor* of

Ann & Rig Goss

by **John Ericson, Jr.**

Tom Mattern

by **GlennV. Wyville**

Accessions with a Chagrin Falls Connection:

Chagrin Valley Quilt Guild Records including minutes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, surveys, newsletters, quilt show announcements and Treasurer reports were received.

Donor, Kay Wellman, for the C.V.Q.G.

The following items were donated:

5 C F High School Zenith Yearbooks; an autograph book and a 1931 Adams Bag Christmas card with all of the employees signatures included on it and many photos.

Donor, Jim Hallstrom

A two piece wedding dress, circa 1880s. Bridesmaid dress, 1920, undergarments and night hair bonnets of the 1920s era.

Donors, For the Family, Betsy McSherry Wise and Sali McSherry

Two letters to the Chagrin Falls Schools were donated. One requested information about school records to establish dates so that a birth certificate could be granted, 1948, and one from the American Red Cross, Chagrin Valley Branch, thanking the school for use of the gym as a location for a "Blood Drive" 1944. A black and white photo, winter storm, 1950 was also received.

Donor, Tom Mattern



Have a wonderful Springtime!

Pat Zalba

