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ON THE HOME FRONT

Stars, Stripes & Swing!

Saturday, September 24, 2016

From the moment you arrive on September 24, the scene is set:

*Inside The Lantern of Chagrin Valley, **Main Street, Chagrin Falls 1940** awaits. DJ John Lisowski fills the air with music from the Greatest Generation, Frank Sinatra croons and the Dinglehop Sisters' harmonizing voices channel the Andrews Sisters.*

As your ears delight with the sounds of the past, your tastebuds swoon over the food of the present, provided by Kater To You. Drinks flow as Grove Hill bartender Mick McGuire serves up cocktails of the era. Guests in forties threads or dress blues enhance the nostalgia. Add a visitor or two from Chagrin's past and the transformation is complete.

It's time for the 'Social Event of the Year' once again. We're gearing up for an exciting night of music and dancing, food and drink, auctions and more. Join us!

Invite your friends and come have some fun while supporting **your** Chagrin Falls Historical Society.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.chagrinhistorical.org
 Call Ann Thompson 216-570-7192 or Anne Burr, 440-241-2678 with questions.

We look forward to stepping back in time with you!

From the Museum Director

July was a very busy month here at the museum. Those of you who have been in the Research Center will notice that we have two new computers and a new scanner. The addition of the computers and scanner will help us to catch up on computer cataloging and to be more efficient when someone comes in to do research. Currently, we have a student, Madeline Halley, helping Zo scan all of the glass plate negatives.

Our hosting of the Northeast Ohio Inter-Museum Council (NEOIMC) on July 19th was a success! The meeting was the NEOIMC annual potluck. The members toured the museum and then walked over to the Intermediate School Gym for dinner and a program by Lauren Casale of Cowan's Auctions. We had 91 members in attendance from various museums. Members from the Cleveland Museum of Art attended and were impressed with the way we set up the exhibits using the display cases we received from them! The tour and potluck were a success because of the wonderful volunteers who helped: Marnie Albers, John Bourisseau, Eva Broz, Anne Burr, Laura Gorretta, Bill Hamann, Sally Hawkins, KC Henry, Janice Hill, Kathy Kolcaba, Ken Kvacek, Mariann Kvacek, Carolyn Sihler, Zo Sykora and Pat Zalba. I am very grateful for all of our CFHS

home with a masterpiece of the High Falls. On Saturday we had 7 young adults attend. They did a step by step painting of a Lake Erie beach scene. We will be hosting another "Paint in the Falls" workshop for young adults on Sunday, October 2nd, 2-4 pm. This workshop will focus on painting a holiday scene and we will pick one of the paintings to be our CFHS Holiday Card for 2016. Encourage your children, grandchildren and nieces and nephews to attend! Who knows, one of them may be a budding Henry Church...



Diana Weber-Gardner giving instructions to eager artists



NEOIMC Summer Potluck



Eva Broz, KC Henry & Mariann Kvacek

The month of August has us preparing for our next exhibit and our gala in September. The exhibit opening will be Thursday, September 15th, 7:00 -9:00 pm and will include Laura Gorretta's program, "Molly Goes to War". You don't want to miss it! We are all looking forward to what our gala committee has planned for us on September 24th. "On the Home Front" sounds like a stomping good time: so, get your tickets before they are sold out!

Jane Babinsky, Museum Director

Our Olympic Connection

Did you know that 2 members of the Historical Society community are in Rio? Lisa Gorretta has been seen many times on Television in her role as a steward during the Dressage competition. Betsy Juliano is the sponsor of a horse named Verdades (Diddy). Diddy is owned and ridden by his owner Laura Graves. They had the highest score amongst the American riders. The US team with Diddy and Laura leading the way won the bronze medal, while finishing 4th in the individual competition. Congratulations!

volunteers, without them we wouldn't be able to do the things we do! Diana Weber Gardner did her workshop, "Paint in the Falls" for adults on Friday, July 29th and one for young adults on Saturday, July 30th. The adults learned step by step how to paint a 5x7" acrylic painting of the Falls. Diana provided the canvas, paints and brushes, the CFHS provided the snacks! It was a fun filled two hours and we all went

Upcoming Events

You can see from our list of upcoming events that we are meeting the objective of providing meeting space for non-profits in the community.

August

- 15 Jaycees Foundation 6:30 pm
- 18 Museum Open 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 20 Museum Open 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 25 Museum Open 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 27 Museum Open 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

September

- 1 New Clevelanders Walking Tour 10:00 am
- 1 Museum Open 2:00 – 7:00 pm
- 3 Museum Open 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 7 Jaycees Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 8 Museum Open 2:00 – 7:00 pm
- 9 Fairmount Garden Club 11:30 am
- 10 Museum Open 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 10 Zo Sykora – Class reunion 4:00 – 9:00 pm
- 13 CFHS Board Meeting 9:30 am
- 13 American Legion 6:30 pm
- 15 Fox Hollow Garden Club 11:30 am
- 15 Museum Open 2:00 – 9:00 pm
- 15 “Molly Goes to War” 7:30 pm and Exhibit Opening
- 17 Museum Open 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 19 Jaycee Foundation 6:30 pm
- 21 Hudson Questers 10:30 am
- 21 Know Your Antiques Club Open to CFHS Members 7:30 pm
- 22 Museum Open 2:00 – 7:00 pm
- 24 Museum Open 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 24 On the Home Front Gala 6:30 – 10:00 pm at “Main Street” At Lantern of Chagrin Valley
- 29 Museum Open 2:00 – 7:00 pm
- 29 Safe Walks to School History Scavenger Hunt, 3-5 pm

Constitution

Thanks to all who returned their ballot for the new constitution. We had about 60 responses, which is about what we get for most elections. We had 1 no, and the rest were yes.

This is the beginning of a new phase for the Historical Society. A committee from the present Executive Board is in the process of identifying potential candidates for the Board of Trustees.

John Bourisseau

Breaking Barriers

A few months ago I received an email through the website email from an individual asking if our new museum was handicapped accessible. I responded yes, although there are a few areas that are not wheelchair accessible up stairs. I didn't hear anything for a while, and then last week I received another email asking if she could make an appointment for 1 pm on Monday—I complied.

While waiting, I wondered who was going to visit. I kind of assumed that it would be an older person in a wheel chair. So I was surprised when an 18 year old young woman arrived with her aide and a friend. The young lady is multiply handicapped, wheelchair bound and requires a ventilator. Her communication with the world around her is accomplished through her smile, expressions and ability to text.

For an hour and a half we ventured through the museum. She was enthralled with the exhibits and texted me many questions. At one point, when we were upstairs in the research room, she texted me—“Is there a basement?” When I asked her if she wanted to see it, she beamed and said enthusiastically. “Yes!”

Unfortunately, with all of the storage space being utilized, there was not a lot to see. We couldn't maneuver the wheelchair—but she was intrigued to see the ramp leading to the basement that was used when the building was a funeral home.

Providing access to our collections and the history of our community was a major objective of our renovation. It was both satisfying and heartwarming to be able to share our museum with this delightful young lady.

Thanks to all of you who have helped make this possible.

John Bourisseau

New Members

- John S. Meade
- James F. Kadunc
- Mabel Houldsworth
- Brodowski Family
- Coreen Abbott
- Lois Wright
- Janet Altamari
- David Malmquist
- Stanley Emerling
- Bob & Jene Ohlrich
- Lynn Shaw
- Bill & Linda Zalazny
- Judd Stroud
- Marilyn Doman
- Catherine Hallenbach
- Helen Burnett Sessions
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Curators Report



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Memorial Gifts

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George Clemens

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“The Things I Did Last Summer” I’m reminded of a song! I hope you have had a pleasant summer. I had the pleasure of being part of a wedding party celebration as a guide for the Historical Society on several Horse and Buggy tours through the Commercial and West Side Historic Districts. It was also nice to renew old acquaintanceships with the North East Ohio Inter-Museum Council members when we hosted the summer pot luck dinner in July here at the Historical Society. Recently, I enjoyed being a part of Diana Weber-Gardner’s Paint at the Falls Young Adult class as a volunteer helper. I know the youngsters had a great time with their hands-on experience and learning new techniques of painting with Diana. Now, I am looking forward to Fall and all of the activities we have planned. For my part, I’m always excited to welcome the Middle School classes to the “Passport To Chagrin” event. It is sponsored by the Safe Walk to Schools program. It is basically a scavenger hunt for historic sites in Chagrin Falls. Give us a call if you’d like to help and we will fill in the details. (you need to be able to walk to your assigned post in the Village from the museum) In October, I’m having an old fashioned “Sewing Bee” again. It doesn’t take much skill, just a few stitches to sew—an accession number tag on a textile. We’ll have some refreshments and time to visit while we are working. This is an activity for those who do better “sitting” rather than walking. (like me!)

Pat Zalba

The Collections Committee has accepted the following Chagrin Falls Related Accessions:

The clock that once hung on the wall at the Falls Theater(movie house) on E. Washington St.
Donor—Glenn Barriball

37 photos of the Hervey White house and the area of Whitesburg, circa 1957-1966.
Donor—Frank Zupan

A George Cameron Family Genealogy, 1812-1976.
Donor—Carla Cameron

The Victory Handbook-American Guidebook, a WWII publication which lists residents, businesses, etc. and a WWI and WWII Roll of Honor for Chagrin Falls.
Donor—Carolyn Colombo

3 Fire Department badges and photographs of a clambake and Chagrin Falls parades, circa 1957-1969.
Donor—Art Kvacek

Hope to see you in September when our new exhibit, On The Home Front-Chagrin Falls 1940s, opens.

Pat Zalba

On the Home Front Special!

We Want You!



The Event Committee is still needing volunteers to help with our September 24, fundraiser.

We need:

- 2 bartenders
- 2 greeters
- 3 food helpers/cleanup
- 1 checkout person

Please contact **Ann Thompson** at AnnthompsonCFHS@gmail.com or **Anne Burr** at anjin444@windstream.net

Congratulations, **Brian Paul!**

Brian Paul is the lucky winner of the raffle drawing to win two VIP tickets to the Chagrin Falls Historical Society's September 24 Fundraiser.

With these tickets Brian and his guest have won admittance to the benefit and the VIP Reception beforehand. They'll also receive VIP recognition and a special gift.

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets and for supporting your Historical Society.

Wine Pull

The upcoming ON THE HOME FRONT, Stars, Stripes & Swing! benefit is approaching and we are thrilled to bring back the Wine Pull. Bottles of wine will be wrapped in paper bags and you can purchase one for \$20. It may be a bottle of red or a bottle of white, and will range in price from \$20 to \$80. We are currently accepting wine or monetary donations so we can purchase a variety of fabulous bottles. Please call Ann Thompson at 216-570-7192 if you would like to help us grow our vintage collection.



Silent Auction and Chinese Raffle

No fundraiser is complete without a silent auction and this fundraiser is no exception. In addition, the Lucky Chance Antique Shop will be raffling an assortment of unique antiques. The following is just a small sample of what will be offered.

From the Silent Auction...

Pine Lake Trout Club Getaway

Spend a night in one of our cabins with 3 of your friends, tour the club grounds and spend the day fishing. Enjoy a private group fly fishing lesson by Chagrin River Outfitters, two bottles of vintage whiskey, a case of poker chips with cards and a Master Pizza certificate. (weekends excluded) Value: \$575



Max Barnard 10"x14" framed painting, *House on Cottage-Joyce House*, Value \$600-\$800

Film Festival in Style

Tour Chagrin Falls in the 1957 police car with John Bourisseau, followed by dinner at Rick's Cafe. Two Chagrin Documentary Film Festival All Festival Passes, along with a variety of Chagrin Falls memorabilia. Value: \$275



Rob Crombie 18x24 unframed painting, *Cottage on a Hill*, Value \$400

Sponsorships

Thank you to all of our sponsors! We so appreciate your support.

If you're considering sponsorship of ON THE HOME FRONT, Stars, Stripes & Swing!, it's not too late! We have many different levels of sponsorship, which can be viewed on our website. All levels will get you into the festive VIP Reception, tickets to the main event and your name will appear on our website. Please join the other organizations and residents who are supporting us and showing the community they care about our mission. Email AnnThompsonCFHS@gmail.com for more information.

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