

From The Friends' Front Porch

Ohio Humanities Council Grants Fund MFH Events

The Museum at the Friends Home is the recipient of an Ohio Humanities Council grant to produce an oral history DVD, tentatively titled "Waynesville Wanderings: A Video Oral History of Waynesville and Vicinity from Early Pioneers through the 1970s." The story will cover the region's history from the early settlers in 1797 through 1978, when Caesar's Creek Lake changed the area not only geographically but socially.

Project Director Jud Yalkut plans to interview many inhabitants of the area, especially the elders of the community, as to their remembrances. These stories will be supplemented during their telling with images drawn from the vast photographic and historical document collection of the Museum and from contributions by community members.

Also to be incorporated in the video history will be footage of the historically preserved buildings and locations within the village and the area, including those relocated to the Pioneer Village at Caesars Creek State Park. He will be assisted by a group of enthusiastic volunteers and the community as a whole, including the local Dulcimer Friends of Caesar Creek who will provide the musical soundtrack.

Jud is an internationally recognized film/video artist who received a retrospective at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York in 2000, six Individual Artist Fellowships from the Ohio Arts Council since 1982, a Lifetime Achievement Fellowship from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District in 2004, and most recently a Citation for Distinguished Service to the Visual Arts in Ohio from the Ohioana Library in October 2005. He and his wife, Peg, are Museum members.

The final video will be premiered in the spring of 2007 in the Red Brick Meeting



House adjacent to the Museum in Waynesville's Quaker Historical District.

A second Ohio Humanities Council grant was awarded to cover the cost of musical entertainment for this year's tea party fundraiser. *Teatime at the Waldorf* will brighten Quaker Heights Community Care Center activity room on Saturday, June 10th.

George Kalbouss, a retired professor of Russian literature from Ohio State University, will present *Song Stories*. His music will cover the '30s, '40s and '50s and will include historical tidbits from each era.

Tables are going fast, so get your tickets today. At \$15 each, it's an afternoon of vintage luxury not to be missed! Call the Museum at 513.897.1607 to reserve your seat.

Noteworthy Notes:

- Aluminum cans are still being collected for recycling as a fundraiser to help support Museum activities. Drop off cans anytime under the canopy at the side entrance.
- Don't forget the beautiful exhibit of Depression glass and a display of vintage hats at the Museum all summer!

Curator's Corner

~ by *Dolly McKeehan*



When the Museum first opened just six years ago, we felt it would be ages before we ran out of exhibit rooms. But with the opening of the Doctors Room in April we have only one room left – the School Room that should be ready in the spring. We continue to accept donations of appropriate items for that space.

The Museum was honored recently by McDonald's Corporation when they asked us for old photos to use in the décor of the newly rebuilt downtown restaurant. These pictures will be professionally framed and placed in the lobby area for all visitors to enjoy. McDonald's will also have a display case for the Museum to showcase artifacts representing our collection of historical memorabilia. The restaurant is expected to open in late July/early August – stop by to see Museum pieces in a whole new light!

Do you have any clothing, hats, jewelry, etc., from the 1800s through 1940? The Museum would like to add more variety to our clothing room with items from this era. All to be handled with great care, of course!

We would also like to expand the Burnet Butterworth Library with additional family histories of the area. The current collection is a treasure-trove for genealogical research and we hope to keep it fresh and interesting. You do not need to be among the Waynesville area's 'founding families' to include your story.

Ghost tours have started early this year! The Museum hosted its first group Walking Ghost Tour of downtown on May 24th. This event has gained the interest of several bus tour promoters and we look forward to sharing the fun all season. Groups of ten or more are welcome to book a walking tour at any time. Call the Museum to make your reservations.

Thank you to the following members who have made recent donations to the Museum: Milton Cook, Linda Morgan, Mary Ellen Lacy, Eula McDermott, Bill Moss, Bill Stubbs, Eleanor Freeland, Gene and Glenda Brown, Lee Philpott, Lynda and Bill Lawrence, Larry McKeehan, Roger and Joanne Coker, Sandra Dickinson, Tonya Couch, Bill Purkey, Paul Palmer, and George and Cyndi Pauwels. Our thanks and appreciation to all our members who have placed their trust in the Museum by allowing us to house and display their family treasures.

Hours remain 1-4 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday and by appointment. As always, please feel free to call me if you have any questions or comments on the Museum.

Thanks & Praise to Those Who Help

Thank you, thank you from the Museum Board to those members and friends who give of themselves to keep things running smoothly:

- Jim Crane for mowing the lawn because "it needed it" and we hadn't planned ahead
- Reed Morgan who made sure the lawn

looked good for our first tours of the season

- Wilma Grace at the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce for promoting the Museum so enthusiastically at every opportunity

You make our work so much easier and more enjoyable!

Volunteers are always needed to help with copying, tagging artifacts, cleaning, tours, and for special projects. Come join us! Our work is interesting and we have fun. Call 513.897.1607 whether you have a few days or a few hours to share. You are most welcome!

Garage Sale, Appraisal Day Defeat Rainy Weather

Raindrops and clouds tried to drown out the third annual Trash 'n' Treasures Garage Sale at the Museum on May 12-13, but hardworking volunteers prevailed (thank you! thank you!) and the customers did not let us down. We cleared out an amazing amount of 'treasures' and disposed of the 'trash' that was left. Now we can almost get in to the barn again!

During the sale on Saturday, Gloria Phillips of Gloria's Antiques held court in the Museum dining room for Appraisal Day. She volunteered her time from 1-4 p.m. to examine and estimate the value of nearly 50 items. Thanks so much, Gloria!

Grant Funding Denied ~ New Avenues Sought

The Museum has suffered defeat in two separate grant requests this month:

The first, a proposal to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation requested \$50,000 to help with the cost of replacing all 64 deteriorating windows in the building. With project quotes ranging from \$83,000 to over \$110,000, the grant would have just gotten the job started. The GCF felt the Museum did not have the financial means/backing to complete the project, so we were denied funding.

Second, a \$2,500 grant request to Lebanon Citizen's National Bank to fund our public awareness efforts for the year including this newsletter, the occasional advertisement for special events and tours, and replacing outdated Museum brochures, was denied.

The windows still need to be replaced in

order to protect the Museum collection and keep heating/cooling costs in check. The publicity still needs to go out or no one will know about the wonderful opportunities offered by the Museum. We are also faced with sorely needed repairs to the front porch area of the building.

So we will continue to search for new grant possibilities, look for creative ways to raise money without taxing our generous membership base, and keep working hard at various fundraisers which, as of now, just manage to keep the doors open. It's a common refrain in these days of strained budgets.

Rest assured the Museum Board works very hard to maintain this wonderful facility as economically as possible. As always, thank you for your continued support of our efforts.

Technology Updates: New Website & Email

In an effort to improve our Internet service (and lower our expenses!), the office has switched from Go-Concepts to Sprint DSL. This has resulted in a couple of more obvious changes, as well:

- The Museum website has a new name. Visit www.friendshomemuseum.org for updated events listings, newsletter archives, tour information and more.
- We have a new email address: info@friendshomemuseum.org

Update your browser and email address book and stay in touch!

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Mark your calendar!

~ All events are held at the Museum unless otherwise noted ~

June

- 1: Museum Board of Trustees meeting – 7 p.m.
- 10: *Teatime at the Waldorf*, Quaker Heights activity room – 1-3 p.m.

July

- 6: Museum Board of Trustees meeting – 7 p.m.

August

- 3: Museum Board of Trustees meeting – 7 p.m.
- 12: Membership Annual Meeting – 6-8 p.m.

September

- 7: Museum Board of Trustees meeting – 7 p.m.

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