

From The Friends' Front Porch

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New Activities Highlight Museum's Eleventh Season

Just a few years ago the Museum at the Friends Home opened with exhibits in six rooms. Now curator Dolly McKeehan draws upon a rich collection of artifacts to fill every nook and cranny of the three-floored historic building and to craft new exhibits each year. The Museum's 2011 season highlights exhibits and activities marking the 150th anniversary of the start of the nation's civil war. Visitors will note facility and grounds improvements made possible by continued generous financial support of the members, friends and supporters. *The Museum reopens on Saturday, April 9th. Beginning this season, the Museum will be open Wednesdays from 1 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 - 5 p.m.*

Exhibit Recollects Ohio's 79th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

A new exhibit honors Ohio's infantry organized in Cincinnati in July, 1862 and manned with soldiers including those from the local area. The unit campaigned in Kentucky; guarded railroads, supplies and broke up guerrilla bands on the Cumberland and Stone Rivers in Tennessee; participated in the Atlanta campaign; marched to the sea and through the Carolinas with General Sherman; and marched through Richmond to Washington, where it was mustered out on June 6, 1865. Among items exhibited will be soldiers' letters obtained from the Ohio Historical Society. Wilmington College is supporting this effort with up to 18 hours of student intern support. Sara Douglas is a senior from Zanesville majoring in history and theater; she selected this project from several other potential candidate projects.

The Museum is soliciting Civil War relics which area residents may wish to loan to the Museum. They will be carefully safe-guarded and protected while on display. If you have interest, contact the Museum at 513-897-1607 or at info@friendshomemuseum.org.

Discover Waynesville's Famous and Infamous Personalities

Did you know the founder of one of the nation's most prestigious universities was born and raised on Waynesville's Main Street? Or that a prominent river captain's unfounded marital suspicions cost him his life? These and other stories will be recalled by Museum guides during "The Famous and Infamous of Main Street" tours during the Second Saturday Faire events hosted by the Waynesville Merchants Association (WMA) from May through September. No reservations required. Just look for the WMA tent and sign up for the afternoon tours.

Opportunity to Dine with General and Mrs. Grant

On April 30, 2011 four lucky couples will dine with General Ulysses S. Grant and his wife in the lovely dining room of the Museum at the Friends Home in Waynesville, Ohio. They will recreate the intimate birthday dinner served during General Grant's presidential term in the White House, featuring period food, vintage costumes, and historical conversation. The General will be portrayed by George Dauler, who has been doing history portrayals for over 25 years. The chinaware will be of the same design President Richard and Pat Nixon used on a daily basis in the White House. This will be an evening not to be missed! Raffle tickets are six for \$5. For tickets, contact the Museum at the Friends Home at 513-897-1607, by e-mail at info@friendshomemuseum.org, or online at www.friendshomemuseum.org. The winning tickets will be drawn on April 2, 2011. Ticket purchasers do not need to be present to win. All proceeds will support the Museum and its preservation efforts.

Come to Your Own Celebration!

On Saturday, April 2nd, we invite Museum members, volunteers and guests to celebrate their efforts in historic preservation. An appreciation reception will be held from 1-4 p.m. at Rick & Sue Rieger's *Labarn* just north of Waynesville. Attendees will delight to behold and listen to the beautiful sounds of an unique two-story pipe organ housed within the barn and constructed from parts of 16 different pipe organs. The barn has two floors totaling 10,000 square feet and is a marvel to behold! Directions will be included with the invitations.



Front Porch View by Chuck Feicht

Once each month, crowded around a small table down in the basement, a group of folks gather to plan the Museum's activities. Sounds pretty boring, huh? You'd be surprised. I've been on a few boards, councils and committees over the years, but I've never been on one where I've had so much fun, sense of accomplishment, cooperation and commitment as exists on the Museum at the Friends Board.

Four new area residents have joined the board over the past several months and are already making significant contributions.

- Diana Miller has assumed responsibility for grant funding.
- Mary Bunker completed an update of the Self-Guided Walking Tour of Historic Waynesville.
- Rick Rieger formed a new computer and Internet committee.
- Andrew Shipman is planning a Christmas Tour of Homes event.

Working together with the Museum's volunteers, I find it amazing what this group accomplishes to preserve the local area's history and heritage and to advance the role and influence of the Museum. And it doesn't stop with Museum folks...we're finding our partners throughout the village, such as the library and merchant community, eagerly work with us to collectively advance the vitality of the Waynesville area. Examples include joint events with the Library commemorating the Civil War, and with the merchants to promote the Second Saturday Faire and the Museum's *Famous and Infamous of Main Street* tours.

So.....if you're looking for something fun and worthwhile to do, contact any of us and we'll give you a historic opportunity to support your local Museum.

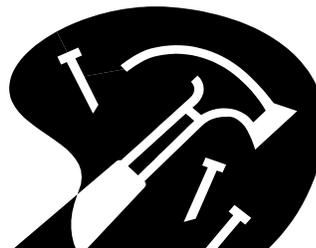
Caring for our Historic Structure

The Museum's building continues to be updated while preserving its original look and feel. The worn carpeting and underlying particle board in the dining room has been removed to expose the original hardwood floor. Hammonds Flooring is sanding and refinishing the flooring to bring it back to its original and beautiful finish. This project was made possible by the generous donation from Bill Moss' estate.

Visitors will also note new wall display exhibits along the side entrance corridor. Also, with help from Wayne Township's Randy Linebaugh, Museum volunteers removed overgrown brush in areas behind the Museum and between the Museum and the White Meeting House. New grass areas and rose bushes in front significantly enhance the Museum's outside appearance.

The Museum Board also decided to have McKeehan Construction and Electric complete the window project this year, replacing the north (ramp) side windows and installing storm windows. While a major fund expenditure, the decision was prompted by concern over future availability of the windows. The Board also noted that, with windows on three sides already completed, the building's annual gas bill has dropped steadily – 2010's annual gas bill was 27% lower than in 2008.

As future funding becomes available, other planned improvements include a new front entrance door, updated restroom facilities, and improved first floor lighting.



Not a Reader? Try Listening to History

The Museum has now completed three of many planned oral history video DVDs, featuring Mary LeMay and Allie Carter, Police Chief Gary Copeland, and Bill Stubbs. These DVDs are available for listening and viewing at the Museum.

Curator's Corner

~ by *Dolly McKeehan*

Another new year of exciting events at the Museum in 2011. This year, the Museum, along with the entire State of Ohio, will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Be sure to visit the Museum to see our Civil War exhibit.

As passionate as your Board of Trustees are, we can not keep the Museum functioning without your help. Volunteers are the backbone of any non-profit and we need help with host/hostess duties on either Wednesday or Saturday. The office can use someone who can do data entry. Know how to run a vacuum or use a dust cloth? We need help once a month with light cleaning. If you enjoy interacting with groups of people, we need help with large tours. Have a green thumb? There is need for help with the "curb appeal" at the front of the Museum. We have a few items in need of loving care with minor restoration and/or repair. Volunteers set their hours and training classes are available. If it is an hour or a day, we can always use help.

If you have not yet submitted your membership dues, please take a moment to mail them or to go to our website and use our PayPal link. Membership dues help sustain our general operating fund. With no paid staff, all funds go directly to the operation of the Museum. If you're not a member, please become one and support your community Museum. If you have already paid your membership for 2011, we thank you for your support.

'Remembering Civil War Ladies' at Upcoming Luncheon Tea

*Saturday, May 21, 2011
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Quaker Heights Care Community
Community Room
514 High Street
Waynesville, Ohio*

This year, the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, we remember and pay homage to the great army of women who fought behind-the-scene battles and have mostly gone unheralded. Often thought of as a "man's war," there were legions of mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and sweethearts who served and sacrificed. Women plowed and harvested; they served as nurses, supply masters and spies. Some followed their husbands from battle to battle; some became soldiers.

Mr. James Bissland, Associate Professor (Emeritus) from Bowling Green State University will speak about the great loves and labors of these brave women. Additionally, the Collins Connection will entertain by replicating some of the memorable songs and music of that era, many of which you'll recognize.

A silent auction will be held and items are sought for donation.

Twelve tables, each seating ten ladies, are planned. Table sponsorship entails selling ten tickets and providing table decorations, china and silverware. *Ladies are invited to remember their Civil War counterparts through table decorations and/or attire.* Since there were heroines on both sides, honor whomever you wish. The museum provides tablecloths and tea pots. Don't delay in reserving tables as several are already committed.

Single tickets are also available. Ticket price is \$15. All proceeds from the silent auction and ticket sales support the Museum at the Friends Home.

Table chairpersons or others planning to attend should contact Linda Morgan at 513-383-0071 or at RLMorgan819@hughes.net. Please join us for this fun event.



Recent Donations/Acquisitions – WOW & THANK YOU!!

Andrew Shipman

Ink drawings and note cards done by artist, Jane McCulloch
Wooden paintbox owned by Jane McCulloch
Scrapbook of drawings by Jane McCulloch from 1932-42
Hand-made replica of the Corwin covered bridge, originally owned by Lavon (Bonnie) Saglor

Bill Stubbs

Charcoal drawing by artist, Jane McCulloch
Watercolor by artist, Jane McCulloch

Mary L. Cook Library

1865 canvas cover for the Valentine wagon
1911 register for the Sugar Grove school
1922 Wayne Twp. treasurer's account ledger
1900 Waynesville water works and electric ledger
1911 Ohio school register and record
1913 Waynesville treasurer ledger
1900 Waynesville Mayor's Criminal docket
1871 "Independent" newspaper
1849 "Washington Era" newspaper
Dr. Mary L. Cook medicine bottles (2)
Dr. Stout medicine bottles (2)
1897 Waynesville Exchange Bank checks
1896 Corwin bank check
Fresh water pearls
1980 science experiment log
Pearl shell and display globe
1957 Waynesville drug store bottle
Two glass ink wells
Pair eye glasses
Ladies black pin
Ladies onyx/pearl pin
Metal thimble
1936 political pin
Pearl buttons
Ladies gold pin
Calling cards and case
Tin type photo in leather case
Stetson coat of arms
IOOF badge
Organizational pins
Metal button hook
Ladies hair pin
Stone scraper
Square head nails
1905-12 Waynesville Clerks Fund ledger
1922-29 Waynesville Clerks Fund ledger
1934-38 Waynesville Mayor's Criminal Docket
1910-39 Waynesville record of license
Silver spoon
Silver napkin ring
Business card for Calkins, Griffin & Co.
Photo of Elp home
Photo of Waynesville's first fire pumper
Waynesville school May Pole photo
Photo of gas station at Main & Franklin
Child's black leather shoes & socks
Hat pin holder and 16 ladies hat pins
Crock
Waynesville Canning Co. can
Metal urn
Train conductor, J. B. McKensey, wallet and 5 ticket stubs

Sgt. First Class Scott Hafner

U.S. Army uniform worn in Afghanistan in 2010
Military body armour worn in Afghanistan
U.S. Army helmet & boots worn in Afghanistan

Robert Jeffery

Civil War era canteen
Sherwood family photo
1875 Warren County atlas

Friends Home Inc.

2009 book - The History of Substantial Contributions & Gifts & Bequests & Legacies to the 1905 Friends Boarding Home & the Quaker Heights Care Community

Wilmington College Library

Indiana Yearly Meeting newsletters, dated 1961-70

Yvonne Bradstreet

Hand fan from Jim McClure funeral home

Rick Rieger

Hair necklace with gold heart
Hair earrings
Hair cord

Lorin Hough

WWI U.S. Army uniform worn by Kenneth Hough consisting of hat, vest, pants, jacket and overcoat.
1918 photo of Kenneth Hough in WWI Army uniform
1918 Enlistment and discharge papers for Kenneth Hough

Chuck Kirkpatrick - Items donated to new Fire and Police Museum

Old lock-up key
Waynesville deputy marshall's badge for Charlie Joy
Waynesville special police badge for Charlie Joy
1930 Wayne Twp. fire patch
Waynesville police gun carried by Charlie Joy
B&W postcard of Corwin Ave. flooding
Copy of US savings bond 1945
Mary LeMay - Items donated to new Fire and Police Museum

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Waynesville police jacket worn by Charlie LeMay
Police handcuffs and leather case used by Charlie LeMay
Gold police whistle
Silver Waynesville "Chief" badge
Silver Waynesville police badge
Large silver cap Waynesville "Chief" badge
Large silver cap Waynesville police badge
Older silver cap Waynesville Police badge
Gold cap Waynesville Asst. Chief badge
Silver/gold round cap Asst. Chief badge
Silver Wayne Twp. Constable badge (1947-49)
Silver Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. C. LeMay badge
Silver/white Wayne Twp. Rescue badge - M. LeMay
Two 1930 Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. patches
Yellow/white Wayne FD patch
Black/red/white T & I Fire Department Vocational Training patch
Red/white T & I Emergency and Rescue Vocational Training patch
Silver eagle police cap badge
Silver police badge

Sheryl Marsh

1945-46 Waynesville H.S. band uniform worn by Polly Lou Wiseman Whitaker
1943-46 photo of interior of the Miami Gazette

David McCune

1850's hand-made white gown worn by Elizabeth Roudebush Clark on her wedding night.

Museum 'ArtiFacts'.....

- The Museum plans a Christmas tour of historic homes on November 27. Look for historic home information soon on the Museum's website.
- Paravizion, the ghost hunting group that made several visits to our Museum, will have its own program soon on the History Channel.
- Museum members recently made presentations to the Waynesville Lions Club and Merchants Association.
- Annual individual and corporate membership campaigns are being held in March.
- A new volunteer class will be held on March 19.
- With grant help from the Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Museum purchased a new color copier plus rack cards promoting the Museum and its tours.
- Work continues to bring the Fire and Police Museum into reality. MFH is lending expertise and guidance. Efforts include documenting the history of the Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. and preparing lesson plans for elementary school students and teachers. Financial and artifact donations are being accepted.
- The Museum is providing quilts and vintage cameras for display at the Mary L. Cook Library.
- Watch for new street banners promoting October's "Ghostly History Walking Tours."
- Board member Rick Rieger formed an information technology committee which is working on developing capability for visitors to schedule themselves and pay for October's *Ghostly History Walking Tours*; website information for students researching local history; expanded walking tour database; pictures, information and video clips on Museum artifacts; list of materials from the Burnett Butterworth Library; and books, photos and videos for sale.

Become a Friend of
The Museum at the Friends Home

P.O. 12, Waynesville, OH 45068

Membership Opportunities

___ Student ~ \$10/Year ___ Individual ~ \$25/Year ___ Family ~ \$35/Year
 Additional Donation: \$_____ (circle one) General Fund ~ Windows ~ Other: _____

Memorial in honor of: _____

Please make checks payable to WAHCC (Waynesville Area Heritage & Cultural Center)

The Museum is dedicated to preserving all aspects of the history and culture of Waynesville, Wayne Township, Massie Township, and other surrounding areas in Warren County. If you would be interested in volunteer opportunities, please feel free to call the Museum at 513.897.1607 for more information. You are most welcome!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Charter Life Members do not pay annual dues, but donations are always appreciated, or the membership may be converted to annual in order to provide regular support for the Museum.

Yes! I would like to volunteer in the following areas:

- ___ Copying ___ Mailings ___ Research ___ Archiving ___ Cleaning
 ___ Phone Calls ___ Yard Work ___ Painting ___ Tours

MFH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark your calendar!

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

March

19: Volunteer Class, 1 p.m.

April

2: Member Reception, 1-4 p.m. at Labarn

7: Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

9: Season Opening: Regular Hours Wed 1-4 & Sat 1-5

30: Dinner with General Grant, 6 p.m.

May

5: Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

14: “Famous & Infamous” Main Street Tour: 2 p.m.

21: “Remembering Civil War Ladies” Tea Party at Quaker Heights, 1-3 p.m.

June

2: Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

11: “Famous & Infamous” Main Street Tour: 2 p.m.

July

7: Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

9: “Famous & Infamous” Main Street Tour: 2 p.m.

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