

LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Would you like to see . . .



Movie star Tony Curtis' s EPEE?



OR

a TOOTH from an animal that lived more than 10,000 years ago?



OR

a FOOT PRINT from a legendary creature?

To see these and many other items, come to the

Fun, Funky, &

Fascinating Finds of the

Logan County Museum

Open House &

Pancake Breakfast

on Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 to 4:00

(Please NOTE: pancake breakfast will STOP SERVING at 12:00 noon)

The open house will feature artifacts from the museum's collections that are unique to the Logan County Museum, some that you will be surprised that we have, and some that are just cool. It should be very enjoyable, plus you get to eat delicious pancakes! By donation!

If you have any questions please call 593-7557 or email us at logancomuseum@embarqmail.com.

Open to the public. Free parking.

We hope to see you all on Saturday, April 30th!

CURATOR'S CORNER

I hope everybody has survived the cold, snow and ice. As I am writing this they are calling for highs in the 50s over the next couple of days. Hopefully this will melt the thick layers of ice and snow that have encompassed us over the last few weeks. John McPherson has done a tremendous job in keeping the parking lots and entrances as clear as possible. We are very fortunate that the board made the decision to hire John full-time and have him take over the snow removal.

January and February are usually slower times for the museum as far as the number of visitors. We are using this slowdown to our advantage by making some updates to the museum. John has been busy painting the Toy Room and what will become the Logan County Room (last room in the hallway). Once he is done I will be putting new exhibits in each room. The Toy Room will go back to a more general history of toys compared to the '50s-'60s toys and games. The Logan County Room will feature artifacts that do not necessarily fit in the themes of the museum rooms. These new exhibits will be completed before the *Fun, Funky & Fascinating Finds of the Logan County Museum* open house on March 31st.

We are busy getting artifacts and exhibits ready for the *Fun, Funky & Fascinating Finds of the Logan County Museum* open house. The idea behind the theme is to show off some of the museum's collections that are a little different than what people might expect to find at the museum or are unique to Logan County.

Beth Marshall, Elaine DeMarsh and Pat Swanson are going through the textile collection to see what items might fit in with the open house theme. They are also looking through the files in the archives for local stories that are fun or funky or fascinating. The main

glass case at the back entrance will be the primary exhibit but we will have exhibits throughout the museum hallway and in the mansion. We are very excited about the open house. It is a little different than the other open houses we have had, but I think people will enjoy the exhibits and I know they will enjoy the pancakes.

Please keep Saturday, March 30th open on your calendar and come

visit us.

NOTE: THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST WILL END AT 12:00 ON THE 30th BUT THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 4:00 FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO TAKE A TOUR.

Todd McCormick

Artifact Donations Thanks!

January 1 – February 16, 2011

- Caron Vernon** in Memory of Martha L. Grimes – Lady's dresses
- Steve Robinson** – Photograph of the meat counter at the City Market in Bellefontaine
- Don Armstrong** – May 3, 1888 issue of the Rushsylvania Times newspaper
- Nancy Day** – James Day's 1929 BHS diploma
- Daniel E. Gilbert** – Photograph of first jury with women in Logan County, LCHS photographs
- Todd & Tonja Braun** – Railroad Manual, Freedom Train program/ticket
- Tom Briggs** – Diplomas of Orah Kitchen, Quilt, 1921 Logan County Directory and map

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**Volunteer
Appreciation**

**Monthly
\$20.00
Gift Certificate
Drawing**

**January Winner—
Pat Dorsey**

Congratulations!

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YOUNG HISTORIANS

The Young Historians held their Christmas party a month late at the January meeting since the original party was canceled due to weather. We will get back to our Logan County Landmarks theme at the February 28th meeting. The Young Historians will be building representations of various area landmarks using Legos.® We will continue with the construction of the landmarks at the March 23rd and April 25th meetings (6:00-7:00) in the Presidents' Room.

If you have any questions please Call Todd at 593-7557 or email at logancomuseumtodd@embarqmail.com.



The President's Message:

Scheduled for March 17 is our annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, one of my favorite events of the year. OK, I admit to having several when it comes to the Historical Society's calendar for the year. This one is particularly important, however, because it behooves us to acknowledge the critical contributions made by volunteers on behalf of the Society.

We will soon mark 25 years at our present facility, having moved in after purchasing the former Latham Rest Home in 1988. Since that time, and especially in the early years, the bulk of the physical work necessary to transform the buildings fell to a small but very dedicated group of volunteers. I recall a number who were several years my senior – at this point in my life I find myself increasingly reluctant to use the word “old” – who were on site several days a week doing work that wore me out after a very short time.

A good example was the area that presently constitutes our Presidents' Room. At that time it contained a hallway and laundry room separated by a cement block wall. In the absence of the ideal power tools, we used sledge hammers to beat the wall into rubble and dust. Then there was a large sunken tub in the end of the room that is now Archives. Again, the primary attack was with sledge hammers and spud bars.

I feel a twinge of pain in my back when I think of all the moving, lifting, sorting, cleaning, painting and shifting of the thousands of objects in the archives and collections. But I recall there being very little in the way of complaints. It was work that had to be done and these individuals were determined to get it done.

While it is most certainly true that our expert Curator has turned ours into a first-rate museum, his work has come on the foundation of immeasurable time donated freely by very dedicated people, many of whom are no longer with us.

Fortunately, we still have a core of volunteers who do important work around the museum, serve as trustees or officers, work with various committees or serve regularly as docents. We cannot thank these people enough. Without them the organization would be a sterile, lifeless entity.

The Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, for those with more than 15 hours, is one occasion when we attempt to pay our debt to these people. We expect this year's event to be as pleasant a social event as those in recent years. Hope to see you there.

p.s. Just over the horizon is our expansion into the Transportation Pavilion. It's going to involve a new sense of commitment. If you're not already allocating some of your free time to the organization, please consider doing so. There is always work to do or something of importance that needs attention, and we can use all the help we can get. And, yes, you'll be surprised at how gratifying it can be.

David Wagner

Logan County Historical Society Meeting

April 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

To be held at Autumn Years Antiques
120 West Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine

The Logan County Historical Society will be taking a little field trip for our April meeting. Ralph Wood, a long-time LCHS member and past trustee, will host the meeting at his new store *Autumn Years Antiques* on west Columbus Avenue in Bellefontaine. Ralph will give a tour of the store and talk about some of its antiques. The Logan County Museum has greatly benefited from Ralph's knowledge of antiques and his generosity in donating many items to the museum. It should be a very interesting and enlightening evening for all who attend.

Again, the program will be at *Autumn Years Antiques*, 120 W. Columbus Ave. (formerly Huber-Buehenroths) on Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions please call the office at 593-7557 or email to logancomuseum@embarqmail.com

2011 Museum Hours

Nov 1—Apr 30

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

May 1—Oct 31

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
1:00-4:00 p.m.

Curator's Office Hours

(in basement of Mansion)

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES YOU!!

NOTICE: You can now pay your dues on our website at www.logancountymuseum.org using either PayPal or your credit card!

NEW MEMBER _____, RENEWAL _____

All dues will be deposited into the society's Levy Fund unless stated otherwise. Please check if you do **NOT** _____ (✓) wish your dues to be deposited to this fund.

Dues: Single - \$15, Family - \$20, Business - \$25

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I can help with (check as many as apply):

- Adult tours docent _____,
- Student tours docent _____,
- Regular open hours tours docent _____,
- Young Historians Club assistant _____,
- Open house docent/volunteer _____,
- Tent at Fair _____,
- Indian Lake Festival booth _____,
- Halloween KidFest _____,
- Christmas decorating of museum _____,
- Christmas Open House docent/volunteer _____,
- Building Committee volunteer _____,
- Gift Shop Committee volunteer _____,
- Programs Committee volunteer _____,
- Newsletter Committee volunteer _____,
- Docent Committee volunteer _____,
- Photography volunteer _____,
- Fundraising Committee volunteer _____,
- Other, explain _____.

PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES AND/OR DONATIONS TO:

LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
521 E. COLUMBUS AVE.,
BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO 43311-2401

2011 HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

David Wagner	President
Karen Beasley	Vice-President
William McCormick	Treasurer
Steve Skidmore	Assistant Treasurer
Patty Farrow	Recording Secretary
Pat Ortili	Corresponding Secretary
Chris O'Connor	Trustee (2011)
Bonnie Hansen	Trustee (2011)
Dan Bratka	Trustee (2011)
David Pennington	Trustee (2012)
Mary Mortimer	Trustee (2012)
Charlie Patrick	Trustee (2012)
Doug Chamberlain	Trustee (2013)
John Tucci	Trustee (2013)
Nikki Smith	Trustee (2013)

New Members 2011

February— No new memberships



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Bellefontaine, OH 43311

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OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, APRIL 30
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
8:00-12:00 &
Fun, Funky, &
Fascinating Finds
8:00-4:00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011

MARCH

- 5- Sat- Region 7 OLHA Meeting in Piqua 9:00 a.m.
- 10- Thu- Trustee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 22- Tue- Young Historians Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 9- Sat- DAR Meeting, 10:30
- 9- Sat- Genealogical Society Meeting, 2:00
- 20- Wed- Society Meeting, at Autumn Years Antiques,
120 W Columbus, Bellefontaine
- 23- Sat- Genealogical Society Meeting, 2:00
- 25- Mon- Young Historians Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 30- Sat- Pancake Breakfast (including museum tours) 8:00-~~12~~:00 noon
& Open House- Fun, Funky, & Fascinating Finds 8:00-~~4~~:00 p.m.

MAY

- 12- Thu- Board of Trustee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14- Sat- DAR Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 24- Tue- Young Historians Meeting, 6:00 p.m.