

New Eddies in the Current

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TREE FESTIVAL

Our 11th annual Christmas Tree Festival drew over 500 participants and guests. The German choir was such a lovely touch last year that we added Erin Stokes and her voice students as well as the St. John's Bell Choir, giving us entertainment during three days of the festival.



As usual, the festival would not have been possible without the help of all our volunteers and organizations who decorated trees, assisted during open hours, and helped take down decorations and trees afterwards.



Thanks, also, to the junior Ag Business class who made many trips up and down the stairs carrying trees and decorations both before and after the festival and to Beckmann's, who donated new ornaments to be used next year.



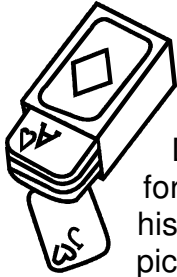
WHAT'S OLD THAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM by Betty McKowen

If you came in to see the Christmas Tree Festival you surely saw the lovely (12 or them) oil lamps that were given to us by Helen Remlinger from her personal collection. She also had lovely festive rings to add for the holidays. They are back in storage at this time until all the work being done on the museum is finished and we can work on putting up more displays.



We would like to encourage you to take the time to look at the displays in the windows. Our creative women have done a great job. Please notice the winter display that is all snow, pine trees and an antique sled donated by the Steinle Family, an antique child's sleigh donated by the Steinle Family and an old adult sled. In the child's sleigh is a lovely old doll dressed in her finest red hat and coat. Another window features a family consisting of a mother in her finest coat and hat (all very old style), a father dressed in his finest fur coat and a little boy in his dress-up outfit---all three walking in the snow. Another window has mother baking cookies and in another is a young boy in his period clothes and a heater to keep him warm in that cold window.





HISTORIC CARD PROJECT BEGINS

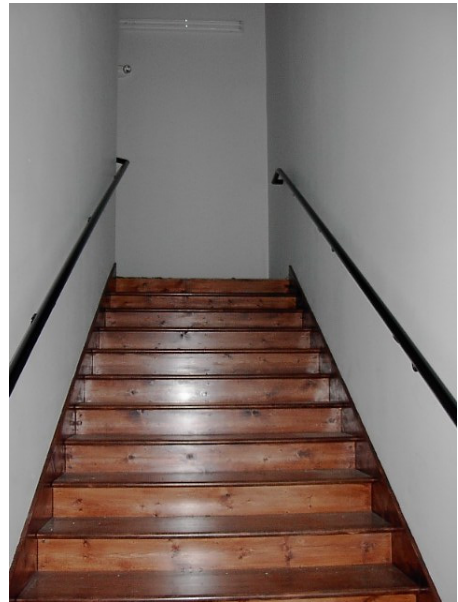
Due to numerous requests, we are now taking orders for sponsors for our second deck of historic cards. As a sponsor you can select an historical picture to put on the card as well as information about the picture and your name as sponsor if so desired. A sponsorship is \$100.00 and each sponsor will receive a free deck of cards.

Call Dorothy Hoffman at 419-692-9217 or Marilyn Wagner at 419-692-4496 for more information or to purchase a sponsorship.

BUILDING RENOVATION

Hooray!!! After months of dust and turmoil, our front stairs are finished. Work will begin on the back stairs soon and we will also begin to set up displays on the second floor after the floors are refinished.

As with most renovation projects, costs keep going up. **This year the Dienstberger Foundation gave us another \$20,000 to help with the stairway and second floor projects for which we are most appreciative.**



GUESTS

In addition to all the tree festival visitors, on November 8th we were visited by a group of 16 from the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor who traveled from the Mansfield area to Delphos and Gomer to see the museums.

On March 20, the Canal Society of Ohio will be our guests for the day. In addition to the museum, they want to see the canal and the locks.

IMPORTANT DATES:



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
DELPHOS CANAL COMMISSION
WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY,
APRIL 11, AT 1:00 IN THE MUSEUM

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

****A reception for anyone who volunteered to help in any way will be held immediately after the meeting (around 3:00). Please join us so we can show our thanks.****

BOATMAN'S BREAKAWAY BENEFIT DINNER

Our annual dinner is being held at the Delphos Eagles, 1600 East Fifth Street. The date is **Sunday March 14, 2010** with social time beginning at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:00.

A donation of \$20.00 per dinner will get you a delicious meal with a short entertainment program included. Proceeds from this benefit are used for operating expenses for the museum.

Please mail the enclosed reservation blank or call 419-692-4496 or 419-692-9217 by March 5th.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____

Membership/Donations

It is time once again to renew your annual membership dues. A significant part of our annual budget comes from our membership fees and we appreciate the fantastic support we receive from our members. Please fill out the form below and send it with your membership donation.

We also encourage you to invite friends and relatives to join the Delphos Canal Commission.

Delphos Canal Commission Membership/Donation Form

☐ **YES! I want to become a member of the Delphos Canal Commission**

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

Membership Support Level:

☐ Student or Senior - \$10 ☐ Individual - \$20 ☐ Family - \$30 ☐ Sustaining - \$125

☐ Patron - \$250 ☐ Corporate: Not for profit - \$75
For profit - \$250 (less than 250 employees)
- \$500 (more than 250 employees)

☐ 100 Best Friends (lifetime membership) - \$1000

☐ My employer has a matching gift program: _____

☐ I am interested in making an endowment gift; please contact me.

I can help with the following volunteer tasks; please contact me:

☐ Newsletter ☐ Special Events ☐ Trustee ☐ Carpentry/work party

☐ Other _____

Every member counts. Thank you for your support!

Please mail this form and your payment to:

Delphos Canal Commission

PO Box 256

Delphos, OH 45833

The Delphos Canal Commission is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Can you identify the name and location of each picture?

(Hint: they all had to do with food or lodging)

