

New Eddies in the Current

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

We recently received an interesting article made entirely of wood with instructions about its use. When I asked one of our male trustees for help getting it to the basement museum, he asked about its use. I passed on what had been told to me and he said "Oh, it's a wagon jack". Other male trustees have agreed that it had a name and it is indeed a "wagon jack". Sounds okay to me.



The other wooden item received is used for harness or rein repair. We would be interested in knowing exactly how it was used if anyone has knowledge about repairing harnesses and reins.

Recently two young men from Oak Park, Illinois, came to the museum with a high school graduation program for the class of 1902. There were 12 graduates in that class as follows: Ethel Hart, Amadeus Laudick, Harley Fast, Grace Hartshorn, Frankie Guss, Doris Eysenback, Georgia Exline, Effie Longworth, Walter Morton, Marcus Beckmann, Alfred Goette and Stewart Jamison.

Mrs. Jinny Rode, a previous Delphos resident, from Louisville, Kentucky, brought to us a well-documented history about the Walsh and Daub families. It consists of pictures, family histories and many, many transactions concerning life in Section Ten and Delphos. This collection is very large and we will need to give much thought concerning how to display this collection and how to keep it intact while allowing interested visitors access to all of this information.

Building Renovation a Work in Progress

It has been a long, drawn-out process, but all the major construction has now been finished and work on the second floor exhibits has begun. The final big construction project was the state-required back stairway.



The basement opening to the new stairs



New back stairs from basement

On the second floor, the west wall has been insulated and barn siding installed.



This rescued sign will be the backdrop for the grocery/general store display.

The other half of the space will be a pharmacy. Notice the stove pipe. An old wood burning stove will be "attached" to it for the general store.





This rare postcard shows the Marguerite in her hey-day. It is dated October 23, 1905 and was sent by Frank Stalkamp, Jr., who wrote: "Do you see anybody you know?" The postcard was recently purchased by Larry and JoAnn Smith who let us make a copy. Perhaps you have an old photo or postcard of Delphos you would like to share. The Museum has a scanner and a copy machine for making copies.



Garden Club's All-Natural Tree



Taco Tree



Nutcracker Tree

A Few of the Nearly 100 Trees at the Christmas Tree Festival

New, Improved Web Site

We would like to thank Dave Wagner and Tech Guy Solutions for donating their services to develop and maintain our new web page as well as host it on their server. It now includes more up-to-date technology and interactive capabilities.. For example, our articles that appear in the Delphos Herald once a month will also be on our web site as blogs so readers will be able to comment on them. There is video and photo streaming, plus we will be on Facebook.

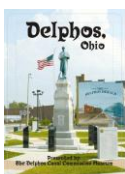
Even though we are a museum, we have to stay up-to-date to make more people aware of the treasures we have here. None of this would have been possible without Tech Guy Solutions offer to help. The address is the same: www.delphoscanalcommission.com. Check it out!

Meet the Trustees

Trustee Thomas J. Miller is originally from rural Ottoville, lived on the family farm for his first 18 years and is a graduate of Ottoville High School Class of 1965. He is married to Marie (Rellinger) and they have 4 children, Tracey (Gerken), Quinton, Leah, and Audra. In addition the family includes 3 grandsons. His interests include history, the sciences, and cultural exhibits which allow him to travel to various places.

Tom received a Bachelor of Science degree in Comprehensive Science in the College of Education from Bowling Green State University as well as a Master of Science in Industrial Technology from Bowling Green State University. As a resident of the Delphos community Tom has taught science at Delphos St. John's High School; worked as Quality Control Manager, Vice President of Operations, and President of U.S.Fiber Corporation. Late he became owner and President of USF Insulation plus T.J. Miller Technologies. Tom has been a consultant in the insulation and construction business for over 30 years. Currently, Tom is a member of The American Society of Testing Materials and American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning Engineers and The Ohio Academy of Science.

The position of trustee with The Delphos Canal Commission allows him to be active in the community along with enjoying the history the museum exhibits offer. Tom says he is honored to work with great people including his brother, Mike, in the Commission's ongoing efforts.



Historic Playing Cards

The second series of playing cards are going fast. Get yours at the museum soon before they are sold out. They are \$10.00 per deck and contain some very interesting pictures of Delphos.



BOATMAN'S BREAKAWAY BENEFIT DINNER

Our annual dinner is being held at the Delphos Eagles, 1600 East Fifth Street. The date is **Sunday March 13, 2011** 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 4th.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
DELPHOS CANAL COMMISSION
WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY,
APRIL 10, 2011, 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.*****

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

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