

# New Eddies in the Current

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## New Activities for Canal Days



To add interest to our expanded and renovated canal museum, we had demonstrations, “hands-on” activities, and a special display for Canal Days.

The demonstrations included quilting, crocheting, caning, and making homemade ice cream.

In addition, various “hands-on” activities were available throughout the museum. These included grinding your own coffee, using a treadle sewing machine, doing laundry the old-fashioned way, making music with a player piano,

typing with an old manual typewriter, cranking an apple peeler, and using a corn sheller.



A special display was located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor featured Grandma’s Homemaking Memories with “The Flour Sack,” “Mama’s Mixing Bowl,” Making Kraut”, and “Making Candles.”

**A big thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this possible.**



## **Iron Lift Bridge**

The museum recently received a working model of the Second Street bridge, complete with counter-balance weights and a chain pulley to lift the bridge and allow canal boats to pass. This model was made and donated by Bill Hemker who worked from several pictures of the structure. It makes a nice addition, allowing visitors, especially children, to see how lift bridges actually worked.



## **Marguerite Home at Last**



It doesn't look like much yet, but the remains of the Marguerite, Delphos' last canal boat, are finally home in the Delphos Canal Commission Museum. She spent the past 25 years stored in a barn and then in a semi trailer, but Wednesday night, 12 volunteers carried her to her final resting place. Helping with the move were Kevin Wiegung and Kevin Kohorst, two of the former Squires who dug her out of the canal in 1987, as well as Canal Commission Trustee Lou Hohman, who was the advisor of the Squires at the time. Wiegung's son, Justin, a present-day Squire, was also on hand as were Bob Ebbeskotte, Arnie and Curtis Hoersten, Chuck Wannemacher, who supplied the semi, and trustees Ed Ulrich, Dave Burnett, Tom Miller and Steve Dorsten. Reconstruction work will begin soon.

## **Membership Growing**

We are happy to announce that we have increased our number of Best Friends or Life memberships by 3. Contributing \$1000 were Bob and Marsha Mueller, Selma Liff Lesser, and Ed and Kathy Ulrich whose names will be added to a plaque. Our new \$50.00 "Supporting" category was very popular with 7 members increasing to that category. We appreciate all memberships.

## School Visits

Students at Franklin and St. John's elementary schools were recently treated to a "show and tell" visit from the Delphos Canal Commission museum's educational outreach person, Marie Miller. Mrs. Miller formerly taught at Franklin Elementary and is presently serving as

University Mentor for student teachers and methods students in the College of Education at Bowling Green State University.

Working very closely with Ohio Academic Content Standards, Mrs. Miller selected items from the museum to illustrate and discuss local, state, and national history with the students. A follow-up visit to the museum by the St. John's 4<sup>th</sup> graders has already been done and Franklin 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting in the spring.



**Be sure to visit the museum this spring to see a special display featuring the 1913 flood.**



## Miami and Erie Canal Corridor Association

Recently, State of Ohio personnel met with MECCA personnel and Delphos Canal Commission trustees regarding how to improve the canal through Delphos. MECCA will facilitate a town meeting in the near future for input from the community as how and when to continue with the master plan which was used on the Canal from 5th to 7th St..



## Maintenance

Last fall we learned we would have to replace our 36 year old furnace and air conditioning unit which had been installed by Bill Hemker and Reliable Heating and Plumbing in 1976. The furnace was a hazard and needed to be replaced immediately and parts were no longer available to repair the A/C. We were able to cut the cost by doing some of the work ourselves. Volunteers have cut holes and installed several registers to allow heat to get to the second floor, but duct work will be run as well.

A new water heater and plumbing have been installed in the basement and the area is being revamped for more display area.

## \*\*\*\*\* BOATMAN'S BREAKAWAY BENEFIT DINNER \*\*\*\*\*

**Date:** Sunday, March 17, 2013 - 5:30 PM

**Location:** K of C Hall, 1011 Elida Ave.; Delphos, OH

*Note: Expansion of displays including the canal boat "Marguerite" will make it impossible to hold this event at the museum.*

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person, by presale only.                      There will be a cash bar.

Please contact Marilyn Wagner at 419-692-4496 for reservations.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival Big Success



## 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 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.

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## Membership/Donation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Support Level:

\_\_\_\_ Student or Senior - \$10    \_\_\_\_ Individual - \$20    \_\_\_\_ Family - \$30    \_\_\_\_ Supporting - \$50

\_\_\_\_ Partner - \$125    \_\_\_\_ Patron - \$250    \_\_\_\_ Best Friends (lifetime membership) - \$1000

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_ Newsletter    \_\_\_\_ Special Events    \_\_\_\_ Trustee    \_\_\_\_ Carpentry/work party  
\_\_\_\_ Working with a trustee during open hours    \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Every member counts. Thank you for your support!**

Please mail this form and your payment to:

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