

New Eddies in the Current

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Tree Festival

Judging from the oohs and aahs, our tree festival was a huge success. This year thirty different organizations decorated trees, with trustees and volunteers adding an additional 90. Over 700 people signed in and since some people do not, it is safe to say we had over 1000 visitors.



Player Piano



Thanks to everyone who donated to the cause, we now have a player piano for our visitors' enjoyment. Ed Ulrich coaxed these Jefferson High School football players into the museum during Canal Days. They had a good time taking turns pedaling and singing along with the music since the words are on the rolls.

What Makes the Canal Commission Work? by Linda Baker

Last issue I talked about our board of trustees and promised another article on our volunteers, but upon reflection, I am expanding that. Just as it takes a community to raise a child, it takes a community to have a museum.

Almost every archived item in the museum was donated by someone with ties to the community. Many of the display cases and other fixtures were donated by Delphos businesses when they no longer needed them.

Recently, donations were received from JoAn Smith and H&R Block, the American Legion, and the Canal Days Committee, but many other local organizations have contributed funds over the years. In addition, the Arnold Dienstberger Foundation has always been very generous.

We rely on the community to buy memberships as a source of income, both as individuals and as businesses. We in turn ask these members for help with special events such as our Lincoln Buy-Way sale, the Christmas Tree Festival, and Canal Days; and they always come through. We recently expanded our hours and are now asking for a volunteer or two to help each Saturday and Sunday during open hours. The service class at Jefferson High School, under the supervision of Mike Miller, spent many, many hours working on various projects last year, including making signs, building walls, and carrying items from one floor to another as we switched things around. This summer and fall another volunteer, Noel Critchfield, spent 2 or 3 afternoons a week painting walls and display cases as well as doing many other handyman jobs that needed done. Diana Ireland has also given many hours to various projects, including calling volunteers when we need them. The Delphos Young Farm Wives come in regularly to clean and dust. Bob Holdgreve, local historian, stops in frequently and contributes his knowledge as do several other community members. And the list goes on.

It definitely takes a community and we feel we have a museum the community can be proud of.



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



We recently acquired the transom for the Tubby Lang Store which was located in the 600 block of East Second Street. 628 is the number of the transom along with 2 cute little girls advertising Old Dutch Cleanser. The transom will need a little work before we can put it on display.

Many of you will remember Bea Young Odenweller who was a nurse in the office of Dr. Heitz for many years. We now have her uniform on display in the medical section on the second floor.

The second floor Pioneer Drug Store display will be having several additions of pictures and clothing recently brought in by the family of Rita Grubenhoff.

Best Friends of the Museum

We would like to recognize our "Best Friends." This membership level is earned by making a one-time donation of \$1000 to the museum. The donor's name is put on a plaque and they receive a life-time membership plus our gratitude.

- ~The Commercial Bank~John & Cheryl Pelasky~ Gregory & Colleen Vasko~
- ~William Manley~Robert & Grace Schulte~Vince & LaDonna Klima~
- ~Mr.& Mrs. Leonard Beckman~ Mel Westrich~ Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Schwieterman~
- ~Stallkamp Drugs~ Estate of Gertrude Mallory~ Henry Hawk~ Ralph Lauser~
- Elmer and Dorothy Hoffman~ Rev. Chris Vasko~ William & Lenore Hemker~
- Robert & Florence Shenk~ Howard Metzger~In memory of Robert Weger~
- Ameritek, Inc.~Dr. & Mrs. Burl Morris~ In memory of Michael Lehmann~
- ~Phil Campbell~ Cecile Helmkamp~ Elmer and Rita Scherger~
- Teresa Bradstock in memory of Alden Bradstock~ William Hill~
- ~John & Linda Bruce~ In memory of Gerald & Rose Will~ Lou Hohman~
- ~Arnold Dienstberger Foundation~Dr. F. Edward and Pauline Scherger~
- ~Robert Grothouse~ Wilma Humpert~ Sam Bonifas

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BOATMAN'S BREAKAWAY BENEFIT DINNER

The original Boatman's Breakaway dinner was held at the museum and since we now have more space, we are again hosting it at our own facilities. This will give guests a chance to see our new look, enjoy our new player piano, and hopefully, ride in our new elevator. Barring any more snags, it should be up and running by then.

Date: Sunday, March 11, 2012 - 5:30 PM

Location: Canal Commission Museum, 241 N Main St.; Delphos, OH

Cost: \$25.00 per person, by ticket presale only. **Restricted to 110 tickets.**

Menu: Buffet: chicken, beef, noodles, roasted red potatoes, green bean casserole, buttered corn, rolls, dessert from *Baked to Perfection*.

Drinks: coffee, homemade lemonade, beer and wine

Speakers: Pastor Dave Howell - "Impact of Canal Development on Area Churches".

Msgr. Chris Vasko- "Impact of Canal Development on Area Commerce".

Museum Staff will conduct tours of museum after dinner.

Please see any trustee or contact Marilyn Wagner at 419-692-4496 for reservations.

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.

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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