

New Eddies in the Current

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In Memorium

The Delphos Canal Commission trustees would like to express their sorrow upon the loss of friend and fellow trustee, Fred Ruen, who died April 9, 2013. Fred was a long-time trustee and will be sadly missed.



Canal Tour South of the Summit



The Johnston Farm and Indian Agency hosted members of the Miami and Erie Canal Corridor Association and The Delphos Canal Commission to a tour of the Loramie Summit South. Guests were treated to such canal treasures as the cascading Lockington Locks descending rapidly from the south edge of the summit, Piqua Hydraulics, Twin Arch Culverts, Waste Weirs and Locks 13 and 14 south. A tour of Piqua by president

of the Johnston Farm and Indian Agency Friends Council Jim Oda provided the course of the Miami and Erie Canal in Piqua, pointing out architecture and effects to the downtown area. The tour was topped off with an educational and history-rich ride on the canal boat General Harrison. This was a great opportunity for three canal corridor organizations to meet, get acquainted, and share their missions.

2013 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held April 21 at the museum with 17 trustees and 4 guests attending. We reflected back on 2012, making comparisons and listing achievements.

Our total income was up by \$7,000, part of that due to our adding several new categories to the membership tier and our members electing to step up a tier or two. We are also seeing new interest in our Best Friend (lifetime) memberships.

We felt our biggest accomplishments during the year were getting the elevator installed and getting the pieces of the canal boat "Marguerite" into the building.

Officers elected for the coming year are Lou Hohman, president; Steve Dorsten, vice-president; Marilyn Wagner, treasurer; and Teresa Bradstock, secretary. Gary Backus, Linda Baker and Barb Seffernick will continue as trustees and Kelly North and Bob Ebbeskotte were voted in as new trustees, replacing Jacquie Fritz and Fred Ruen.

Following the meeting a reception was held for anyone who volunteered in any way during the past year.

Canal Commission German-Style Dinner

Brats – Kraut – Hot German Potato Salad – Applesauce – Roll – Dessert

Sunday, October 7, 201 11 am to 1 pm

Carryouts only...Pick-up behind Museum in parking lot

\$7.00 – Presale Only

Get tickets from any trustee or call 419-692-4496



1913 Flood: Then and Now

In March of 1913, much of Delphos was under 2 to 3 feet of water. Both the Flat Fork Creek and the Miami and Erie Canal were over their banks thanks to 2 days of very heavy rain. In remembrance of this 100 year old disaster, Audra Miller Mohler produced a "then and now" display of photos which are presently on exhibit at the museum.



Lincoln Highway Celebrates 100 Years

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Highway, the first coast to coast road in America. A special postcard and book collection of the Lincoln Highway is now on display at the museum along with our regular display which includes a Lincoln Highway certificate issued in 1914 to Joseph Jettinghoff.

As part of the celebration we will pay tribute to the highway with a float in the Canal Days parade on Sunday, September 22.

Boatman's Breakaway

The Boatman's Breakaway was held March 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall with over 100 guests attending. Canal enthusiast, Dave Neuhardt, a lawyer from Yellow Springs, gave a presentation on the effect of the 1913 flood on Ohio's canal systems, including the Miami and Erie Canal. His talk and slide show were supplemented by our "Then and Now" display of the flood in Delphos by Audra Miller

Our Handicap Accessible Facility

We are happy to say that our elevator is being well-used. A group of 20 from Paulding Assisted Living, most of them with walkers, visited the museum this summer. Thanks to our elevator they were able to see all 3 floors. Another group from Bluffton's assisted living facility also came for a visit. With wider aisles, even those in wheelchairs had no difficulty

Work in Progress

Just when we thought things would be getting back to normal, we decided now would be the best time to remove the dropped ceiling in the museum and expose the tin ceiling that is original to the 1930's building. The idea had been kicked around for a few years but we knew it would be a labor-intensive job. We decided if we were going to do it, we needed to do it before rebuilding the canal boat, Marguerite. The removal is finished and some scraping has been done. Repair work is next on the agenda and then Leo Geise has contracted to pressure blow and paint it.



New Office Area



In an effort to separate our work area from our display area, we renovated our mezzanine into a better functioning office area. The creaky old floor was replaced with laminate and new counters were built for the computer, scanner/printer, and copy machine. We salvaged a work table and a large metal

drawer unit to store large items such as maps and posters.



From facebook's "If you grew up in Delphos, you remember..."

"Bobs Grocery on Suthoff street...used to get bologna handles there...also remember quarter matinee movies at the theatre uptown...butlers bakers...milk men who delivered milk to a box on your front porch...penny candy"

"Rahrigs grocery at the corner of Scott & Moening"

"Schmits Grocery Store corner of Canal and 2nd. I loved going up there with my dad. He also paid his insurance up there too"



"Weigle's grocery store on the corner of first and bredeick street"



"Taking our red wagon to Niedeckens with our Dad's empty Strohs bottles and bringing home a full case for him (imagine doing that now??)"

"Collecting pop bottles and taking them to Bob's Grocery to turn in to buy candy"

Homes of the Past

Do either of these houses look familiar? We are trying to further identify them and find their location.



Caption on back: *Mrs. Williams at her home*



Caption on back: *Jos. Hoerstman & family*

Donated Items Keep Coming

We have received so many articles it is impossible to list all of them, but here are a few:

*Large barrel, extremely old, possibly made in Delphos, with wood hoops that still have bark attached, also several other items including a large glass display case and an old RCA Victor floor model radio from Beckmann's Furniture Store



*Cash register from Joe Best's garage donated by Charles Wannemacher



*4 seats from the Capitol Theater donated by Jack Westrich



*Large collection of uniforms, music, and instruments of the Eagles Band by Doug Harter



We can't say enough about the generosity of the people of Delphos. Thank you so much!