

New Eddies in the Current

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Sneak preview of a few of our many new displays:



Canal Commission German-Style Dinner

Brats – Kraut – Hot German Potato Salad -- Green Beans – Roll – Dessert

Sunday, October 2, 2011

11 am to 1 pm

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

\$7.00 – Presale Only

Get your tickets from any trustee

A Tisket, a Tasket, We Have 9 Raffle Baskets



A new money maker this year is our basket raffle. We have 9 beautiful baskets filled with themed items as well as gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses. The themes are *Girls & Guys Too, Tea & Coffee, Kitchen, Dinner & Wine, Romantic, Movies & a Picture, My Best Friend, Garden, and Garden Party.*

Trustees are presently selling tickets plus they will be available at the Toast and at Canal Days. Pictures do not do these baskets justice. Stop in the museum to see them. You will definitely find a basket you like.



Canal Diggers Affair



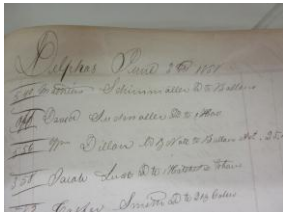
MECCA is holding their annual fundraiser, Canal Diggers Affair, on Thurs. Nov. 10, 2011, at 6 pm at the St. Mary's Eagles, 404 E. Spring St, Dinner is at 6:30 with an auction to follow. Wooden Shoe beer from Minster will be featured at the cash bar. Several of us will be attending. If you wish to attend, contact Lou Hohman @ 419-203-0878 or Teresa Bradstock @ 419-692-3685.

What's Old That's New at the Museum by Betty McKowen, Archivist

Check out the veterinary display on the second floor where you can see several items from Dr. Laman. One is a beautiful microscope.



The index of customers of a Delphos store from December 1857 through March 1859 are now available. You may HAND COPY any names of interest to you. Just ask the trustee on duty. Good luck on finding proof that your ancestor really was here!!



Do you find it hard to believe the Shenk store was in Delphos for 100 years? We have all the records the Shenk family kept as well as pictures of the family.



Tea for Tots

The Kiwanis K-Kids sponsored a tea at the museum last spring. Three and four year olds, dressed in their fanciest dresses and hats, were guests of honor and sat at tables especially decorated for them. Mothers and grandmothers dressed up for the occasion as well. After sampling all the delicious food, each girl shared their favorite doll. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Proceeds from the tea were donated to the museum.



What Makes the Canal Commission Work? by Linda Baker

Reflecting back on the past year and all that we have accomplished, I am truly amazed. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a dynamic group of trustees. Each of us has differing personalities and talents that, when blended together, get the job done.

Mike Miller and Ed Ulrich have the leadership abilities to run smooth meetings and delegate tasks. They also, along with Lou Homan, Jim Marihugh, Elmer Hoffman, Gary Backus, Tom Miller and Fred Ruen, have electrical, carpentry, and plumbing skills that have saved us countless dollars since our two old buildings are always in need of some kind of repair. They take turns doing a routine check of the entire facility every week and also provide the muscle for the heavy lifting jobs when necessary.

No one knows the early history of Delphos like Betty McKowen. She also serves as archivist, accepting new items and recording them. She is assisted by Barb Seffernick, who is also our secretary, taking minutes at each meeting.

Marilyn Wagner serves as treasurer and keeps an accounting of our funds as well as overseeing our rentals, insurance, taxes, etc. Marilyn, Teresa Bradstock, Jacquie Fritz and Gary Backus grew up in Delphos and they are a wealth of information when we need background information on some person, place, or thing.

Dorothy Hoffman is our anchor. We depend on her ideas and innovations for so many things. Until recently she was our fund-raising chairperson and masterminded and coordinated many events, raising the much needed money to keep us going. Pete Hofmann has now relieved Dorothy of that responsibility so she can concentrate on creating displays and working on materials for the reading area, both of which she has done so well for years.

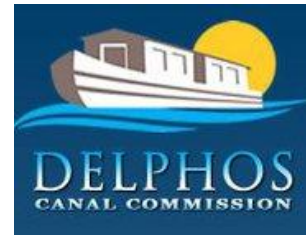
Kay Ahten has brought our museum to a new level with her eye for design and her artistic talent. She had the vision for how we should lay out our displays in a systematic way when we began the expansion and her beautifully drawn plans served as a roadmap to keep us focused. Kay is also responsible for the window displays.

In addition to the museum, we are responsible for the preservation and upkeep of the canal. To that end, Lou Hohman and Teresa Bradstock represent us on the Miami-Erie Canal Corridor Association (MECCA) and are in charge of the two annual canal clean-ups.

As you can see, we are a working board, but we couldn't do it alone. In the next issue I will write about our wonderful volunteers.

Facebook

If you are among the computer literate you have probably heard of Facebook. It is a social networking service that lets you connect with friends and it is very interactive. The Canal Commission now has a Facebook page and we have posted many, many pictures and postcards. Our hope is to get more people interested in the museum and the history of Delphos.



To give you an example of how it works, recently, someone started a new group on Facebook called "If you grew up in Delphos you remember..." and it has become very popular. Here are a few comments by people about some of the restaurants:

I remember going to the Equity to eat pancakes with my dad. Ursula made the Best pancakes. She used to give my dad the business for putting salt and pepper or ketchup on his food before tasting it. It always smelled like coffee, breakfast and cigarettes in there.



Bob & Stella McDonald had a restaurant by Scott's , Stella made the best home pies, I worked there for awhile, Great Food. Simply called Bob's Restaurant.

The Wheel Inn - order food from our cars....The Dairy Whip with their walk up ice-cream window. And of course, Jim Arthur, owner of Jim's Restaurant telling everyone "Tell 'em where you got it."



What about...Lee Vogt feeding John Dillinger while he was locked up in (the) Delphos police station since the restaurant was directly across from the police station. Vogt & Vogt then burnt to the ground in Aug. 1961 when People's National Bank caught fire.



It originally was the Beckman House ... restaurant & hotel. Loved going there as a kid in the 50's, enjoyed watching trains go by as we ate. It was old then, don't know when it was built. It's interesting to visit the antique store and see how small the hotel rooms were.

I remember sitting in "The Line Up" with my mom and sister on a winter evening, after christmas shopping on Main Street, eating a bowl of beef and noodles, watching the snowflakes fly