



Museum Muses

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Remember!

- Help us build our membership!
- VOLUNTEER to be a museum worker or to serve on a committee.
- Be sure to view the changing exhibit area at HIGHLAND HOUSE
- Don't miss our wonderful PROGRAM on Feb 24!

When You Wish Upon A Star...

In preparation for this newsletter, I put the question to the Board: ***"If you could wave your magic wand or rub your genie bottle and your dream for Highland House would appear, what would that be?"***

My dream for the museum would be that we acquire 1000 members with an exciting new program each month and all school children anxious to hear and see our immense history of Highland County.

Pauline Cameron

That we could reach out in the community and get more people interested in what is going on at our wonderful museum and wanting to help make it bigger and better.

Maxine Kratzer

A perfectly archived history of Highland County in the museum library. This history would be available online and in person.

Rob Snavelly

We need to do a better job of telling the Highland County story; what we have now is an attractive and interesting Victorian home but with little to really tell the story of the history and development of the area.

We need to incorporate current technology to tell our story. Old photographs are great but they need to be augmented with eye catching explana-

tions. I'd love to see a Highland County "time line" display where local happenings are referenced to significant national events.

Back to the "home" aspects of the museum. I think that's fine as far as it goes but that we need to somehow breathe some life into it. Something needs to be done to better depict how people in Highland County lived during the era of the house.

I wish we could get some outside/professional input to advise us as to what the museum should be and to layout a 2-5 year plan to modernize the facilities. We somehow need to get public input as to what people want to see in their county museum.

Tom Watkins

A brick memorial patio between the museum and the cabin, to be used for cabin suppers, meetings, scout or school education, garden parties.

Dr. Samuel G. Hibben Day—light up the town. He was a modern lighting expert—lit the Washington Monument, Statue of Liberty, New York World's Fair and Holland Tunnel.

Anne Rhude

A museum full of children accompanied by their parents; playing interactive games that teach them about their heritage.

Caroyl Reid

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Director's Report

We have said goodbye to another year for the Museum. Many things occurred during the past year including the loss of a great benefactor, the re-enactment of the Crusade March and the outstanding participation of 8 clubs decorating Christmas trees for various rooms.

We have been very fortunate in gaining new members who have shared their time and talents. Then last but not least we had a well attended children's tea party and a very successful consignment gift shop. We thank Arlene Huffman for all the volunteers she gathered and

Chairman's Message

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the many successful activities we had in 2010:

TOUR OF HOMES—Tom and Martha Watkins and Committee

ANTIQUÉ CONSIGNMENT SALE—Bob Lambert and Committee

GHOST WALK—Jean Wallis & Friends

CHILDREN'S TEA PARTY—Margaret Van Frank and Helpers

GIFT SHOP—Arlene Huffman and Workers

NEWSLETTER—John Glaze

A special thanks to the many ladies clubs that decorated Highland House. It was well done and beautiful.

Membership Meeting & Membership Drive

Both events are to be held during February. The membership meeting will be February 24 at 7:00pm. First on the agenda is the program! We think you'll find the speaker to be both interesting and entertaining.

After the program, the trustees will be nominated and the slate of officers presented to the

Margaret Van Frank

the guidance she shared.

Mark your calendars for our ST. PADDY'S DAY BRUNCH on March 19. Later you will receive a flyer with the particulars. Please plan to join us!

Now we look forward to the new year and will welcome new board members, new ideas and hopefully many new members. Please call 937-393-3263 if you would like to be involved helping to preserve Highland County artifacts and memories.

Margaret

Ron Gilliland

We now have a complete quorum of Trustees, upon approval of the general membership. We are ready to enter 2011 with excitement and enthusiasm to improve on the museum, which is full of Highland County History and we welcome more historical memorabilia.

Our museum building has been reinforced with new structural beams in the basement and new Anderson® windows on the south side.

We will be having a MEMBERSHIP DRIVE and we encourage anyone who is not a member to join us. We are serious about keeping Highland County History available to all who are interested.

Sincerely,

Ron Gilliland

membership for approval. The board can use your assistance in growing the museum participation. Invite someone to come to the program with you or create a list of names of coworkers, friends, neighbors, etc and we will follow up with them. Set aside the 24th and let's fill Highland House meeting room to overflowing!

Carol Reid

Hillsboro Ramblings

John Glaze

They say that odors can trigger memories stored long ago in the brain to surface and recall an event or a place. The smell of leather in the summer when the harness shop had the door to the street open—the smell of fresh produce when one walked into Penquite's Grocery—the smell of Ports Drug Store with the mixture of cologne and cosmetics, of Reed's Drugs with their food service and of Ayres Drugs. Lang's Smokery had a unique smell: their food service, especially their wonderful coney, combined with the tobacco smells.

I have memories of what a beautiful and interesting building Merchants Bank used to be, of Kroger uptown and how proud they seemed to be of their employee who was the queen of the Sesqui-Centennial (I believe that was Helen Ross). I remember uptown restaurants: the Maroy, the Skyscraper, the Chatterbox and the old original Magee's. I well remember Ellis Furniture Store as it was owned by my stepfather.

"We Sell Health" was the slogan for Swonger Dairy, while the Tummy Treat exclaimed, "Don't be snooty, eat with Pearl and Cootie" when it was owned by the Wilkins. I miss the old bike shop on S. West Street,

right behind Pasquale's when it was located at the corner of S. West and W. Main Streets. Uncle Al and Wanda came to town to help with Pasquale's Grand Opening.

Banyas Buick and Highland Ford were located right uptown and Matson Chevrolet was close by. You had to drive out W. Main Street to get to the dealer who sold Studebakers. But it was all worth it when the new model year arrived with those new cars shrouded until the big day came for them to be revealed; the experience made more special with free coffee and doughnuts!

Being a town kid, I didn't have a lot of use for Farmer's Exchange, but I was always fascinated by the pedestrian bridge from the W. Main sidewalk over to the building.

Beside Kroger and Penquite's, one could buy groceries at Schaeffer's, Lowe's, Steen's, Creed's, Gabriel's and later, Royal Blue, and all uptown. If you didn't mind the extra block or two, you could always shop at Alber's, Harshbarger's, Bumgardner's or Murphy's grocery stores.

Hillsboro Bank & Savings was entered from a door on the corner (there's just a window there now). At

Farmer's & Trader's Bank building, there were three entrances—one went into the bank, one into Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Co and the third to a set of steps leading up to offices on the second floor.

Who was up there? McMullen & McMullen Law Office, Donald Fender Realty, Highland County Acceptance Co (where my mother worked), Davis Law Office and Wilson Law Office. Shirley Lovett (now Shonkwiler) worked for Dick Davis. My mom used to tell the story of the time they crawled out the window of Shirley's office and climbed down the fire escape to go to Magee's for a cup of coffee.

Do you remember the Easter Egg Hunts held in the grassy area between the Highland County Library (in the Scott House) and Hillsboro High School? I never found a gold or silver egg, but they were worth the big bucks! Another age group of kids hunted eggs on the west side of the high school. During those years, the school driveway entered the property from the light at Oak Street and ran beside the building (the gym had not been enlarged yet) and around to the back of the building to the parking lot. (The rear addition had not yet been built either.) West of the driveway
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"The past is a bucket of ashes."

Carl Sandberg, "Prairie," in *Coruhubbers*, 1918

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MEETING SCHEDULE
(mark your calendars now!)

February 24—7:00PM

March 24—7:00PM

April 28—7:00PM

May 26—7:00PM

Programs or Speakers
to be announced

*It's time to
renew your
membership
dues!*

Hillsboro Ramblings

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was a grassy area where the egg hunt was held for children of this age group.

I well remember going to Kaufman Bargain Store when it came time for new school clothes. We always bought blue jeans long in the fall and rolled them up, then as I grew, they were rolled up less and less. The store was in the Bell's Opera House building. If I remember correctly, there were seats from the opera house for folks to sit in to try on shoes at Kaufman's. Speaking of shoes, remember Boltz & Haggerty Shoes? They had a machine that enabled you to see your foot inside the shoes. The last time I was in that building, the machine was still in the back room.



Candid photos from the
TEMPERANCE CRUSADE MARCH RE-ENACTMENT