

# SURVEYOR



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ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ATHS meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bartels Road, unless otherwise noted.

## Miller-Leuser Log House 200th Birthday Party - July 14

Anderson Township's 200 year old historic treasure will be spruced up and ready to celebrate, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 14. An old-fashioned ice cream social with homemade ice cream and baked goodies for sale and free musical entertainment will delight both members and visitors. We need donations of homemade ice cream and "birthday" cakes to serve at the 200th birthday party.

Icabod Miller, a local surveyor, moved onto the property in the Fall of 1795 and a deed with the cabin listed on it was registered in April of 1796. The cabin was lived in until 1968 when the Leuser Family build a brick ranch next door and closed up the cabin. It is noted to be the oldest, continually occupied log house in the state of Ohio. It is also one of the oldest log houses still on its original foundation (although plans to widen Clough Pike strike fear into the hearts of our devoted membership). Our society has been the proud caretakers and historic preservationists of the Miller-Leuser Log House since 1969, when we purchased the log house and one-half acre of land from the Leusers and began the tedious restoration process with volunteer labor and the proceeds from bake sales. Our holdings now total 3 acres, the log house, the brick house, a barn and assorted out buildings, including a "necessary house".

The "cabin" is open every Sunday in July & August from 1-4 p.m. There is no charge for touring the cabin and grounds. August's feature event is a Kid's Fest with zoo animals, games and fun on the 11th.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

#### July 3 - Annual Picnic - 6:30 p.m.

Judy and Bob Radcliffe are planning a fish fry with tasty helpings of halibut at our annual picnic in the air-conditioned brick house. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Drinks will be provided.

#### August 7 - "They're Playing Our Song" - 8 p.m.

### *COME TO THE SHOWBOAT!*

This musical comedy by Neil Simon and Marvin Hamlisch is a romantic show about an established composer and an aspiring young lyricist. Tickets are \$9 each.

Call Lyn Scheper (232-1559) no later than July 22. Free parking is reserved on the public landing for patrons, right in front of the Showboat. Lyn will meet you on the Showboat dock with your tickets between 7:30 and show time.

#### September 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Ron Makin will talk about Disappearing Outhouses as well as finalizing Country Store.

### Dinner for Eight Raffle Tickets Are Available

There are chances available to win the coveted ATHS Dinner for 8 at the Miller Leuser Log House. This home-cooked meal with all the trimmings is a unique dining experience. ONLY 100 raffle tickets will be sold at a cost of \$5 each. When all tickets are sold, the winner will be picked and a dinner date set. For ticket purchase, contact Lyn Scheper (232-1559) or send your check payable to A.T.H.S.

c/o Lyn Scheper  
6567 Kentucky View Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Remember, your odds of winning are better than ever!

### *In Memoriam*

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the following members:

Marian Ulrich  
and  
Gertrude Addicott

### CORRECTION FROM THE EDITOR

In the May SURVEYOR, I edited an article written by Roland Lowery about century old homes. In the process, I erroneously stated that the "Sutton" house was the home of Sarah McGee. This is not correct and was not part of Red's original text. The Sutton house on Longbourne was built in 1795. Sarah McGee's "little red house" is on Salvador, circa 1812, and, I believe, was the Corbly house. My apologies to Roland and to all history buffs whom I may have confused.

Lyn Scheper - Editor

## ATHS COUNTRY STORE '96 - SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

Ron Makin, Country Store Chair, is busy lining up chair persons and making arrangements for our annual weekend event. Please call Ron (231-5185) to lend your support of our worthwhile cause.

**STITCHERY** - Mary Brafford (231-0763), assisted by her daughter Lyn Scheper (232-1559), are busy making items for this department. Keep your eyes open for hand crafted linens for the Victorian Table. Mary is very adept at cleaning up these lovely treasures. Call if you can stitch, stuff or cut out. We need help.

**DRIED ARRANGEMENTS** - Donations of interesting containers and baskets are always welcome, as well as shells, interesting buttons, ribbons and silk flowers. Florence Makepeace and Ruth Clark will be aided by Janet Yorgen and their garden club making arrangements in the barn or summer kitchen.

**RAFFLE** - Chances are \$1 each. Prizes (to be announced) will be on display at the Country Store.

**DOLLS & TOYS** - Carol Makin (231-5185) chair this department. Betty & Sue Wettstein and Amy Lowery are busy stitching and stuffing. Help is especially needed, since Amy is committed to the signature quilt. We need set-up help & workers in September.

**FARMER'S MARKET** - Jane & Bob King need your donations of home-grown produce and perennial plants for this very popular booth.

**CHILDREN'S GAMES** - Unconfirmed.

**COBWEB CORNER** - Judy Radcliffe (474-5377) and Susan Radcliffe. Call Judy for pick up or drop off at the barn. We take garage sale leftovers and you get a tax deduction. Sorry, we can't appraise or evaluate your gift but will give you a receipt for your donation.

**NATURE'S NICHE/HERBS** - Katherine & Jack Ewers (752-2667) will sell Betty Reagan's herbs and aromatic plants in this department. They could use some volunteers to help set up and sell.

**CHEESE** - Jack & Alice Massey, Kay Wambach and Jane Hornschemeier slice, package and price it, while Jane chairs on the day of sale. We hope to have a mix of cheeses in addition to the over popular Tastee Cheese Spread, made by Michelle Scheper.

**BAKERY** - Beulah Dowers (232-6185) has need for workers, jelly makers and goody bakers. Keep in mind that most baked goods freeze well and ATHS has some freezer space available for those who bake ahead.

**BEVERAGES** - Barb Christman (232-1299) and family request you leave soft drink donations in the Brick House basement. Diet does not have a long shelf life. Please check the date on the bottom before purchasing. Coffee is also an appreciated item.

**PHONE COMMITTEE** - If you can't sew, bake or work, please offer to make phone calls the week before Country Store to remind people to bake.

**KITCHEN** - OPEN. We need a chairperson for this department. Desserts and workers will also be needed.

**ICE CREAM** - The jury is still out as to whether to continue with this department or simply sell ice cream in the kitchen as a topping for pies, etc.

**Books** - OPEN

**Popcorn** - Carol & Edmund Motz

**Parking** - Bill Hornschemeier will need assistance

**Set Up** - Wettstein, Sweet, Dietrich, et. al

**Finance** - Bill Strayer

**VISA/Master Card** - Wilbur Rees

**Publicity** - Tom Whitaker

**Clown** - Mary Lou Goulding (Saturday only)

*Anderson Township Historical Society  
requests the honor of your presence at*

*The Miller-Leuser Log House's  
200th Birthday Party  
Celebrating "200 Years in the Neighborhood"  
1796 - 1996*

*On Sunday, July 14, 1996  
from 1 - 4 p.m.*

*An Ice Cream Social, Birthday Cake and  
musical entertainment will be featured.*

### **Kid's Fest Planned for August 11**

August's monthly event will be a kid's festival with games, stilts, horseshoe toss, jump rope and other activities from 1-4 p.m. The log house will also be open.

From 2-3 p.m., a naturalist from the Cincinnati Zoo will bring an sampling of animals. Children will learn about assorted zoo residents and get a chance to pet and possibly hold some of the exotic visitors animals.

Kid's Fest is fourth in our series of monthly events commemorating the log house's 200th birthday. Adults can enjoy it too; bring the kids and grandkids. Admission is free; refreshments will be sold.