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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.

FLEA MARKET SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, April 29

Judy Radcliffe (474-5377) is once again organizing a flea market on the grounds of the Brick House, Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Space rental is $15. Table rental is $5 additional. Ads will appear in the Forest Hills Journal. (We need 3 more discount coupons for a classified ad in the Community Press, to cover the cost of 2 flea market ads.)

ATHS donations will be sold from the screened. If each member donates one NICE item, we can make a lot of money out of your cast offs. Food will be available.

Helpers and food & drink donations are welcome. Call Judy.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 3 - 7:30 p.m. - **Cindy Matyi**, local artist and musician, will give a slide presentation on *Ancient Celtic Art* from the Bronze to the Middle Ages. She has been selected to decorate a Cincinnati Pig (like the Chicago cows) to be displayed somewhere in the city starting with the Flying Pig Marathon in May.

Wednesday, June 7 - 7:30 p.m. – The Changing Face of Downtown Cincinnati will be the topic of this meeting.

Wed., July 5 – 6:30 p.m. – **Annual Potluck Picnic at the Brick House. Meat provided – bring a dish and your place setting. It's air conditioned and fun.**

ONE or TWO MORE CHANCES TO HELP

Come one, come all to the annual spring cleaning of the Log House. Saturday, April 15, and again on April 22 (if needed) between 9 & 1, we will be cleaning both the lower barn and cabin to prepare for upcoming events. Thanks to the **Brenda & Bob Greer, Bev Robinson, Diane Schneider and Lyn Scheper,** and mess of "stuff" was cleaned up using 20 people-hours on April 8. The cabin and lower barn/breezeway are on the schedule for 15th. We need you to sweep, wipe, mop, polish or carry linens from the brick house to the cabin. It takes a lot of man/woman power to get this done. Each year our trustees give up their time for the task. **We could really use the help of some general members.**

THINK AHEAD FOR FLEA MKT & COBWEB

If each member donated one GOOD item for either the flea market or cobweb corner, we'd make a lot of money and you'd get that item out from under foot.

LEAKING CABIN ROOF BEING REPLACED

The Board approved emergency replacement of the roof on the log cabin with cedar shingles. Expert roofers Dennis & Ralph Burns of Backwoods Builders, who replaced the roof on the Loveland Historical Society log house, have started removing the old rotten shingles, replacing boards and will be close to finishing the new roof on the cabin. Mr. Burns will also install old, salvaged half round gutters, which will be wired on – in keeping with the structure. Cost: $10,000.

Repairs made to the roof by Lynn Bellamy last fall, helped us make it through the winter, but in less than a year, we would have been endangering the integrity of the cabin. The Board considered upcoming events, such and the mother-daughter tea in May, summer open houses from June to October, and our September Country Store AND considered the fact that an expert in cedar shingle cabin roofing was readily available, they decided an emergency expenditure was warranted.

Our old roof had deteriorated due to 2 major factors: (1) the wrong type of cedar shakes (siding shakes, rather than roofing shingles) was used, and (2) black felt roofing paper applied between the sheathing and the shingles, while an absolute MUST in a regular roof, did not allow the shingles to "breathe", causing premature rotting of the shingles – hence leaking occurred in both the middle room and the enclosed porch areas.

A PROMISE KEPT – OUTHOUSE IS REPAIRED

Thanks to **Lynn Bellamy** & **Ed Motz** the outhouse was turned around with Ed's forklift and Lynn has repaired the roof, floor, seat and other deteriorating aspects of the structure. An old Sears catalog for the interior will add a finishing touch. **Bev Robinson** our tour guide coordinator is delighted to have the outhouse ready for the children's tours. This was an oft-requested project by the late Jane King. **"Jane, dear, we've finally done it! Hope you're smiling down upon us."**

Membership Dues Increase Proposed

The ATHS Board of Trustees has proposed a dues increase for the year 2000. **A discussion and membership vote will be taken at the MAY ATHS monthly meeting**. Our $5 dues simply do not cover the cost of publications, mailings, meeting hall, and speakers. It is particularly important to get interesting speakers to draw more members and Township residents to the Society. We cannot do this without an increase in funds. The current dues and proposed change is listed below:

	CURRENT:		*PROPOSED:*
Single	***$5***		***$10***
Couple	***$10***	***Family****	***$20 (new)***
Patron	***$15***		***eliminated***
Lifetime(sgl)	***$100***		***$150***
Lifetime (cpl)	***$150***		***$200***

**** Family includes parent(s) and children under 18.***

LOG HOUSE MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA MAKING GREAT HEADWAY

Debra Ruehlman and her committee of friends are enthusiastically working toward our Mother-Daughter Tea Party. Raffle prizes and door prizes are being gathered. An historical fiction about a little girl who might have lived at the log house and gone to the Clough School with her friend from the Clark House up the road is coming along. Volunteers have been lined up to impart a little history and guide the guests about the grounds. A keepsake photo, 3 course tea and craft are just part of the fun plans for this event.

Diane Schneider has coordinated the ATHS side of the event, scheduling workers and getting the Clark House open on the day of the tea. **Bev Robinson** has also lent her hand to the event. Members generously signed up to volunteer as guides. Banana bread makers include: **Mary Brafford, Brenda Greer, Judy Radcliffe, Bev Robinson, Lyn Scheper, Nancy McClure, Marianne Davis, Carol Motz & Ruth Bellamy**. Please deliver to the Annex kitchen by 11:30 on Saturday or Sunday. Diane will notify guides as to their shift and location assignment. ***Please come 30 minutes before your shift***.

LET'S GO "KROGERING" & EARN $1200

Don't forget this *painless* way to make a nice amount of additional money for ATHS. Call Al Wettstein (474-0855) to get your certificates. He brings them to the monthly meetings. How easy can it be? And you get all change back in cash. **You can't lose!**

GENEALOGY DEPT. TRACKS 1999 HOURS

This is to report the Genealogy Department of ATHS provided a total of 357.25 hours of Volunteer Service and provided information to guests and researchers who came to our office for 81.75 hours in the year 1999. The volunteers are Betty Wettstein, chair, Brenda Greer, Virginia Gaffney and Ruth Deimling. We would urge all members of the Historical Society to be sure they have filled in a Family Group Sheet and given it to us for our files.

-- Ruth H. Deimling --

Country Store - September 23 & 24

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Before ATHS can commit to being open on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, June - Oct. from 1-3 p.m. We need a team of

MISCELLANEOUS BITS & PIECES

- **Florence Makepeace** has volunteered to finish embroidering and piecing the signature quilt top, which Amy Lowery started. **Barb Christman** will quilt it once Florence is finished. Thanks to both for teaming up to complete this project.

- **Judy and Bob Radcliffe** will assist **Bev Robinson** getting the barn "trash" out to the street for the garbage man. An extra pickup may be required.

- The Board has again approved the disbursement of 3 **Marjorie Frame Historian Awards** - $100 honorariums for an outstanding history student at Turpin, Anderson, & McNicholas High Schools.

- We found "walls" in the barn that were once used to disguise the furnace in the middle room doing the spring, summer, fall tour months. They look just like the wall in the room with chair rail and all. Hopefully we can get them installed before the tea.

STIFF COUNTRY STORE COMPETITION

Last year we had a weak crowd, especially on Saturday, which hurt our sales. Many people, including some of our own members, commented that they had been to the event at Coney Island. **Lyn Scheper** has checked with Coney and they have 2 events: the Fall Flower Show on September 23 & 24 and the Celtic Festival on the Sept.30/Oct. 1. With Cincinnati Octoberfest on September 16 & 17, we are surrounded by major competition. We moved from the 3rd to the 4th weekend quite a few years ago to avoid Octoberfest. Now we face strong competition in our own back yard. **Should we reconsider our choice of dates?**