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# SURVEYOR

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## Upcoming Programs

### Wednesday, November 2, 2011

**And One More Time - "Contact!"** This evening we welcome **Mr. Samuel Finley**, President of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen. As you may know, this was a squadron of all black airmen, who in spite of the segregation issues during WWII, were able to persevere and, ultimately, to assist in bringing victory and hope not only to America but to the entire free world as well. Please do plan to be with us for this important chapter of World War II history!

### Wednesday, December 7, 2011

**Promont House, Milford Ohio** Our guest tonight is **Ms. Sue Grone**, retired school teacher, a member of the Greater Milford Historical Society and docent at Promont House, a fine example of Victorian architecture and a great source of pride for our neighboring community, Milford, Ohio. Ms. Grone will be speaking to us regarding the interesting history of this fine old house, whose Christmas decorations at this season of the year, brighten and delight young and old alike.

Special Christmas cookies will be on our refreshment table for one and all to enjoy! If you haven't signed up as yet to contribute some of your favorite Christmas goodies, please do so at our November 2nd meeting. Yummy!

### January 4, 2012 No meeting tonight.



ATHS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Atrium, near the History Room, unless otherwise

noted. Meetings are free and the public is invited. Refreshments and fellowship follow the programs. We look forward to seeing YOU at these interesting and informative meetings.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Wednesday, February 1, 2012

**Remembering the 1937 Flood** This winter marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Thousand Year Flood." Join us in recalling this historic catastrophe.

### Wednesday, March 7, 2012

#### ATHS Annual Dinner & Election of Officers

Mark your calendars for the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet. Dinner is followed by the election and installation of Officers and entertainment. Details and reservation forms in the next *Surveyor*.

#### FLOOD NEWS Thousands Homeless NO SCHOOL



This cartoon is from the 1937 Anderson High School year book. The annual recorded some details -- "Jan. 21: Exams. Teachers late because the Ohio River was very high. Late in the morning it over-

flowed the Union Levee. Jan. 22: Many teachers were absent on account of the flood waters. Jan 23: Basketball game postponed. Jan. 24: All electric power and water turned off except for certain hours. Jan. 25: School closed for an indefinite period. Water reached over records. Jan 29: Farmers' Institute called off. Feb. 8: School reopens."



Decorations from the childhood scrapbook of Margaret Fulford (1904-1999). ATHS collections.

## President's Message

Our properties are a special place because they preserve both historic buildings and artifacts that are irreplaceable. It is history that holds the key to surviving the future. Collecting artifacts can start at any age and items that you use everyday can one day be in our collection. History is made every day.

This year's Country Store was another success. I want to thank to all the Department Heads, workers and especially the visitors who ate and bought items during Saturday and Sunday of Country Store. We all helped to bring in the total of \$10,350.95 for our organization. This money will help us pay the bills we have every year to maintain the ATHS properties.

The year 2011 is about to become a memory. It is time to start thinking about who should be elected for the officers of ATHS. March is not that far off and we will be electing officers and trustees for 2012 at the Annual Dinner. Any ideas you have, including yourself, can be shared with me (474-0568) so they can be considered by the Nominating Committee as the proposed slate is prepared in January. The proposed slate will be printed in the next Surveyor to be mailed in late January 2012. Put the Annual Meeting and Dinner on your calendars: Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

Raise your voice: Your opinions matter. If have some ideas to assist the organization please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me at [athslighthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:athslighthouse@yahoo.com). As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Hope everyone enjoys this issue

*Bill Dreyer, President*

## Need a Gift Idea?

Christmas is just around the corner. Need a gift idea? Give the gift of history! Present a gift membership for the Anderson Township Historical Society. You can give a gift membership in the Historical Society. It would be a great way to get a friend, relative or neighbor interested in what we do. Individual memberships are only ten dollars, a couple, \$20. Or a membership could even be given to a child/grandchild to stir their interest in history. Or make a donation to the Society as a gift or memorial.

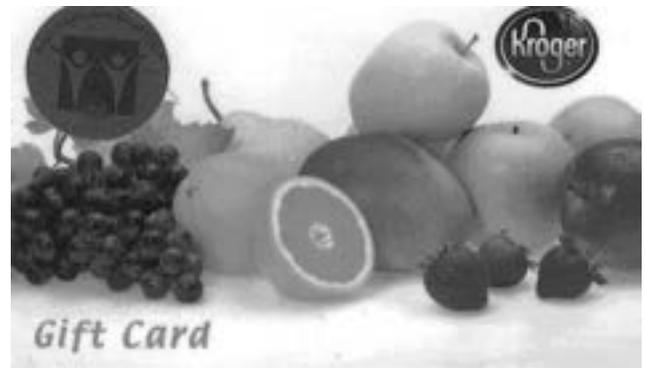
Contributions are tax deductible.



## 2011 Dues are OVER DUE

**ATHS annual dues were due on May 1, 2011. Please double check that your dues payment is up-to-date.** Send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The membership rates from May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012 are:

Single	\$ 10.00	Couple	\$ 20.00
Family	\$ 25.00		
Lifetime – Single	\$ 150.00		
Lifetime – Couple	\$ 200.00		



## Are You Using a Kroger Card?

A few years ago some Anderson Township Historical Society members got reloadable Kroger Neighbor Reward Program Cards keyed so that the Society earns money off of any purchase made with the cards at Kroger. All you have to do is load money onto the card and then use it anytime you shop at Kroger! It's a great and easy way to support the Society if you ordinarily shop at Kroger! A Kroger Gift Card for the benefit of the ATHS can be given as a Christmas gift with whatever amount you want to give. We receive 4% of all money spent at Kroger using these cards. If 50 people spent \$50 per week for a year, the Society would receive \$5,000.00 and it doesn't cost you anything! If you have lost your car, never had one or need one as a gift please contact Bill Dreyer (474-0568) to get one that benefits the Society. The ATHS would appreciate your support.

The *Surveyor* is the quarterly newsletter of the Anderson Township Historical Society, mailed to all members. If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address, please contact ATHS at P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230 or send an e-mail to ATHS at [athslighthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:athslighthouse@yahoo.com).

Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to [pikapica@msn.com](mailto:pikapica@msn.com) or give me a call at 231-3390.

– Janet Heywood, Editor.

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members who have joined since April:

**Nancy Cooke**

**Jim & Deb Heywood & Family**

**Nancy Heywood**

**Kent & Joan Holwadel**

**Jerry Lotz**

**Holly & Craig Nance (Lifetime-Couple)**

## Mini Museum Night at the American Sign Museum

Kathy Hosking, Linda Magee, Sue Wettstein and I represented the Society at a mini museum expo at the American Sign Museum and Essex Studios (home of 100 artists) on Essex Avenue. This event on Friday and Saturday nights, October 7 and 8, was sponsored by the Museums and Historic Sites of Greater Cincinnati which has 31 members. (See the web site [www.historicgreatercincinnati.org](http://www.historicgreatercincinnati.org) for information on all 31 organizations.) We are a member of this group and the event was held to get the word out about our organizations. Nine other local museums and historic sites had exhibits and their information on display along with ours. This event was held in conjunction with the October Essex Studios Art Walk. There were lots of people in attendance.

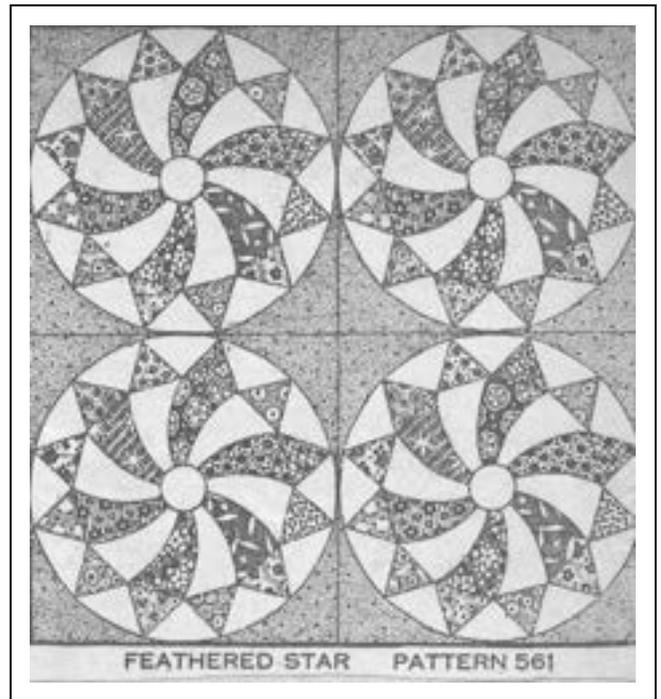
Bill Dreyer, President

## From the Collections: What's the Story?



*China on display at the Log House.*

In 1977 Dr. Margaret Fulford (1904-1999), a member of the AHS, donated a number of household items from her mother's family as well as several interesting scrapbooks. Included were these handsome pieces of English ironstone: a teapot, sugar bowl and creamer (lids are missing). The china pieces have marks indicating that they were manufactured by G. Wooliscroft and Co. They also have diamond registration marks that look as if the design was registered in the patent office of



*One of the many quilt patterns in a scrapbook donated by Dr. Margaret Fulford.*

Great Britain on October 29, 1855. Notes made in 1977 indicate that the china belonged to Margaret Pafford Holloway (1837-1897), Dr. Fulford's grandmother, who lived in Beetown, Wisconsin in the mid-1800s. Widow Holloway and her three daughters moved to Cincinnati by 1880. Daughter Lottie Holloway (1874-1943) married lawyer Alfred T. Fulford (1875-1973) and they lived at 1372 Sutton Avenue in Mt. Washington for many years. Their daughter Margaret Fulford was a world-renowned botanist. She taught at the University of Cincinnati for 47 years and received U.C.'s Rieveschl Award for Distinguished Research in 1983. She was the first woman elected a fellow of U.C.'s Graduate School in 1957. Her personal collection of dried plants numbered more than 100,000 and now comprises U.C.'s Margaret H. Fulford Bryophyte Herbarium and Library.



*Dr. Fulford's donations to the AHS also included a scrapbook of many decorations like this skater.*

**2011 ATHS COUNTRY STORE: Saturday, September 24 & Sunday, September 25**

**Many thanks to all!**

Many thanks to everyone who participated in making this year's "Store" a great success! As this year's Chairperson, I am personally grateful for the efforts made by so many in our Society. In acknowledging all department heads and assisting volunteers at this past October 5th member meeting, it was once again apparent to all of us that when you folks are invited to participate in this important annual event - or in any ATHS fund-raising event - you rise to the occasion!

Connie Whitaker, Chair, Country Store 2011

**Thanks from Your Country Store Bakery**

This was my third year to be Bakery Chairperson and once again I say "THANK YOU" to all our talented and generous ATHS members and friends who baked up a storm for us. And to all those who purchased our wares. We had pies and pineapple upside-down cakes, cookies that spelled ATHS, muffins, buckeyes and crunchy candy. Your response was wonderful and the credit goes to my group of "Bakery Babes." They did lots of phoning for donations, baking, set-up, pricing and then took shifts selling. And we all had fun working together.

This year's "Babes" are **Marcia Jelus, Julia Dowers** and her mom **Bonnie Dowers, Randi Eastland**, my daughter **Debby Lovelace, Judith Malinzak, Betty Gleason, Carol Motz, Bev Robinson**, and our newest "Babe" **Kathy Hosking**.

Great teamwork brings results and once again I say thank you to all the 2011 bakers, contributors and shoppers. We hoped to match last year's 2010 sales but we surpassed them to reach \$845 this year. Excellent. Enthusiastically,

Lucy (Smalley) Moore, Bake-ordinator



*Debby Lovelace offers a selection of bakery goodies. Photos on this page by Lucy Moore.*



*Shopper at Cobweb Corner in the Barn.*

**Country Store 2011-Final Results**

**Department Net Figures**

Bakery	\$ 845.40
Beverages	241.15
Books	151.50
Children's Games	47.25
Cobweb Corner	5,028.65
Corn Hole	16.00
Crafts	246.00
Dolls & Toys	600.00
Farmer's Market	625.50
Kitchen	1,298.50
Raffles (3 items)	741.00
Silent Auction	326.50
Slate Painting	40.00
Stitchery	733.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,940.95</b>

Donation, cash 25.00

**Expenses, overall**

Band (Saturday)	(125.00)
Dulcimer Players (Sunday)	(100.00)
Officer (Saturday & Sunday)	(390.00)

**NET (Country Store Profit) \$ 10,350.95**



*Sunday entertainment by the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society.*

## Thanks from the Country Store Kitchen

Yum! Yum! The Kitchen at the 2011 Country Store was quite a success. Thanks to the 29 people who contributed food and/or helped with preparation and serving as well as clean-up on Saturday and Sunday. We hope you sampled some of the delicious delights.

Diane Schneider, Chair Kitchen



Ed Motz (far right) demonstrates walnut cracking. Photo by Janet Heywood.



Young artist tries his hand at slate painting. Photo by Lucy Moore.



Sharon Perry shows off the raffle prizes. Photo by Lucy Moore.



Some of the 2011 Silent Auction items. Photo by Janet Heywood.

## Many Thanks to Our 2011 SILENT AUCTION DONORS

*Our Clough Pike Neighbors:*

**Anderson Township Pub  
Appearance Plus Cleaners**

**Arden Courts**

**Clough Crossings**

**Family Pet Center**

**Greenfield Plant Farm**

**Jean Paul's Paradiso**

**Pet Panache**

**True Colors Hair Design**

*And ATHS members & friends:*

**Gary Lee Hicks**

**Linda Scheper**

**Bev and Al Robinson**

**William Warden III**

## Winners of the Raffle Prizes

The life-size carved chickadee was won by Janet Wray of Mariemont. The framed print of the Delta Queen was won by Brenda Nicholson of Anderson Township. The Dinner for Eight at the Miller-Leuser Log House was won by ATHS member Ed Motz, whose aunt Emma Leuser lived at the Log House for more than 50 years. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who participated.

## PLAN AHEAD . . . INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

### Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
Nov. 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
January 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 1	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 7	Annual Dinner	6:00 p.m.
March 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

### In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of **Muriel Whitaker Reed**, who passed away in September.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Helen Fehn** and her family on the loss of her husband **William Fehn** in August.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of **Alice Massey**, who passed away in October.

### Thanks for Your Service

**Connie Whitaker** for Chairing the Country Store.

**Linda and George Scheper** for printing envelopes for the *Surveyor*.

**Bill Dreyer, Connie Whitaker, Lucy Smalley Moore, Diane Schneider, Al and Bev Robinson** and **Sue Wettstein** for contributing to this issue.

Those members who served as docents for the History Room during the last three months: **Patti Bukosky, William Dreyer, Janet Heywood, Linda Jacobs, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Don and Sharon Perry, Bev and Al Robinson, Diane Schneider, Connie and Tom Whitaker, and Charles Woodward.**

All of the members who brought refreshments for the membership meetings in September and October. **Mary Bailey** and **Bev Robinson** for organizing the refreshments for meetings.

*ATHS depends on volunteers. Thanks to everyone for your support and if we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies.*

### Aluminum Can Man

Yes, we are still collecting aluminum cans and other metals for recycling. Bring them to the monthly meeting and Bill Dreyer will take them. If you can't wait or can't bring them to a meeting, Bill (call 474-0568) will pick them up or you can put them behind the Outhouse next to the Log House.

### 1950s-style Linens & Bedding Needed

If you have linens, bedspreads, curtains, etc. dating to about 1950, please consider donating them to the ATHS for use in decorating the Hornschemeier House. Contact Ann King, who is coordinating this project, at 231-9557.



*Hornschemeier House ready for the holidays on Dec 24, 1950. Photo from Brenda Greer.*



*Party at the Hornschemeier House, Dec 24, 1950. Notice Santa on the right next to Mildred Leuser. Photo from Brenda Greer.*

### Congratulations

**Bev & Al Robinson**, who recently welcomed their first great-grandchild, Samuel Adam Robinson.

## History Room News

For three weeks in September visitors to the History Room enjoyed some special exhibit items loaned by the Cincinnati Art Museum to illustrate "The Cincinnati Story." Five reproductions and several pieces of Rookwood pottery plus a carved wooden panel marked phases in the development of art and artists in the Cincinnati area over the last



two centuries. In September about 90 visitors came, bringing the total number of visitors since the opening of regular hours at the History Room in March 2010 to over 2,200.

*Music Hall Organ Screen Panel, 1878, made by the wood carving students of the Art Academy.*

If you have not had a chance to visit the History Room, come learn more about the fascinating history of Anderson Township through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. Anderson's History Room is jointly sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township. Every time the History Room is open there is an ATHS docent there to welcome visitors and answer questions. Publications of ATHS are available for purchase.

The History Room, located in the lower level of Anderson Center, is open on a regular basis three times a week: Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.; Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the volunteer docent program, contact Bill Dreyer at 474-0568 or e-mail him at [athslighthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:athslighthouse@yahoo.com).



*Members enjoy some of the paintings from "The Cincinnati Story" at the September 7 ATHS meeting. Photos on this page by Janet Heywood.*

## 2011 Log House Open Houses

Thank you to these members who served as hosts and hostesses for our summer open houses and tours:

**Al & Bev Robinson**  
**Don & Sharon Perry**  
**Barb Christman**  
**Anne Ross**  
**Donna Bartley**  
**Ken & Betty Wilson**  
**Ann Chapman**  
**Bob & Brenda Greer**  
**Sherri Margraf**

**Diane Schneider**  
**Bill Dreyer**  
**Linda Magee**  
**Martie Christman**  
**Connie Whitaker**  
**Linda Jacobs**  
**Lucy Moore**  
**Charlie Wallace**



As of early October we have had 342 visitors to our log house. The most popular Sunday was August 21<sup>st</sup> with 34 guests. On the fall calendar are a private tour for some folks from

Alaska, a boy scout troop and the final Open House of 2011 season on October 16. It is a pleasure to share our treasure with others.

Diane Schneider, Projects Chair



*Back of the Miller-Leuser Log House, Oct. 2011.*

## Needed a New "Old" Rain Barrel

Rain barrels are great for conserving water and reducing run-off. For years the Miller-Leuser Log House had one collecting rain from the roof at the back of the house. Sadly it broke and can not be repaired. We need a new "old" one. If you have an old whiskey barrel or other wooden barrel that could be used, please contact Bill Dreyer at 474-0568 or e-mail at [athslighthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:athslighthouse@yahoo.com).

## FROM THE COLLECTIONS: *A Closer Look at the Widman GAR Drum*

*Beat! beat! drums!--blow! bugles! blow!  
Through the windows--through doors--burst like a  
ruthless force,  
Into the solemn church, and scatter the congregation,  
Into the school where the scholar is studying;  
Leave not the bridegroom quiet--no happiness must he  
have now with his bride,  
Nor the peaceful farmer any peace, ploughing his field or  
gathering his grain,  
So fierce you whirr and pound you drums--so shrill you  
bugles blow.*

-- Walt Whitman

Whitman wrote the poem "Beat! Beat! Drums!" as a rally cry after the first battle of Bull Run in July 1861. Throughout the Civil War drums played a leading role in military bands as well as on the battle field. They were key instruments in the veteran parades in the years that followed the war.

In 1975 Thelma, Fern and Alice Widman gave their grandfather's drum to the AHS. Andrew Widman (1842-1926) carried this drum in many GAR parades in the nearly sixty years he participated in the activities of the local Grand Army of the Republic organization, the Joseph F. Trotter Post 268. Andrew enlisted as a private on July 31, 1861 at the age of 18. He served in the 39th Ohio Infantry, Company D, and reached the rank of Full Sergeant in June 1865. He later served as a Mt. Washington village councilman for three two-year terms and was on the village school board.

This summer I sent off an inquiry with photos of this drum to an expert, Ellis Mirsky, the blog master of [fielddrums.com](http://fielddrums.com). He made these comments --

The tugs (leather ears used to tension the heads) appear authentic and period. The body of the snare mechanism has some obvious after-market addition(s). The screw looks like a field repair. The color scheme is similar to drums from the 1860's. The height/diameter ratio appears to be a bit low but not uncommon for a field drum. And the hooks are classic period hooks, ca. 1860 or so. Your drum's rope is not original. It's machine made but that is to be expected. Skin heads, leather tugs, gut snares and hemp rope were "consumable" and had to be replaced from time to time. The absence of copper tacks along the seam puts the drum after ca. 1860 because prior to that time, glue strength alone was insufficient to maintain the integrity of a steam-bent shell seam. Have you looked inside the drum through the vent hole? Sometimes there is writing or a paper label.

So we looked inside!



*Andrew Widman's rope-tension snare drum used in GAR parades. Photo by Patti Bukosky.*



In the close-up view, notice the small vent hole in the drum. When you look through the vent you can see inside the drum the label of The Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. of Cincinnati Ohio, manufacturer of "Drums and Band Instruments." The label also has the symbol RWB. This trademark was adopted after Rudolph's brother joined the firm in 1872.

So we know our GAR Drum was manufactured after 1872 but in the same style of the field drums used during the Civil War. If you would like to hear Civil War-type drums, there are a number of YouTube sites online with actual newsreel coverage of GAR parades in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.



*Label inside the Widman GAR Drum. Two lower photos and story by Janet Heywood.*