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Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Did you know that George Washington fancied **Windsor chairs** and that Thomas Jefferson sat in one while he drafted the Declaration of Independence? This evening, **Bill Beringhaus** and **Bob Hawkins** will be teaching us more about this remarkable chair and its place in history. I've learned that both Bill and Bob are fine woodworkers and have crafted examples of these wonderful chairs in their own workshops! You may remember Bob's donation for last year's raffle prize, the much sought after carved Chickadee. When Bill Beringhaus spoke to us at our May meeting, we were greatly impressed with his WWII record, but did not know of his interest and talent in fashioning beautiful Windsor chairs. The many talents of our members are amazing!

Tonight's topic is the fashioning of these beautifully crafted chairs and their importance in our history - both here and abroad. Come join us for this informational and interesting program!

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Tonight's speaker is an historian we all know and much admire from past visits to ATHS. I'm speaking of **Mr. Richard Crawford**, definitive historian of **Clermont County**. If Richard doesn't have an answer to your question about anything related to Clermont County, it just didn't happen - or must have occurred in another county! Rick brings more fascinating stories to us this evening. Having heard him once, you'll surely want to hear him again. Don't miss this one! Holiday refreshments will be served.

ATHS handmade ornaments will be on display on the Christmas tree in the History Room in December.

January 2, 2012 No meeting tonight.



Wednesday, February 6, 2013

This evening we are pleased to welcome **Mr. Greg Roberts**, Vice President of **The Historic New Richmond Society**. Mr. Roberts brings with him tonight stories about this small river town that continues to survive in spite of its many difficulties over past years. New Richmond remains a place beloved by many and appreciated for its history and lovely Ohio River views. Please do plan to be with us for this interesting account of a town close to all our hearts.

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

ATHS Annual Dinner & Election of Officers

Mark your calendars for the 45th Anniversary banquet. Dinner is followed by the election and installation of Officers and entertainment. Details and reservation forms will be in the next *Surveyor*.

After dinner, **Mr. Jamey Vogel**, son of ATHS members Sherry and Russ Vogel, will share information concerning our great **Cincinnati Zoo** and some of its animal inhabitants! Jamey's impressive title is **Team Leader of Manatee Springs**, as well as having the distinction of being the Zoo's Diving Safety Officer. For those of us who have enjoyed the many days spent visiting our nationally known and well respected Zoo and watching those fascinating Manatees perform their marine acrobatics, this evening's program is guaranteed to be a good memory for all of us. Don't miss this one!



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. See ATHS on the web:

www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org

2012 Dues are OVER DUE

ATHS annual dues were due on May 1, 2012. 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, 2012 – April 30, 2013 are:

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

Annual Fund gifts from ATHS members are most welcomed, needed and appreciated.

Need a Gift Idea? Give the Gift of History!

You can give a gift membership in the Anderson Township 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 is \$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.

Aluminum Can Recycling

Bill Dreyer reports that we recently received \$205 from recycled metal. We still have some cans to recycle but we can always use more. We continue to collect aluminum cans. Bring your cans to the meetings or leave them by the Log House Outhouse or call Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and arrange for him to pick them up from you.

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.

Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to picapica@msn.com or give me a call at 231-3390.

– Janet Heywood, Editor.

A Special Gift: 25th Anniversary of Elizabeth Philhower's Bequest to ATHS

In December 1987 the Historical Society received the bequest from charter member Elizabeth Philhower. Ms. Philhower died March 27, 1987 at 78 years. In a tribute in the June 1987 *Surveyor*, Mrs. Frame recalled how Elizabeth worked on the committee for the restoration of the Log House. "Her special province was the growing things around the 'cabin' and she spent many, many hours digging, planting and weeding with her special long brass trowel. She had spent her career as a math and science teacher and her knowledge of botany was of infinite value in identifying the unusual plants which we encountered as the grounds were cleared of years of growth." Ms. Frame remembered they spent long hours together carrying stones from the creek to fill in the holes in the back wall and to lay the stones that make the paths around the house. The viburnum that still blooms by the entrance gate was a gift of Elizabeth. In June 1987 Ms. Frame wrote that ATHS had just received notice of "another sign of her lasting love and friendship for ATHS. In her will, Elizabeth Philhower has divided her estate between ATHS and the Cincinnati Nature Center. A quietly witty person who enjoyed a good joke, how she must have smiled to herself at the great surprise she was planning for us! May we be worthy of her trust."

Elizabeth Philhower's bequest came in the form of a portfolio of stocks valued at \$49,226 in 1987. Over the years this portfolio has been kept intact with some alterations in the particular stocks held. Its value has varied but has now increased almost 7-fold. Dividends from the stocks have aided ATHS through lean years, supported the preservation of the Log House and assisted with the purchase of the acreage on Bartels Road that secures the landscape surrounding the historic structures.

Elizabeth Philhower's bequest to ATHS continues



to grow as the plants she loved. It flourishes, providing for generations to come. An inspiration to us all.

Elizabeth Philhower presenting a 75th birthday house plant to Stephen Smalley

at the March 1975 ATHS meeting. Scrapbook clipping from the Forest Hills Journal.



Country Store Raffle Table: Don Perry, Kenny Burck and Sharon Perry. Photo by C. Wallace.

2012 Country Store Winners of the Raffle Prizes

The third prize gift basket was won by **Ellen Losee** of Anderson Township. The second prize, the framed print "American Steamboat Heritage" by J. Miles Wolf, was won by AHS member **Charlie Wallace**. The first prize, a Dinner for Eight at the Log House, was won by AHS member **Kenny Burck**, whose great-great-great-grandmother Tabitha Pardue Noble (1788-1866) lived at the Log House for more than 40 years. Tabitha Noble and her husband James (abt. 1785 - abt. 1833) came to Ohio by 1820, lived in the Log House by 1826 and raised 10 children there. She owned the property from 1836 to 1867. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who participated.

Country Store 2012 Farmer's Market

Sonia Shively would like to thank everyone who helped with the Farmer's Market this year. And she also sends a **Big Thank You** to everyone who purchased items to support AHS.



Bob King and Sonia Shively with some of the goodies at the Farmer's Market stand this year. Photo by Lucy Moore.

ATHS President's Message – Fall Wrap Up

Thanks to the many members who kept the log house open on 1st and 3rd Sundays for the past five months and to Charlie Wallace for making sure the "Open" sign was out each time. Brenda Greer made a quick call to get the lawn cut one week when the grass was quite high, so folks could see the log house at its best. Personally, I am delighted that we can again show the upstairs to visitors.

Anderson Adopt a Roadway - Our second cleanup day was a on a very warm July day, but fortunately, we finished up pretty quickly before the heat got too bad. July participants included **Kenny Burck, Bill Dreyer, Anne King (& Tim), Arna Gerritsen, Don & Sharon Perry, Sonia Shively, Linda & George Scheper** and **Sue Wettstein**. Our next scheduled cleanup days are **Saturdays, October 20** and **December 15**. Please come to the brick house at 9 a.m. Dress for the weather & bring water. Sorry I can't be there in October.

After 40+ years of uneventful ownership, I regret having to report that our precious Log House was broken into just before Country Store by four teens, who were caught by police after seeing a light on upstairs. Fortunately, there was no significant damage to the house. The door and screen were quickly repaired by Don Perry. Unfortunately, an antique bed warmer was broken and tossed under a bush. The only other theft I recall was a stolen anvil taken from the barn many years back.

Country Store - Connie Whitaker and I want to thank EVERYONE who had a part in making our annual fund raising event a time to remember. Special thanks to **George Scheper**, who devised an easy-to-change-the-date system for our four Country Store display signs. He also installed them around the township; afterward he took them down and stored them in the corncrib.

Thanks to **Marty Christman** and **Bev Robinson** for arranging the AHS fund raiser at T. G. I. Friday's on Tuesday, October 16.

Diane Schneider & Don Perry, along with several other key members on the AHS Board, are working with the Forest Hills School District to develop a curriculum for second graders who study local history. The Anderson Center History Room and our Log House are the perfect cornerstones for giving students an idea of how life has changed from the days of the first pioneer settlements to present day. We are very excited to be a part of establishing this important link to the past with younger generations.

- Linda (Lyn) Scheper, President

2012 ATHS COUNTRY STORE: Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, September 30

Dear Friends,

With heartfelt appreciation, I thank you personally for your contributions of time, energy, and financial support to this year's "Country Store." Lyn and I could never have done it without YOU!

As you well know, this yearly event aids us in preserving and restoring not only our 1796 Miller-Leuser Log House, but the properties on Bartels hill as well. As we have said time and again, ATHS is in the business of preserving and protecting our history. Long may it be so!

Sincerely,

Connie Whitaker, Co-Chair Country Store 2012

Country Store 2012 Results as of 10/19/12

Department Net Figures

Bakery	\$ 1,014.80
Beverages	229.00
Books	75.00
Children's Games	60.00
Cobweb Corner	4,423.75
Crafts	215.00
Dolls & Toys	500.00
Farmer's Market	602.50
Honey sales (consignment)	113.00
Kitchen	1,249.15
Raffles (3 items)	609.00
Silent Auction	420.00
Slate Painting	46.00
Stitchery	1,103.60
Total	\$ 10,660.80

Expenses, overall

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

NET (Country Store Profit) \$ 10,020.80



Ann Chapman King (center) organized games for children. Photo by Lucy Moore.

Country Store Bakery says "Thank You"

This year the Bakery had co-chairs. **Marcia Jelus** joined with **Lucy Moore** to map out the best bakery yet. We both say "Thank you" for the most generous "baked goods" contributions ever from all our ATHS faithful members and friends. You were wonderful to us.

Next we say "Thank you" to all the hungry purchasers of our delicious goodies. We had a great variety of donations which included "store purchased" and "home-made" pies, cakes, tons of cookies, fruit-nut breads, brownies, cupcakes, buckeyes, fudge and even iced log house-shaped cookies.

Our third "Thank you" goes to our group of "Bakery Babes." These ladies cleaned the basement, made over 90 phone calls, set up and decorated the rooms, baked and purchased, did the pricing and took shifts selling baked goods. They had creative ideas that really helped. This year's "Babes" are:

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| Bev Robinson | Judith Malinzak |
| Debby Lovelace | Betty Gleason |
| Julia Dowers | Randi Eastland |
| Kathy Hosking | Carol Motz |

And new helpers: **Pat Planitz Gloria Zielasko**

Each "Babe" did what she could and with their successful teamwork we went way higher than last year's total of \$840. We were amazed to see our 2012 total sales reach \$1,014.80. Wow!! We even were able to treat Sunday's musicians and October's ATHS program meeting.

So once again we send a HUGE "Thank you" to our contributors and our purchasers who enabled us to help the Log House.

With happiness,

Lucy Smalley Moore and Marcia Jelus
Co-Bakeordinators 2012



"Some Bakery Babes." Photo by Lucy Moore.

Thanks from Country Store Kitchen 2012

Another successful year in the kitchen at the Country Store! We raised over \$1,200 because of our super kitchen team. Many thanks to all!

Mary Bailey

Ann King Chapman

Barb Christman

Mae Donovan

Brenda Greer

Kathy Hoelscher

Linda Jacobs

Sue Wettstein

Steve Van Eman

Debby Lovelace

Kathy Rigbee

Linda Magee

Shirley Warden & Ramona

Meijer Meat Department, Eastgate

Bob & Judith Malinzak

Sherri Margraf

Diane Schneider

Sonia Shively

Carol Voorhees

Charlie Wallace

Annika Jacobs

Kay Lawler

Mary Lou Van Eman

Linda Scheper

Ed & Janet Yorgen

Patrick & Lori Trent

We also thank our loyal customers! If you just can't wait a year for our delicious stew, make a batch to enjoy on a chilly day this winter.

Country Store French Oven Stew

2.5 pounds of stew beef

2 medium onions, chopped

4 or 5 stalks of celery, chopped

5 or 6 carrots, cut up, or a small bag of baby carrots

12 - 18 oz. of V8 Juice (2-3 cups)

1/3 cup of quick cooking tapioca

1 tablespoon sugar, 1 tablespoon basil

1 tablespoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Combine all ingredients in a 3 quart casserole.

Cover and cook in a slow oven 300 - 325 degrees for 3.5 hours.

Options: add, during the last hour, 3 or 4 medium potatoes, diced OR add a bag of frozen peas.

Also delicious served over mashed potatoes.

Diane Schneider, Chair Kitchen 2012



John Roos sold honey from his bee hives on the hill above the Log House. Photo by Lucy Moore.

Country Store Stitchery Department

Thanks to **Connie Whitaker, Sue Wettstein** and **Don Perry** for help with set up, pricing and covering in this department. Donations from **Pat Planitz**, the late Beulah Dowers granddaughter, a generous co-worker **Deb Wheeler** and two lovely quilts made by **Mary Brafford** gave Stitchery a wide and varied inventory of new merchandise to sell. Our net profit was up almost \$300 over last year - \$1,103 in 2012. *Lyn Scheper, Stitchery Chair*



Lyn Scheper with stitchery items in the front room of the Log House. Photo by Lucy Moore.



Silent Auction in action. Photo by Janet Heywood.

Many Thanks to Our 2012 SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Our Clough Pike Neighbors:

Anderson Township Pub

Appearance Plus Cleaners

Arden Courts Family Pet Center

Greenfield Plant Farm

Jean Paul's Paradiso

True Colors Hair Design

Urban Chick

And ATHS members & friends:

Gary Lee Hicks Linda Scheper

Bev and Al Robinson

William Warden III

High Point

What's the highest natural point in today's Anderson Township? Trustee Peggy Reis had Anderson's Planning & Zoning Department research the answer. Based on U.S. Geological Service maps, the highest point is 904 feet above sea level just north of the intersection of Little Dry Run and Old Forge Lane. There are several places in this area that reach 900 feet. If you walk up Hunley Road from Clough Creek, past Wilson School, and on to Old Forge Lane, you realize what a long slope this route is. In the early decades of 1900s this high ground was the farm of the Lewis and Martha Martin family of Anderson Township.



View west from Little Dry Run near Wilson School. The highest point in Anderson Township is higher up the road but trees block the view from that elevation. The 988-foot Mt. Washington Tower is in the distance, 2.6 miles away. Photo by J. Heywood.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members who have joined recently:

Kurt Iversen
Dr. Brian Hackett
Zachary Peterson
Harry Radenheimer
Judy Couch

ATHS E-mail Notices and Updates

We send e-mail reminders to members for all the monthly meetings. If you would like to receive such reminders, send an e-mail to athsloghouse@yahoo.com and we will add your e-mail address to the ATHS list. If you wish to be removed from this list, please let us know.

Memorial to an Ash Tree

In the last issue of the *Surveyor*, we mentioned that the dead ash tree near the Log House was removed in late June. We have recently found out that this tree was planted in the summer of 1975. It was selected and donated by the Sherwood Forest Garden Club whose members had been working on the garden at the Log House for several years. The Garden Club was very interested in the restoration of the landscape of the historical site. They chose the ash because it represented a tree species native to the area in the time of the pioneers.

The tree was a Rosehill Ash (*Fraxinus americana*) grafted onto the root of a common White Ash. In the 1970s this combination was known to be a handsome tree that was relatively disease resistant and able to withstand environmental stresses. In 1975 no one could have foreseen the arrival of Emerald Ash Borer from Asia. It is thought these insects came to North America in the 1990s in the wood of shipping cartons. The destructive insects were first detected in Canton, Michigan in June 2002 and have now spread across southwest Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois as well as into many other states and Canada. Experts report that ash borer infestation kills ash trees in about four to five years. In the first two years there may be few visible symptoms; dieback is obvious in the third and fourth years and by the fifth year the tree is dead. The wood becomes brittle and major limbs drop. It is expected that the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer will eventually wipe out the ash genus in North America. In Ohio alone it is estimated there are some 3.8 billion ash trees that will be lost. Our Log House ash, a generous gift from the Sherwood Forest Garden Club, was one of them.



Stump of the Log House ash, July 2, 2012. The tree was planted in 1975 and about 40 rings can be counted. Photo by J. Heywood.

2012 Sunday Log House Open Houses

Thank you to these members who have hosted the Open Houses at the Log House this year. The average attendance was 26 guests per Sunday. Our visitors range from toddlers to adults who have fond memories of the area. Many guests say, "We have driven by many times and always wanted to stop for a tour."

Al & Bev Robinson
Barb Christman
Anne Ross
Diane Schneider
Don & Sharon Perry
Linda Magee
Sonia Shively
Linda Jacobs

Charlie Wallace
Bob & Brenda Greer
Ann King Chapman
Connie Whitaker
Donna Bartley
Lucy Moore
Linda Scheper
Gwen Scheper

The Log House will be closed up for the winter in early November and will reopen for tours in May 2013. Contact **Diane Schneider**, Projects Chair, at 232-6552 if you would like to get a Docent Notebook to prepare for next year or schedule dates for special group tours next season.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair

Collections! Collections! Collections!

The September 5th Member Meeting was a special evening of members' own collections on display. Members brought an amazing and fascinating variety of items! Connie Whitaker, Programs Chair, thanks everyone who participated in this "Home-Grown" event. Here is a list of the members and the collections they brought.

Lou Trent - Old marbles
Connie Whitaker - All things
Gone with the Wind
Sherry Vogel -
Southwestern Native
American art/artifacts
Anne Ross - Porcelain
miniatures
Brenda Greer - Artifacts of
Bob's Scottish ancestry
Barb Christman - Cincinnati
pewter
Bill Dreyer - Poster boards of matches and
cigarette packages
Patti Bukosky - Penguin figurines
Sue Wettstein - Post card collections, including
some interesting ones of outhouses
Linda & Jim Magee - Rare, old Ancient Order of
Hibernians ribbons and collars
Janet Heywood - 19th century stereoviews
Don Perry - His own handmade wooden toys



Ann King - Jane King's buffalo collection
Bob King - Poster boards of old political campaign
buttons
Lyn Scheper - Handmade quilts
Helen Fehn - Porcelain small cups and saucers



Sept. 5, 2012 Members' collections on display.



Don Perry displayed some of his own handmade wooden toys.



Patti Bukosky brought a few of her penguins.



Jim Magee describes Hibernian ribbons to Sharon Perry and Bev Robinson. Photos by L. Moore and J. Heywood.

PLAN AHEAD . . . INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
Nov. 7	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
January 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 6	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 6	Annual Dinner	6:00 p.m.
March 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 3	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 17	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Remember members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish. Board Meetings are held at the ATHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike. Note that winter Board Meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Kathy and James Hoelscher** on the loss of their grandson Jeffrey McMillan, 24, on October 6, 2012. Jeffrey, a senior at Asbury University in Wilmore, KY, unexpectedly collapsed at the Asbury sports field.

Thanks for Your Service

Lucy Moore and **Charles Wallace** for photographs of Member Meetings and the Country Store.

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

Lucy Moore, Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider, Sonia Shively and **Connie Whitaker** for contributing to this issue.

Those members who served as docents for the History Room in August, September and October: **Patti Bukosky, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Sharon & Don Perry, Bev & Al Robinson, Anne Ross** and **Charles Wallace**.

Kathy Hosking, Helen Fehn and **Sharon Perry** for bringing the tasty refreshments for the membership meeting in September. October refreshments were donated by the Country Store Bakery.

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



History Room News: "Big Shake" Exhibit on display through November

This year is the 200th anniversary of the greatest series of earthquakes in our country's history. ATHS offers a special exhibit "The Big Shake," a traveling exhibit on loan from The Betts House of Cincinnati. This exhibit at the Anderson Center History Room explores how the 1811-1812 New Madrid earthquakes rocked the Ohio River Valley. Personal letters, newspaper articles and accounts of amateur scientists of the times tell the story of what it was like to experience this traumatic period. From December 1811 to May 1812, a series of earthquakes shook the New Madrid Seismic Zone. The NMSZ, centered in Missouri, is still the greatest known seismic hazard east of the Rocky Mountains. The exhibit highlights the potential impact of earthquakes in our area and how building technologies can help structures to withstand seismic forces.

Come visit the History Room during its open hours: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 9 p.m. Learn about the history of Anderson Township through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level. The room will be closed November 6 (Election day), 21 and 25 (Thanksgiving weekend).

We are grateful to The Betts House for the loan of this exhibit. It was created with support from The John A. Schroth Family Charitable Trust at PNC Bank, the Ohio Humanities Council, the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati, and the American Association for State and Local History.

The History Room is jointly sponsored by ATHS and Anderson Township. Volunteers from ATHS staff the History Room. If you are interested in being a docent, please contact Bill Dreyer (474-0568) or e-mail him at athshouse@yahoo.com.