



# Museum Muses

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## OPEN HOUSE HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM

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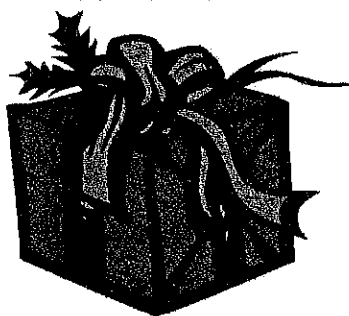
November 12, 2004

1 to 5 P.M.

Come See **THE GIFT SHOP**

So many beautiful items that,

**YOU WILL DO ALL YOUR  
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING  
WITH US**



## 11 HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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First and foremost we want to thank Ponderosa and Great Scot for their generous contributions to our Log House Cookout. We had excellent attendance who seemingly enjoyed the meal and certainly enjoyed the entertaining program by Al Martellotti. Thank you, Al. We do hope you attended, if not, make certain you do next year. Our appreciation also goes to Oleta, Jean, Jan, Frieda, Jeanne, Maxine, and Bernease for their contribution and help.

We are now preparing for Christmas. Local clubs are again donating their time and talent to decorate various rooms in the Museum.

The **MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE** will be November 12 from 1 to 5 PM and will be featuring many, many unusual tree ornaments and gifts. The new wooden ornament for this year is the Lynchburg covered bridge and the "home town" ornament is the Methodist Church (and one is available for you). Please come in to shop and support the Museum.

We will be open Fridays from 1 to 5 PM, Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM, and Sundays from 1 to 4 PM through December 19th.

The **CHILDREN'S TEA** will be held on the afternoon of Saturday December 11. As in the past we will have two settings - the first at 2:00 PM and the second at 4:00 PM. Please call in or use the enclosed form to mail in your reservations.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND WE EXTEND AN EARLY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**

Margaret Van Frank

#### MEMBERSHIP

How fast time goes by! This year is almost over and this will be your last newsletter until next spring. Unfortunately our paid memberships are less than a year ago. With major repair going on at the Museum your support is vital to the maintenance of this building.

We thank you for your past and present support and urge those of you who have not renewed to please do so using the attached form.

We welcome new members: Mr. And Mrs. Steven Miller

Frieda Redkey

### "BOOKS ARE FUN" BOOK FAIR

The Highland County Historical Society will be sponsoring a book fair at the **Merchants National Bank** in their conference room. *Books Are Fun, Ltd.* (A Reader's Digest Company) is the world's leading display marketer of books and gifts.

*Books Are Fun* is renowned for offering the world's best books, games, CD's, and educational products at savings up to 80% off retail prices. **GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS OR ANY OTHER OCCASION.**

The book fair will be held on Friday and Saturday November 26 & 27 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday November 28 from 12:00PM to 4:00 PM.

**Please mark your calendars to come help support the Highland County Historical Society in our endeavor to raise money for the new roof.**

Betty Dodds

### 2005 HISTORICAL HOME TOUR

The Society has picked Sunday May 1, 2005 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM for our bi-annual Tour of Homes. St. Mary's Episcopal Church will be our featured house of worship as they will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The tour committee is now in the process of selecting homes. If you are interested in showing your home, or have a friend who is, please contact Avery Applegate (393-4345) or the Museum to discuss arrangements.

### THIS "OLD HOUSE" NEEDS YOUR HELP

Throughout the past year you have probably noticed that the society has stepped up its fund raising efforts by conducting a number of additional special events. The July 4<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social, the Bi-centennial Basket Sale, and the upcoming Book Fair all represent efforts to increase our cash inflow. By now you are no doubt wondering why is this increased effort necessary. Throughout the year the Society's principle sources of income are from its annual membership fees, the Gift Shop sales, earnings on long term investments and revenues from special events. Our expenditures include typical items such as salaries, supplies, and postage. However, the major portion of our income goes to covering the costs of maintaining the Highland House - insurance, utilities, maintenance and repairs/renovations. Over the past year these latter costs have escalated dramatically due to the need to make major repairs to the building including the second floor window replacements and the installation of a new roof. These were necessitated by rain water leakage and its potential to do further structural damage to the building and unrecoverable loss to our collections.

Because we are maintaining an aging building, we will undoubtedly have to continue these special fund raising activities as well as search for new sources of income. **To do this we will need your help.** Help by supporting the activities themselves and help in the form of special donations or endowments. We have a unique treasure in the Highland House which has been an integral part of the County's history. And we have the obligation to maintain it so that future generations can continue to study and enjoy this part of their heritage. If you would like to give some special help, please complete the enclosed pledge form and return it to the Museum or feel free to contact our Director, Margaret Van Frank, to discuss any arrangements you may wish to consider.

Tom Watkins

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**YES, I WANT TO HELP MAINTAIN OUR HIGHLAND HOUSE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

- PLEASE USE MY ENCLOSED CONTRIBUTION OF \_\_\_\_\_ TO HELP MAINTAIN OUR HOUSE.
- I AM PLEDGING \_\_\_\_\_ TO BE PAID IN 2005 TO OFFSET OUR HOUSE'S MAINTENANCE EXPENSES.
- PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT MAKING A SPECIAL GIFT

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**GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

As the year 2004 draws to a close, we look forward to 2005 when Highland County will celebrate 200 years as part of the great state of Ohio. It has been a busy year and has gone by much too fast.

Our publisher has promised that the *Pictorial History of Highland County* will be hot off the press by the first of December. Thanks go to all of the committee who worked so hard on this gigantic undertaking; without you it wouldn't have been accomplished. To the patrons who purchased pages and for the number of books sold we say "A Great Big Thank You".

As you know by now our roof replacement is almost completed - we hope.

Maxine Kratzer says our basket sales are going well. We do have more to sell and additional cloth liners will be available in a couple of weeks.

Don't forget the Christmas Open House at the Highland House Museum on Friday November 12 from 1 to 5 PM. Also don't forget the "Book Fair" to be held at Merchants National Bank conference room November 26, 27, and 28. Volunteers are needed to help - call Betty Dodds (393-3949).

Starting November 12<sup>th</sup> the Highland House will be open on Friday Saturday and Sunday through December 19.

**TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU OUT THERE, HAVE A SAFE, BEAUTIFUL AND MEANINGFUL HOLIDAY SEASON.**

Jean Wallis

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

December 11, 2004      \$5.00 per person

Limited Seating At 2:00 or 4:00 PM

Please circle your preference

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS TO THE MUSEUM**

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership: Single \$10 \_\_\_\_ Family \$15 \_\_\_\_

Lifetime Membership: Single \$100 \_\_\_\_ Couple \$150 \_\_\_\_

Sustaining Membership \$25 (for those who wish to do more) \_\_\_\_

Special Donation \_\_\_\_\_

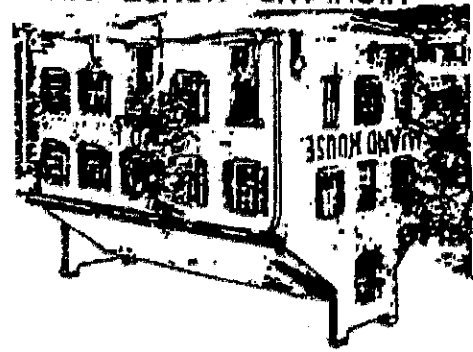
Membership Year: July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

**PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE MUSEUM**

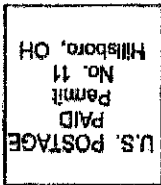
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### **REMINDERS:**

- *Highland House Open House* *November 12, 2004*
- *"Books Are Fun" Book Fair* *November 26 - 28, 2004*
- *Children's Christmas Tea Party* *December 11, 2004*
- *Have you paid your Historical Society Dues?*