



# Museum Muses

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## The President's Message

**F**irst, a note of thanks for electing me president for a new term. I think we have made some wonderful progress over the last year and have plans to continue our growth and programming over the next few years. We have a new museum director who has already updated some of our collections and worked with community groups to plan next year's programs and events. Part of this new effort is our **Heritage Music Series** chaired by Midge Rose of the entertainment committee. We plan to have monthly concerts and timely programs in our music parlor to raise funds to restore the other instruments in our collection. The concerts are on the third Saturday of every month and are themed to the season. Unfortunately, our January concert had to be postponed due to the ice storm, but it will be rescheduled. I hope everyone had a chance to see the Ken Burn's documentary, "**Prohibition**" which featured Hillsboro's contributions to the temperance movement. Thanks to Jean and Lester Wallis, Max Petzold and others who assisted in this great television program. We also are making progress on the acquisition of the Scott House and our committee has wrapped up its work and recommendations to the board. Our goal is to preserve the Scott

House and build on the work done by the community in the past. Another highlight was our successful fundraising effort to restore the columns at the courthouse. We were able to raise over \$12,000 through donations to make the court house look its best for the visit of the Ohio State Supreme Court. Each of the justices received a copy of our Highland County history book as a memento of their visit.

We have been asked to be part of the **Civil War 150** celebration next year and we hope to be a valuable contributor, noting the efforts of Highland County during that war.

All of our events and programs in 2011 were well attended and I want to thank you all for your help and contributions. Please contact me with any suggestions, concerns or donations as we continue our growth in 2012. All in all, an exciting time to be a member of HCHS.

*Bob Lambert* 937-509-6058

## Your New Officers

*Bob Lambert - President*  
*Mary Todd Hardeman - Vice President*  
*Carol Reid - Secretary*

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## Director's Report

*Catie Schafer*

Spring has already sprung at your Highland House Museum and it is only February! Due to the surprisingly warmer winter temperatures, the perennial bulbs that surround our walkway have started to peak thru the dirt. The Board has already approved a plan to supplement our cement pavers with enough stones to form a complete path to the back staircase. Volunteers and members have had to endure many muddy walks to the back entrance, which should be remedied by extending the path. Due to a very generous and anonymous donor, we already have the funds to complete this work.

For those members whom I have not yet had the pleasure to meet either in our community or at the museum, I would like to briefly introduce myself. I have been a resident of Highland County, in particular, have bought and restored various historic residences within the county over the past ten years including the Dr. Moran home (which was on the house tour during my ownership), the John Jolly home, and my current project at the 1874 Glasscock-Quinn House. I am deeply committed to preserving the historic homes and buildings in our county and am anxious to bring some of

this passion and expertise to the Museum and Historic Society. I have a Graduate degree from the University of Cincinnati and have worked at several non-profit organizations in a supervisory capacity. Some of you may have seen me at Hillsboro High School football games coaching the Color Guard. I am ready and available to assist our newly formed committees and will be present to meet and greet and answer any questions at our upcoming functions including the Heritage Music Series and the Member Appreciation Night.

A huge thanks to the Board's faith in my abilities and a nod of appreciation to our current volunteers and committee members who are already very hard at work planning a full calendar of new events and speakers. Please look forward to regular newspaper articles with event information and an updated calendar of future events. One note of change is that our museum will be open to the public starting the first week of March. In closing, I would like to send a special thanks and year-long appreciation to all of our members for your prompt response of support to the January membership drive, which is already proving very successful.

## HERITAGE MUSIC SERIES

*Midge Rose*

We are excited to introduce a fund raising event for the restoration and repair of some of our treasured musical instruments. Each month we have invited local musicians to our parlor to play for our guests.

Our February 18th program will be Tommy Beeker, postponed from the iced-out January date. He will not only play for us, but will also speak on the history of our Decker Brothers piano, which he restored.

As seating is limited, reservations are required. Call 937-393-3392.

Tickets are \$12.50 per seat. Bring a friend and join us for this special evening! Social gathering is at 7:30 pm and features hors d'oeuvres and special punches; parlor music from 8:00 to 9:00 pm.

February 18

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

## Membership Drive

*Midge Rose & Pauline Cameron*

**W**e all know that our membership drive began in January. Thanks to all who have renewed their membership and indicated their willingness to volunteer.

We're counting on all of you to help us make this the best year ever! Watch for the many things we have planned to remind us of our heritage and to preserve our treasures of yesteryear. We hope you will attend meetings, bring friends and bring new ideas with you!

A GIFT MEMBERSHIP is a great way to get a child interested in history. We encourage families to join so our youth can be part of our events.

Choose your level of membership, make your check payable to HCHS and drop it off at, or mail it to Highland House, including a list of the member, their address and phone.

Single \$15.00 Family \$25.00  
Heritage \$100.00 Corporate \$125.00  
Preservationist \$500.00  
Historian \$1000.00



*Civil War*  
*150*

The 150th anniversary of the American Civil War is upon us. The Civil War sesquicentennial (2011-2015) provides a fresh opportunity for a new generation to re-discover the many ways in which Ohioans played a key role in the war and in which the war – “this mighty scourge,” as Lincoln described it – changed life in Ohio. The Civil War story in Ohio touches almost every community in the state, and the website ([www.ohiocivilwar150.org](http://www.ohiocivilwar150.org)) is a place for those interested in its vast and fascinating history to come together around the anniversary of that time period.

## When I Was a Little Girl

*3rd and final in a series*

*Mary Elaine Ellis*

When I was four, Eliza Turner, (photo is Eliza Turner and Mary Elaine Morgan), who owned the farm and was relation to Granny, died. I dimly remember her as an old, old woman in a long dress, apron and bonnet. She was just “there” and I never thought anything about it. One day, Mother and I were there and I didn’t know that



“Lize,” as she was called, was sick. She was still sitting on her chair. I started into the living room from the porch and Mother met me at the door and, gripping my arm, she said, “Get out of here!” I didn’t know what was going on, but I wasn’t used to that kind of treatment, so I went around the house and cried. It was cold and I didn’t have a coat on. I finally went into the kitchen, but I don’t remember who told me that Lize had died. I remember Bill Satterfield coming with the hearse, of course hitched with horses, four, I think. I don’t remember anything else about it, except going to the cemetery (Countryman Cemetery).

Granny (Mary Ellen Turner Miller) and I used to walk to church together. We talked of many things and she never lied to me about anything. She was a strong-willed woman, but now I realize, a lonely one in later life. Naturally, I was there every day, at least for a while. In the summer, we would sit on the front porch and talk. I loved my Granny very much.

***Backward, turn backward  
Oh Time in thy flight,  
And make me a child again  
Just for tonight.***

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## PAINT CREEK FREEDOM TRAIL

One of the brochures I've picked up at some point is the "Paint Creek Freedom Trail" which was presented by the Greenfield Historical Society. The trail ran from Ripley north through Hillsboro and Bloomingburg to Columbus. Greenfield was an important stop on this route. The "freight" could be shipped directly to Bloomingburg or through South Salem and Frankfort, the route being determined by where slave catchers were active.

For more information on this trail, visit the GHS website at: [www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.org)

### *Something to think about...*

If you want to preserve a bit of nature, you simply leave it alone. If you want to preserve an old building, your work has just begun.

Historical societies are second only to funeral homes in the number of old buildings they have preserved.

The facts of history without the lessons are only curiosities.

Given enough time, "old and worn out" becomes "historic and in need of restoration."

My foot likes a well-worn step.  
*(Submitted by Anne Rhude)*

May 10—HCCS is invited to join Southern Ohio Genealogical Society for a program, "The Story of St. Mary's Episcopal Church," which will be held in the sanctuary of St. Mary's at 7:00 pm. John Glaze will be the speaker. The talk will be based on the book by the same name, co-authored by John Glaze and the late John Carson and will include a presentation on Powerpoint featuring many historic photos. The church is located at 234 N. High St.