

Highland County Historical Society

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What's Happening ?

The military room is mostly completed. Only a small amount of work needs to be done, which includes categorizing and labeling the military collection stored in the press. If anyone would like to help with this work please contact the museum. It's a must see, so plan to stop by soon for a visit.

The library continues to be under renovation. The shelving units from the old library have been moved to the Highland House and have been partially restored. Recently they were moved upstairs into the library where the trim will be replaced. We'll soon need help placing the books on the new

shelves. The next step will be to move the library table from its storage place to the museum. Once completed the library will be a great addition to the museum.

A committee has been formed and will meet sometime in the next two months to work on the House Tour for next year. Volunteers are always welcome and needed , so give us a call if you'd like to help.

A model is currently being made of Mary Todd's house. It will be the newest addition to the Village Collection and will be available for Christmas!

Upcoming Meetings

These events are forthcoming so please plan to attend: Annual picnic in June at Fort Hill (everyone will meet at the Highland House and car pool to the site), July meeting at Bill Bolte's store in Belfast , August meeting features Dean Otworth, Highland County Engineer (meeting at Highland House), September will be Hall of Fame inductions, October is the time for the Log Cabin Cookout, November will be the last meeting and the Director's Open House, December's event will be the Children's Tea. All members are welcome to attend. For more info call the museum.

New Acquisitions:

A Milton Caniff Book, a Steve Canyon Book and a county tax book, dated 1913. Also a picture of the Hillsboro Band 1938-1939.

The museum also acquired a journal written by James Haworth which is a Record of the Peace of Cases Heard in Highland County between 1843 and 1849.

Membership

In accordance with newly revised by-law's our annual dues will end December 31, 2006, and begin on January 1, 2007. All paid memberships will not be due until January 1, 2007. If you have not paid for 2005-2006 you may do so at this time.

Membership dues are: Family \$15.00, Single \$10.00, Sustaining \$25.00

At this time we have 258 members.

We Need YOU!!

As always we need volunteers to work at the museum on Sunday from 1-4 pm, May through September, and on Saturday and Sunday, November through December for the holiday open house

and the Christmas season. If you can help please call us!!

Director's Report

By: Margaret Van Frank

GREETINGS FROM THE MUSEUM!!

We are now open on Sundays until Labor Day.

Busy days are forthcoming with GOBA riding into Hillsboro (while here they will have the opportunity to tour our museum) and then comes the Festival of Bells. Hopefully the info sent regarding the hours of the Museum during the festival will appear on the placemats they are printing. WE WOULD WELCOME MORE VOLUNTEERS. We've been told by a member of GOBA that they enjoy buying local postcards (easy to carry). So we have ordered new postcards picturing the Highland House and expect them within a few days. Having mentioned volunteers, one or two volunteers are needed to keep the Museum grounds (weeds) under control. Please call if you can help us.

The library is progressing. The antique shelving that matches the unique table we were given has become a puzzle that needs to be put together. However, we are confident that when everything is completed the room and furnishings will display all the effort put forth.

NOW--the really good news!!!! An addition to our Home Town Village will be available for Christmas 2006. We are hereby notifying everyone that it will again be a limited edition of 100--1st come--1st served! If you had a previous number you would like to continue, let us know right away and it will be saved for you. The house is the Buck Martin House c. 1869 across East Main Street from the Museum, also where Uncle Orrie lived. Plus, there will be a very limited number of ornaments depicting the same house.

It's Our History

The Highland County Historical Society is the owner of a melodion which is an instrument that was invented by J. C. Dietz of Emmerich, Germany. The melodion is also known as a Viennese reed organ which is a keyboard instrument in which steel bars are pressed against a revolving cylinder that takes the place of strings, more commonly called a player piano.

Another type of melodeon is a wind instrument which is played like a keyboard instrument. It is very similar to the melodica in appearance, timbre and pitch. Pitch and tone are controlled by a set of piano like keys, and it is played much like the accordion to which it is related. It is also related to the harmonium.

Plan to stop by soon and see our melodion. Plan to stop by to see it as well as our newest acquisitions including the new military room and the library which is under renovation.



We could use some volunteers to help with yard work!! Are you available to help?

Information for the newsletter may be submitted to Brenda Bradds. E-mail address is echo_valley@dragonbbs.com

Presidents Message

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Summer is on its way and many things will be happening at the Highland House Museum.

A committee consisting of Mike Rector and Stephen Bradds have been working on the by-laws of the Society. One of the changes will be the fiscal year changed from June to January making it much easier for the Society to operate. The Trustees whose terms expire in June will be held over until January.

JUNE MEETING IS ON THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 29. IT WILL BE A **POT-LUCK DINNER** AT FORT HILL STATE PARK WITH SITE MANAGER, KEITH BENGSTON GIVING THE PROGRAM.

Plans for the pot-luck dinner are as follows: We are to meet at the Highland House at 5:30 P.M. and car pool to Fort Hill. Bring a covered dish, your own table service, iced tea, lemonade, etc. There is electricity so the society will furnish coffee. **REMEMBER** to arrive promptly at 5:30 P.M. so we can leave on time. **LET'S MAKE A GOOD SHOWING**, as Keith is very happy to see us coming.

JULY 27 MEETING--BOLTE'S STORE IN BELFAST with Bill Bolte as our host. 6:30 P.M.

AUGUST 31 MEETING--Highland House Museum 7 P.M. DEAN OTWORTH, COUNTY ENGINEER AS SPEAKER.

Folks, we have been having great programs during the past three years with little attendance. Its time to give the Historical Society **YOUR SUPPORT.**

**YOUR PRESIDENT,
JEAN WALLIS**



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