



**Museum Muses**  
**HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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March, 2005

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**THE HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL**

**ST. PATTY'S DAY BRUNCH**

**ON MARCH 13, 2005  
AT THE HIGHLAND HOUSE  
BEGINNING AT 11:30 AM**



**RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE AT \$7.50 PER PERSON  
SEE THE ATTACHED FORM**

## HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Tom Watkins

The Museum has been closed during January and February. There had been water damage to several ceilings and walls which have now been patched and painted, so we are hopefully back to normal. The schoolroom has been rejuvenated as has the upstairs back hall.

It will be pleasing for the members to know how well attended the Museum was during November and December. The children's Tea Party was again well attended. We were fortunate to have some older Boy Scouts to help with coats, seating, serving and cleanup. We truly thank them and it is great that they would like to return.

Our Community Usage program swelled - 14 different organizations and private individuals made reservations for their functions. Our thanks to them for considering our facility. The gift shop was well received and those attending the parties helped to make our efforts worthwhile.

We thank those who contributed toward the roof replacement expense. Those donations, donations from Chambers Management and Chris and Nanette Walker, the gift shop proceeds, the sale of the Bicentennial baskets and the book sales all helped to pay for the roofing bill. It is gratifying how quickly the members come to our aid. (There are baskets and books still available.) Having mentioned the books, we feel the membership should be aware of the hours and hours put forth on the book by Jean Wallis and Freida Redkey. Jean wrote many pages for different groups and Freida handled the finances. Thank you, Gals, your efforts certainly have paid off.

Lest we forget to inform our readers - Julie Pence won the raffle for the Elves and Santa on the ladder.

**MORE THANKS** - The new W/W Cleaners donated the cleaning of various items we plan to place in a new display. Al Martellotti and his wife have been taking inventory of all the military items that are in storage in preparation for this display. We will keep you informed on its progress.

We would like for all to know that the New Market Community Building is now on the National Register.

We are opening March 3 and will be here on Fridays during the month of March and then return to our normal schedule (Fridays and Sundays) beginning in April.

Margaret Van Frank

## MEMORIALS

*Dr./Mrs. Charles T. Perin (C.T. Perin)*

*Barbara Lamb (M. Van Frank)*

*Robert Schulman (M. Van Frank)*

*Edna Gibbs (Betty Wilkin, M. Van Frank, Bob/Judy Newby, M/M Troy DeBord, John S./Diana Jones, Steve/Rita Neago, the staff of Jim Gibbs Associates, ENERGY Management Spec., Sally/E. J. Frydryk, M/M Jack Chaney, M/M C. Scott McIntire, Bill/Ann Mason, Marjorie S. Middleton, John/Rebecca Middleton, David/Beth Middleton, Darrell/Jane Tissot and Altrusa International)*

*Elmer Wilkerson (M. Van Frank, Willa Stanforth, Marilyn/Mark Middendorf, Terry/Greg Kaufman, Michael/Judy Middendorf, and Kristina/Jim Swartz)*

Charlotte Hern's huge (600+) hatpin collection has been donated in her memory by her husband, Bob. This includes porcelain holders and the cabinet in which they were displayed. Our plans are to place this collection in the Victorian bedroom.

## MEMBERSHIP

Once again we express our appreciation to those paying their membership fees early in the year, and to those sending monetary gifts.

To the many volunteers who give their time throughout the year. Thank you!

It's not too late to pay your membership dues for the 2004 - 2005 year. To stay on our mailing list you must do so.

New members we welcome at this time are: Mr. And Mrs. John Larkin and Jean McKenzie. Changing their status to "lifetime" were: Mr. And Mrs. John Chaney and Wanda Lewis.

We are very saddened by the recent deaths of many good friends and members. We extend our sympathies to the families of Eleanor Doty, Joyce McGee, Charlotte Hern, Edna Gibbs, Elmer Wilkerson, Mrs. Clayton Wilson, Mrs. John Chaney, Barbara Lamb and Jack Garman.

Frieda Redkey

## 2005 HISTORICAL HOME TOUR

As previously reported, the Society has picked Sunday May 1, 2005, from noon 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. This year's event will be one of our largest since we have nine homes committed as well as the church and the Highland House. The homes include three newer units as well as those that are of historical interest. As usual Jean Wallis will write a series of "background stories" on the history of these homes that will begin appearing in the Times Gazette in the near future. Tickets will continue to be \$10 and will go on sale April 1 at the Highland House, Wilkin Insurance and the Get Away Café. We are in need of volunteers to assist the owners on tour day. If you are interested in participating in this Bicentennial event, please contact Pat Limes at 840-0654.

Martha Watkins

### VOLUNTEERS

The Museum will reopen on Sundays from 1 to 4 P.M. on April 17. Anyone interested in acting as a "host" during one of our upcoming Sunday afternoon openings should contact Ann Rhude at 393-1255. Remember you don't have to be a Society member to serve as a Sunday afternoon host.

### THIS "OLD HOUSE" NEEDS YOUR HELP

In our November 2004 issue of Museum Muses we made a special plea to all to make contributions to some serious repair work on the Highland House. As noted in our Director's report your response was very gratifying. To date we have collected over \$900 in donations to help support the costs of our extensive roof repair project. Thank you all for your generous help. For those of you who would still like to contribute to the ongoing cost of the Highland House's maintenance and repair, we have included the enclosed form.

Tom Watkins

### GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Copies of the Pictorial History Book of Highland County arrived in December. If you ordered a book and have not yet picked it up, please do so at the Highland House. For those who did not get one of the initial offerings or who need additional copies for gifts, etc. we have them available at the Highland House on Fridays and at Wilkin -Wilkin Insurance, 131 South High Street. They are priced at \$49.95 including tax. Sales of these "extra" books are going very well.

Starting Friday, March 4 the Highland House will be open on Friday afternoons from 1 to 5 P.M. This year we will not reopen the Museum on Sundays until April 17, just in time for anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the House Tour on Sunday, May 1.

On Friday, February 18, Highland County reached its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. A proclamation was signed by the Board of Commissioners on February 9, proclaiming that February 18, 2005 be celebrated as Highland County's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Recorders Office staff entertained a party with two birthday cakes celebrating the occasion.

To celebrate the bicentennial of Highland County, our general membership programs will begin on Sunday, March 13 with a Spring Brunch starting at 11:30 A.M. Throughout the remainder of the year from April to September the programs will be presented by the elected officials from our county offices. Their scheduled appearances are: **Paulette Donley**, County Clerk of Courts, at 7 P.M. on Thursday April 28; **Dwight "Ike" Hodson**, County Recorder, on May 26; , **Rich Graves, Russ Newman and Mike Rector**, the County Commissioners, at our June 23 annual meeting and picnic; **Ron Ward**, County Sheriff, on July 28; **Bill Fawley**, County Auditor on August 25; and **Kevin Greer**, County Probate and Juvenile Judge, on September 22. The Log Cabin Cookout on Thursday October 27 will feature **Al Martellotti** presenting a program on Lieutenant Casper Weaver Collins.

Jean Wallis

**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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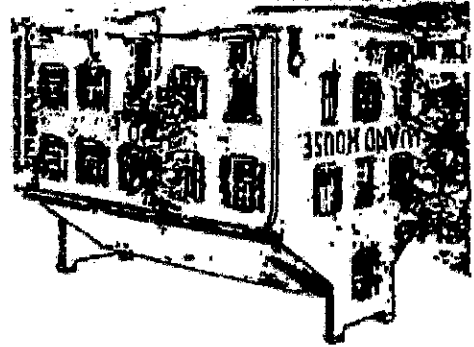
**SPRING BUNCH RESERVATIONS**

**PLEASE RESERVE SPACE AT THE ST. PATTY'S DAY  
BRUNCH FOR \_\_\_\_\_ PERSONS AT \$7.50 EACH**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

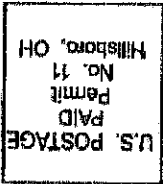
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HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM



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**REMINDERS:**

- *Spring Brunch* *March 13, 2005*
- *Museum Opens on Sundays 1-4 P.M.* *April 19, 2005*
- *April Meeting with Paulette Donley* *April 28, 2005*
- *Bi-annual House Tour* *May 1, 2005*
- *May Meeting with Dwight "Ike" Hodson* *May 26, 2005*
  
- *Have you paid your Historical Society Dues?*