

# Museum Muses

**HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, OH 45133**

**937-393-3392**

## MILTON CANIFF

**Cartoonist, Comic Strip Artist, Author**

**(Born, Hillsboro, Ohio, February 28, 1907 - Died, New York, NY, May 3, 1988)**



**COMIC STRIP CHARACTER, "STEVE CANYON"**

**Drawn by Milton Caniff.**

**See story on page 5.**

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**Highland County Historical Society  
November 2001**

**Director's Corner:**

We wish to thank Ponderosa (John Holt) for the generous donation to the Log House cookout. We also appreciate and thank the members who generously donated time and food items.

Starting Friday November 23, the Highland House Museum will be open every weekend through December 22. Hours for Fridays and Saturdays are 1 to 5 PM; Sundays 1 to 4 PM. Saturday November 24 the Museum will have extended hours of 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The Museum will again be decorated by various clubs and our calendar is almost full with reservations for private functions.

We urge all to support the Society through the gift shop and to come and enjoy the efforts of our volunteers.

**GIFT SHOP:**



Don't look now but "the spirit of the season" has taken over the gift shop at the Highland House Museum (located in the pioneer kitchen). Snowmen large and snowmen small and some in-between, sparkling and shimmering, stuffed and musical, red & white candy stripe, and just downright adorable are all waiting to help you make someone on your list ooh and awe. Catherine Meade and her elves have been busy all year long and the shelves are ready with enough goodies to make sugar plums dance in your head. You won't believe your eyes..... We invite all of you to come in and shop. Remember--we are your source for items with SWAROVSKI components. Hurry though, some items are one-of-a-kind.



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**November 24, 10 AM-4 PM**

**Kirby Stanforth - Exhibition of Chain Saw Carving**

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**Director's Open House**

**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 5:00 PM**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Book Signing by BRENDA BRADDS, local author.**

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**THE CHILDREN'S HIGH TEA**

**Saturday, December 8**

**2:00 p.m or 4:00 p.m.**

**Sign up sheet on page 4.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Dennis Butler	S
Ruth Wolfe Georges	S
Mr. & Mrs Robert (Pete) Shaffer	F
Merchants National Bank	C
Nancy Perin Axmacher	L
Bruce Axmacher	L
Jean Head	L
Jean and Warren Webster	L
George Foltz	L
Edna Gibbs	L
Judge and Mrs. John Crouse	L
Bill & Janet Butler	L
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Yinger	F
Mr. & Mrs James Winner	F
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Juillerat	F

Have you paid your 2001-2002 dues? We need your support for our operational expenses plus building maintenance, plus honoring our historical preservation. Thank you to our wonderful members, who by their membership help us to make the HCCHS successful. Contact Lenora Gordon, 937-393-1303 or Freda Redkey, 937-393-0404. Annual dues are as follows:

Individual	\$8.00	Family	\$10.00
Sustaining	\$25.00	Corporate	\$125.00
Life Member (I)	\$100.00	Life Member (w Spouse)	\$150.00

- Return this tear off and payment to HCCHS, 151 E. Main St., Hillsboro, Oh. 45133

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO ATTEND**

**THE CHILDREN'S HIGH TEA**

**AT THE**

**HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM**

**151 EAST MAIN STREET, HILLSBORO, OHIO**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th**

**LIMITED SEATING. RESERVATIONS A MUST !!**

**2:00 p. m. or 4:00 p.m.**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: DECEMBER 5**

Please mail or drop through mail slot at

Highland House Museum, 151 E. Main St., Hillsboro

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 each + Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one:      2:00 p.m. seating      4:00 p.m. seating

## MILTON CANIFF

Born February 28, 1907, this Hillsboro, Ohio native graduated from Ohio State University in 1930. Moving to New York City in 1932 he secured a job with the Associated Press Syndicate and created his first strip, "The Gay Thirties", a single panel strip. In 1933 he created his first popular character in "Dickie Dare", an adventure strip featuring a small boy.

The following year, when Captain Joseph Patterson was looking for an artist/writer to create a new adventure strip for the New York Daily News, he tapped Caniff, who in turn created "Terry & the Pirates", and the rest is history.

"Terry" was an immediate smash hit when it debuted on October 22, 1934 as a daily strip ( the Sunday page first appeared in December), and it's success propelled Caniff forever into the eyes of the American public.



At left: A watercolor illustration of the Dragon Lady drawn by Caniff in 1939.

Throughout the thirties Caniff's "Terry" entertained millions and was as influential in that decade as Mad Magazine and Famous Monsters Magazine would be in the fifties and sixties.

In the forties, Caniff did a strip for the military featuring curvaceous females. The strip "Male Call" was extremely popular with our men in the armed services and it ran

throughout the war.

He worked on Terry and the Pirates until the end of 1946 when, disgruntled by the fact that the Tribune Syndicate would not relinquish partial copyright ownership of the characters Caniff had created within the framework of his existing contract, he jumped ship to Field Enterprises Syndicate with the promise of total control of his new strip, "Steve Canyon".



Steve Canyon proved to be an enormous success as well and Caniff continued to draw the strip for forty-one years.

Milton Caniff brought realism, suspense and sensuality to the comics. To this he added an impressive drawing style that inspired a generation of his fellow cartoonists, and an ability to write believable stories featuring very real character types.

Over his lifetime, many of his drawings and cartoons have been exhibited in the art galleries of New York. Fourteen books of his drawings and cartoons have been published.

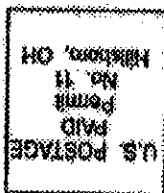
Many of our Historical Society Members may recall that October 19, 1953, was set aside as "Milton Caniff Day" by the City of Hillsboro, and Caniff rode in a Parade as "Honorary Fire Chief". The parade stopped on E. North Street, at the place of his birth. The parade also made a stop at Washington School where he was introduced to the students and did a "king-sized" drawing of Steve Canyon.

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6190 MAD RIVER ROAD  
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