

# Museum Muses

Highland County Historical Society, 151 E Main St, Hillsboro, OH 45133 937-393-3392  
<http://www.highlandco.org/HCHS.html>

## Greetings from your President

By Jean Wallis

Following a cold winter and spring, we look forward to summer and the many activities it brings.

The "Spring Brunch" we planned for March was cancelled because of the snow. So we will try again next year, hopefully with greater success.

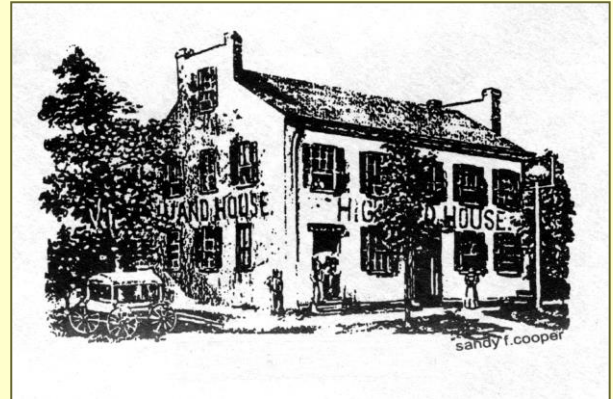
We wish to thank the home owners and those responsible for the landmarks for a successful tour. Thanks also for the help received from all of the volunteers, donors and committee.

The Museum is now open on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 P.M. until Labor Day. Volunteers are needed! As we will be having extended hours during the Festival of the Bells, you may be contacted for work duty. Please respond positively! You are needed!

The Hillsboro Flag Committee will dedicate a flag pole at the Highland House on Saturday, June 14 at 7 P.M. Please plan to attend as this is quite an honor. Refreshments will be served.

On Friday, July 4, the Society will be holding a yard sale in Maxine Kratzer's parking lot. We need items for this one day sale. See additional information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our regular meetings with great programs will be the last Thursday of each month from now through October, usually at Highland House Museum. Here are those dates with the programs being planned:



- ❖ June 29 – 6 P.M. PICNIC at Highland House! Bring a covered dish and your table service. Drinks will be provided. Program TBA.
- ❖ July 31 – 6 P.M. Road Trip to Fort Salem (off SR 138 between Danville and Buford on Certier Rd.)
- ❖ August 28 – 7 P.M. Program TBA
- ❖ September 25 – 7 P.M. Program TBA
- ❖ October 30 – 6 P.M. Log Cabin Cookout

We expect to see YOU at all the activities we have planned!  
 Support your Society!



(Cut this schedule out for the fridge!)

*Our Sympathies to the Families of:*

*Clara Wait*

*Rose Marie Wilkin*

*John J Ballentine*

*Bill Levers*

# RESTORING PHOTOS

Do you have a computer at home? These days, with a scanner, a home computer, the right software, and a HEAP of patience, you can take old photos in poor condition and repair them, add features, or delete unwanted items. While working on historical background of Bell's Opera House, I found the photo (top right) in the HCHS files. It had bends, scrapes, handwriting, pieces missing and old cello tape on it. In the bottom photo, the tape has been "removed," scratches repaired, missing elements reconstructed and even the top of a crooked electric line pole removed.



I used Adobe PhotoDeluxe Home Edition V 4.0, which is a discontinued product. Adobe discontinued selling this product in 2002 to concentrate on their Photoshop® products. There are other software companies marketing similar products. Compare pricing and features you want before you buy. Be sure to compare "brick & mortar" stores with online retailers such as New Egg and Amazon. If you want to work on old (non-digital) photos, you'll need a scanner, or a friend who has a scanner who will put your image on a disk for you. The best advice is to check out all components to make sure everything is compatible before buying anything. In other words, don't buy a scanner with a USB port requirement if your computer doesn't have a USB port and don't buy software that is not compatible if your operating system is Microsoft Vista!



So, how is a repair made? With the program I used, a good area, such as an area of bricks in the Sam Free Building, is "cloned", then "pasted" over the damaged area. A good area of the trim along the top of the building was cloned to rebuild the missing area.

Bottom line - patience IS a virtue when working with this type of restoration. It's not something you finish in an hour or two, but it's well worth the effort. -Editor

## NEW MARKET PLAY IN AUGUST

A planning session to organize the presentation of a three-act play, "**New Market Revisited**" will be held at the New Market Township House on Sunday, June 22 at 2:00 P.M. All interested persons are urged to attend.

The play is adapted from Willa Stanforth's sold-out book. The cast will consist of an adult male, an adult female and three children. Only a small amount of memorization is necessary. The rest of the cast will consist of people telling the old New Market stories in their own words.

Presentation will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with rehearsals on weekends in July.

For more information call 393-4370.

# Notes from the DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Margaret Van Frank

I would like to share my "TO DO" list with you:

First of all, please mark your calendars on **JUNE 14** to attend **FLAG DAY** here at the Museum. One of Helen Ford's grandsons who faithfully attends the event each year was given the opportunity to choose who would receive a flag and flagpole this year. He chose **Highland House Museum**. The function will begin at 7:00 P.M. and we urge everyone to attend!!! The ceremony will be followed by refreshments served in the pioneer kitchen.

Secondly, we thank our V.P., Bob Dunlap, for spraying a preservation coating over the fading words, "Highland House" on the front of the building.

3. We have never publicly acknowledged all of the volunteer hours Karen Reno of KMR Accounting spends being the Society's Treasurer. **Thank you, Karen, again and again.**

4. Marshall Shafer, a Board member, and his daughter deserve recognition for the painted sign informing passers-by where to purchase House Tour tickets. Please accept our sincere appreciation.

5. The Festival of the Bells will soon be here and we want all of you to visit us and to know we will have a bell for sale depicting the **Hillsboro High School**. This could fill the gap since the Festival Committee will not be able to have a commemorative bell this year because the Fenton Glass Co. would not accept any special orders.

6. This is in the future but another mark for your calendars: **October 3 & 4** for a great **Book Fair** we will hold here at the Museum. We certainly need your support and it is our way of helping you with your Christmas Gift list. We will also need volunteers to help. How about giving us a call????

7. Last, but not least, "to do"—proceed with plans for our yearly Home Town Village house and perhaps a surprise item to sell showing prime local buildings.



Come join the fun by calling 393-3392 or 393-3263. **MY THANKS** to all who have answered my previous calls for help.

## Highland County Historical Society **ONE DAY YARD SALE**

⇨ Friday, July 4, 9am-5pm ⇨

Parking lot at the back of 235 East Main St, Hillsboro (Just off the alley.) To Benefit Highland County Historical Society. We need saleable items from HCHS members. For more info: call Maxine at 393-0885 or Anne at 393-1255. Drop off items in the garage behind Highland House or deliver to Maxine's Thursday evening, July 3.

*Welcome to our newest members!*

*Dana & Jean Johnson*

*Laverne Rhoads*

*Dean & Sharon Huffman*

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

*From Kate Reffitt:*

2 Jackets: Chief of Police & Sheriff

*From Lynn Overstake:*

2 Winchester Guns

*From Carlene Phillips:*

Iron Stamp from Spargur Co.

*From Charles Barger:*

Cheese cutter from McKeehan-Hiestand Co

*From Roger Van Frank:*

Archaeology of Fort at Greenville, OH

*From Pauline Cameron:*

Lady's and Man's formal outfits originally from the Charles Collins Family

The New Year Comes My Lady by Charles Collins

*From Mary Brown Turner:*

Photograph album of the restoration of the Nellie Collins Square Grand Piano

## MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

Jack Kreuer *from Margaret Van Frank*

## HCHS TRUSTEES

Avery Applegate

Pauline Cameron

Bob Dunlap, Vice-President

Maxine Kratzer

Shawn Priest

Mike Rector, Finance

Anne Rhude

Marshall Schafer

Margaret Van Frank, Director

Jean Wallis, President

Betty Wilkin

## ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

Karen Reno (KMR Accounting), Treasurer

Jeanne Wilkerson, Secretary

Jan Houston, Assistant Director

John Glaze, Newsletter

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## MEMBERSHIP INFO

Frieda Redkey

We still have several members who have not renewed – please let us hear from you soon!

Single membership: \$10.00

Family membership: \$15.00

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