

Museum Muses

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<http://www.highlandco.org/HCHS.html>

Greetings from your President

By Jean Wallis

Autumn: the season when leaves turn scarlet, flaming orange and yellow. Scarecrows guard the harvest, pumpkins light the porch and then comes winter tapping at the door.

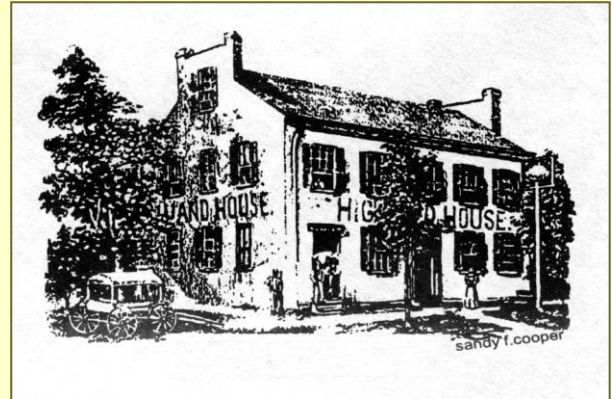
The museum ended Sunday hours on Labor Day weekend but will reopen Saturdays and Sundays beginning in November. Of course, we are always open on Friday afternoons.

Don't forget to attend the "Book Fair" being held the weekend of October 2 and 3 at Highland House. This is our third event of this kind, but it was previously held at Merchants Bank. This is a money making event for the benefit of the Society. Maxine Kratzer, Anne Rhude and Pauline Cameron are in charge.

Our yearly meeting with election of three trustees will take place at our Log Cabin Cookout on Thursday evening, October 30 beginning at 6 P.M. Three of our board are leaving due to time limits specified in our by-laws. These are Avery Applegate, Shawn Priest and yours truly. The new trustees will take office in January at the beginning of our fiscal year. At that time they will elect officers for the coming year.

Dues for the year 2009 are due by January 1st.

Our attendance at Highland House during the Festival of the Bells was quite impressive and the highlight of our summer was the pilgrimage to Fort Salem. What a change from the last time I visited the site with Leadership Highland.



We always need volunteers at Highland House to greet guests and keep things running smoothly. Why not give Margaret Van Frank a call and make yourself available. You might enjoy it!

Jean Wallis

- ❖ October 2 & 3 – HCHS Book Fair
- ❖ October 30 – 6 P.M. Log Cabin Cookout
- ❖ November 1 – Museum Gift Shop opens!
- ❖ November 7 – Museum OPEN HOUSE
- ❖ December 6 – Children's Tea Party

We want 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:

Mary Bennett

Ken Meade

ROAD TRIP TO FORT SALEM

July 31: perhaps not a date that will live in infamy, but nevertheless an evening of education in local history for the several who carpoled to the Pricetown area to visit Fort Salem, a local Indian mound. We made the quick trip to Fort Salem Indian Mound (aka The Workman Works) at 4206 Certier Road, Lynchburg and met up with Bill Bear who began restoring the old farm house across the road. Bill's love of history was just what the old mound needed in its new neighbor. Visitors to Bill's new place were soon informed of the old Indian mound on the hill across the road. As you can see from the photos to the right, the area was overgrown. Thus began a love affair which continues to blossom. The land has been sensitively cleared of undergrowth and trees in bad condition, grass planted and watered and a beautiful local park has emerged.

On the day of our visit, a new sign had just been erected which indicated that this archeological wonder is part of The Archaeological Conservancy whose headquarters is located in Albuquerque, NM. This group, established in 1980, is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to acquiring and preserving the best of our nation's remaining archeological sites. They have a regional office in Columbus, OH. For the group's young age, at the end of their fiscal year (July 2007) they had net assets of over \$24 million. You can visit their website to learn more: www.americanarchaeology.com.

Bill will be the first to tell you that he's not an expert in Indian mounds, lore or even landscaping, but one look at the park tells all that he loves the land and caring for it. The website, <http://www.fortsalemindianmound.com> contains much information about the work done to the area, as well as the Culture of the Mound. Be sure to check this all out, then plan a crisp autumn day picnic and see it all first hand. You won't be disappointed! Following our tour of the park, our group moved on to Buford where we enjoyed our evening meal at the Buford Restaurant, another surprise. Nice atmosphere and good food!

-Editor



Notes from the DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Margaret Van Frank

It is hard to believe this is September, the summer slipped away from me. With the excellent volunteers who enlisted their help (with Arlene's assistance), the museum has been visited by many. We have also had community usage.

IMPORTANT DATES!!

Log Cabin Cookout --- October 30
Museum OPEN HOUSE --- November 7
CHILDREN'S TEA PARTY --- December 6

I receive the museum email which averages many per day because we are linked to the library and Highland County websites. With the help of Mel Haines and Jean Wallis, each request is answered. We could use additional help, so if you have Internet interest, please volunteer.

Our current endeavor is, of course, the "Home Town" house for this year. It will be Jeff Lyle's law office, which is the oldest house standing in Hillsboro. It was originally built to house the Trimble tannery. We need more persons to assist in painting, applying paste, etc, so please call the museum or 393-3263 to volunteer for this project.

Oh yes, we have for sale one (1) "Festival of the Bells" 1996 bell depicting the Scott House which has been donated by Jean Wallis. Also, we fortunately have 10 more Hillsboro High School ornaments available for sale.

The museum "Open House" as stated above will be November 7th from 1-5pm and clubs have been invited to participate again this year. However the **GIFT SHOP** will open **NOVEMBER 1st**.

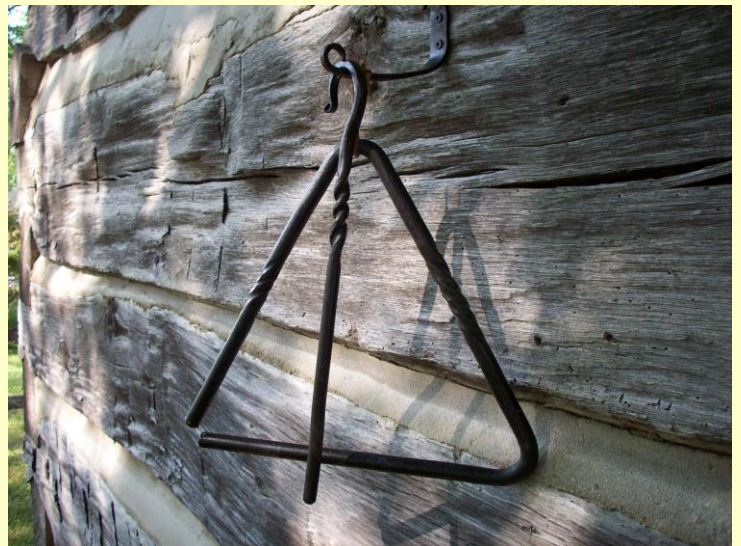
Hope to see you all at the LOG CABIN COOKOUT (coupon included on the back page of this newsletter). Be sure to reserve your spot early.

Margaret



Welcome to our newest members!

Howard and Judy Falk



LOG CABIN COOKOUT

October 30th
6:00 P.M.
\$6.50



Please send in this coupon to reserve your spots for the Annual Log Cabin Cookout!

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

I have enclosed \$_____ for _____ reservations for the Log Cabin Cookout.

Send or drop off at HIGHLAND HOUSE at 151 E. Main St, Hillsboro OH 45133. See you there!

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

MEMBERSHIP INFO

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Your membership follows the calendar year. Please renew your membership by JANUARY 1 for 2009. Thank you!

Single membership: \$10.00
Family membership: \$15.00

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