Upcoming Spring Events
(April—June events)

1864 Speaker and Exhibit Opening
“Fulton County Civil War Prisoners”
Saturday, April 12, 1:00pm
In 1864, our troops from Fulton County are with Grant and Sherman in the south, and tragic loss strikes Ottokee in July. The museum’s 2014 season begins with our director, John Swearingen, Jr. speaking on the 100th OVI and two soldiers from Wauseon that experienced being Prisoners of War quite differently. The program begins at 1:00pm at the Congregational Church at 135 W. Elm St., followed by the exhibit opening and refreshments at the museum from 2-4pm. Free will donation.

“Civil War Tea” Event
Saturday, May 17 between 11-3:00pm
Join officer’s wives from Savannah, GA who are on their way to Sandusky Bay where their men are being held. These ladies are oblivious to the mistreatment of our men in Andersonville Prison near their homes. Theatrical storytelling will occur during the tea on the museum porch. Groups of 2-8 may make reservations for seatings between 11am and 3pm. Enjoy complimentary Afternoon Tea (scones, sandwiches, desserts, and a choice of hot or iced tea). Call the museum at 337-7922 to purchase $10 performance tickets.

The 70th Annual Thresher’s Reunion
At the Fulton County Fairgrounds
June 27-28
Daily demonstrations will include threshing, a sawmill operation, a shingle mill, plowing and machinery parades with our log cabin and blacksmith shop open for spectators on Friday and Saturday.

From the President

Friends and members,

Hopefully, you all have survived the 85+ inches of snow we’ve experienced in Fulton County this winter. Ironically, a hard winter was experienced 150 years ago, as you will learn about in the 1864 Hell & Homefront exhibit this year at the museum.

I’m glad to report that through our grant writers, we have received operating funds from the Walmart Foundation, the Toledo Community Foundation (to help fund our county alliance with other historical societies) and the Baumker Foundation (Skype Museum Tours with Wauseon Elementary). We still have several more grant deadlines approaching, and have more information on state funds later in this newsletter.

Hope to see you all at our spring opening on April 12 and our Civil War Tea on May 17 where you can learn more. Tell all of your friends and family to become members of the society today. We have BIG plans for the future!

Carl Buehrer,
President

Sherman leads most of Fulton County’s volunteers southward toward Atlanta and Savannah this year. See how in this year’s temporary exhibit, “Hell & Homefront: Civil War Through Fulton County Eyes, 1864” at the Fulton County Museum at 229 Monroe Street, Wauseon, OH open Tuesdays through Saturdays at 10am.
Historic Dreams for the Future

Financial support needed from county residents and businesses to make this dream a reality

Our current museum building (our third location since 1883), has proven to be inadequate for our present and future needs (collection of artifacts, preservation, display, data collection and public access). In contrast, it serves a purpose for planned events in Wauseon, i.e. ladies’ teas and haunting history tours. Many members of our society feel strongly about preserving and using this building, no matter where a new museum location might be.

If financial support is realized, a new facility would increase our educational programs and access to the general public. It would better accommodate large tour groups, and allow for a centralized location for promoting and disseminating visitors’ tourism information in Fulton County. Increased preservation controls, storage, and exhibit space for the historic artifacts is also needed. The new facility would provide three main functions:

- Space for a new county visitor welcome center
- Centralized location for our research/archive center
- Improved space for museum exhibits and storage

2013 Sponsors
(names appear at the entrance to Hell & Homefront Exhibit and in the township hall during the Fulton County Fair):

Historian (over $1,000/yr.)
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Baumker Charitable Foundation  Judy Warncke
Walmart Foundation  Bob & Kathy Morr
Toledo Community Foundation
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Heritage Alliance Events:

Bean Creek Heritage Lecture, “Building Character” Sam Clemens & Ted Roosevelt
Date/Time: Friday, April 4, 7pm
Location: Fayette Opera House

Bean Creek Heritage Luncheon/Speaker, “Julie McMaster/Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Connection to Monument Men”
Date/Time: Wed. April 16, 10am—Noon
Location: Fayette Opera House
Registration: (419) 237-3111

Sauder Village OPENING DAY, Quilt Show
Date: Tue. April 29 – Sun. May 4
Time: Tue. – Sat. 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm
Location: Founder’s Hall at Sauder Village

Metamora Area “Tribute to Local Music Talent: Past and Present”
Date: Wed. April 30, 7pm (Potluck at 6pm)
Location: Evergreen Public Library
Registration: Alice Herrick 419-644-2485

Bean Creek Heritage Performance “As Different as a Frog and a Grizzly”
Date/Time: Thursday, May 2, 12:30pm and Friday, May 3, 6:00pm Dinner Theater and Sunday, May 4, 3:00pm
Location: Fayette Opera House
Tickets: (419) 237-3111

Sauder Village Spring on the Farm
Date/Time: Saturday, May 10, 10am – 5pm

Bean Creek Heritage “Ramble” to the Toledo Museum of Art
Date/Time: Wednesday, May 14, 9am—3pm
Location: Leaving Fayette Opera House
Registration: (419) 237-3111

Sauder Village Gospel Music Concert
Date/Time: Sunday, June 8, 4pm
Location: Historic Village

Sauder Village Dairy Days
Date: Tuesday-Sunday, June 17-22
Time: 10am - 5pm  Sunday noon – 4pm.

Sauder Village Tractor Show
Date: Saturday, June 21
Time: 10am - 5:00 pm

Sauder Village Focus on Fiber Arts
Date: Saturday, June 28
Time: 10am – 5pm
2013 Year End Acquisitions

Acquisitions made possible through recent gifts:

- Scrapbook of the Memories of the Wauseon Elm St. School
- Nobel Thomas, Delta OH Collection
- 1854 Swiss Immigration Trunk of Maria Keifer, Raker, OH.

County History Alliance Update

United by a love for local history and a grant from the Toledo Community Foundation, four groups have been meeting with us throughout the winter: Bean Creek Area History Center (Fayette), Lyons & Area Historical Society, Metamora Area Historical Society, and Sauder Village. Tracie Evans from Sauder Village taught the group a class in museum registration, and our director, John Swearingen and Registrar, Mish Arlo visited each museum and helped with collections data entry and registration.

The groups are now purchasing collection supplies together to save shipping and handling, and will be attending the Ohio Local History Alliance Spring Region 1 meeting at the Wildwood Metropark in Toledo, OH as a group on Saturday, April 5. At the conference, the group will promote our Heritage Alliance with a display table.

Next Fall, the county alliance will be creating a display of artifacts in the Statehouse museum in Columbus, OH to promote the county as a heritage tourism destination.

And of course, this newsletter is now being sent to members of all county history groups and includes upcoming events at all of their locations.

Categories:

- Historian ($1,000) Includes: Name listed on all educational programs and a plaque at fair & museum for a year, admission for 2 adults and children to all sites, and name in quarterly newsletter and at annual banquet.
- Council Oak ($500) Includes: Name listed on a plaque at fair & museum for a year, admission for 2 adults and children to all sites, and name in newsletter and at annual banquet.
- Pioneer ($250) Includes: Admission for 2 adults and children to all sites and name will appear in newsletter and at annual banquet.
- Native ($100) Includes: Admission for 2 adults and children in immediate family under 18 to all sites and name in annual banquet program.

Patriot (Couple/Family) ($30) Individual ($25)

Senior Couples ($20) Students/Senior Individual ($15)

2014 Membership Form

Name ________________________________ Address ________________________________
City ______________ State ______ Zip Code ______ Phone _________ E-Mail ____________
Category of Membership ________________________________ Check Amount Enclosed: ______

Payable to F.C.H.S, C/O Membership, P.O. Box 104 Wauseon, Ohio 43567

If above is a gift membership, then the gift is from:
FULTON COUNTY PIONEER
Fulton County Historical Society
PO Box 104
Wauseon, OH 43567

419-337-7922
Email: museum@fultoncountyhs.org
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FULTON COUNTY MUSEUM
229 Monroe Street Wauseon, OH 43567  (419) 337-7922  fultoncountyhs.org

Spring Museum Hours (open April 12)
Tuesdays through Fridays  10:00am—4:00pm
Saturdays  10:00am—2:00pm
General Admission: $4, Seniors: $3, Students: $2
Questions? Email: museum@fultoncountyhs.org

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