From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

It seems like only last week that we met for our annual meeting, but not so. It was a year ago and we were very nervous about a grand opening that was imminent. Would we be ready? How would everything get done on time? Would anybody show up for the parties? Well, all of our fears were dispelled when events went off as planned, thanks to all of you.

Since the opening, the museum has proved to be a busy place. Almost every one that visits the exhibit hall expresses their surprise and delight. The fair events were a great success. We had a record number of visitors at the log cabin and the Blacksmith shop.

The annual meeting this year will be special. All of the festivities will be at our “new home.” We have a guest Speaker, Carol Schwartz, Ph.D., from Sylvania. She is a former professor at Lourdes University. Her message will be on the Generational Theory used to design our permanent exhibit. You won’t want to miss it.

Don’t forget the ghost tours coming up at the end of the month. What a great way to celebrate Halloween.

Carl Buehrer, President

TEA AT THE MANOR HOUSE

Donated in 1969 by Ruth Brown Campbell the History Manor will be reopened officially on December 1, 2018 with a tea. There will be two areas of interest. The north side will depict the home of Frank Mercer in 1903, and the south end will be the apartment of the Browns in 1949. The building was erected in 1868 as the first Wauseon High School. In 1897 Frank Mercer purchased the building, removed the third floor and converted it into a duplex. Doctors E.A. Murbach and J.W. Fauster lived in one apartment and Mr. Mercer lived in the other.

In 1903 the building was purchased by the renters and it became the first hospital until Detwiler Hospital was built. Dr. Murbach remained the owner and it was used during the depression as a half-way house for less fortunate families like the Kedocia and the Fauvers, who shared the south half of the building. The first floor contained shared kitchen and the upstairs contained the only bathrooms.

In 1949, Reese and Ruth Campbell purchased the building and renovated it into four apartments. After Reese passed away, Ruth moved into one of the apartments. She later donated the building to the Historical Society. No there will be another chapter added to the history of this wonderful building. Everyone can use it for parties and receptions, showers and family get togethers. The atmosphere is one of stepping back in time to enjoy the genteel ambiance of a time when things moved slower and there was time to sit down and enjoy a cup of tea.

The Manor House will be available for rentals at an hourly rate. Parties can be catered or bring your own. The possibilities are endless.

If you are interested in reserving the Manor House, call the Museum at 419 337-7922—Monday thru Saturday 10-4

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSEUM AND MANOR HOUSE

October 2  Annual Meeting
October 19, 20, 26, 27 Ghost tours
November 9, Swiss Steak Dinner, St. Caspers 4:30 P.M/
November 22 Agriculture Heritage Day
December 1 Tea at the Manor House

FULTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Monthly meetings will start September 11 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Delta.
October 9, Medical terms in Genealogy K. Lee
November 13, Anthony Wayne is coming (Frank Butwin as Anthony Wayne)
December 11, Christmas Meeting Potluck & silent auction

Sauder Village
October 2 Quilter’s retreat
October 6 Transportation Exploration
October 12 Rug Hook-in
October 13 Fall on the Farm
October 15 Jo’s Floral Applique
October 19 Family Fun Night
October 20 Community Health Day
October 24 Woodcarvers show & workshop

BEAN CREEK VALLEY HISTORY CENTER
October 2,9,16,23,30. Thursday evenings 7-8P.M.
“Digging Up Your Roots” beginning genealogy classes. $40.00/members, $50.00/non-members
October 25 Lecture by Rodney Miller “Edinburg & Environs” Ghost Towns & Old Roads $10.00 donation
October 27, Down Home at the Opera House 7 P.M.
November 11, Pumpkin Pie Social 2-4 P.M. at the Opera House. Free will donation

METAMORA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
October 3, Potluck & program “Victorian Mourning Rituals” 6:00 P.M.

LYONS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
December 2, Santa at the Depot 1:30-4:00 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET
The annual meeting and banquet will be special this year for many reasons. It will be the first year we will be able to celebrate in our own facility. For the first time in many years, the program will include an invited speaker, Carol Swartz, Ph.D. She has had an extensive career in education including teaching and administrative duties at the K-12 through graduate school levels. Her dissertation research looked at generational differences and their ways of learning. Her message is “Sharing History’s Stories across Generations”. You won’t want to miss this interesting program. The financial report, Endowment Fund report and election of officers will also be on the program. Get your reservations in early. Seating is limited to 80 people.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Volunteer training began in July and will be held the second Tuesday of every month at 9 A.M. If you are interested call the museum at 419 337 7922.
RECENT ACSESSIONS

The star from the sign that blinked on and off at the Star Drive-in Theater in Wauseon

Diamond Flower Quilt from Christine Dugas descendant of the Crockett family

Above
Picture of the Lyric Theater in Delta with an ad for a movie promotion to buy bonds to support the war effort.

Left: Peter and Marvin Goldsmith receiving a silver Milk bottle to celebrate 25 years at Sterling Creamery.
Time for Haunted House Tours

Dates are October 19, 20, 26 & 27.
Tours leave the Depot every 15 minutes from 6:30 to 8:15 P.M.
The late tours are for adults only. There will be a special story as usual in the park
and of course, the hospital has its own scary stories of incidents that occurred during
its days of operation.
These tours are different every year.
John always finds a story of intrigue to
tweak your imagination.
With the new technology on cell phones
you can even monitor the ghosts as they
accompany you on your tour.
Reservations are filling up quickly. Don’t
delay another minute. Call the museum.
and set up a time and a date to meet with the
Ghosts of Fulton County.