Dear Members and Friends,

Thanks to everyone who helped with the annual Gala. It was a great success. We learned to Charleston and two step to the lively music of Bev Ernest and Mark Nightingale. What a duo! We’re already looking forward to next year. The Eyes of Freedom exhibit has come and gone, and I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped in any way. We also want to thank the McClarren Family for all of the artifacts and memorabilia they donated from the Howard home. These important items have found a home where they can be seen and enjoyed for many years. The Amazing Showman of Clinton Street exhibit had a great premier. It will be on display until April 2020 so be sure you experience it. Children will love it! The Fulton County Fair will be here before we know it, and the activities at the log cabin and the blacksmith’s shop are always fun for the kids as well as the adults. We need volunteers for the log cabin and to help with activities. Call the museum if you can help. (419 337 7922). A special thanks to those who donated toward our debt retirement. With the matching funds, we collected over $11,000. Our success depends on those of you who graciously contribute time and money. Visitors, revenue and donations have increased. None of which would have been possible without you. Thanks again.

Save the Date!!

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Annual Dinner & Meeting
RECENT ACCESIONS

The McClarren Family have generously donated many artifacts from the Howard Mansion to the Museum which are unusual and diverse. They range from a saddle to a pistol, a peace pipe, a turkey feather fan and handmade shoes for oxen. There are relics from the War of 1812 such as a piece of wood and spikes from the Flagship Niagara, which was a part of the battle of Lake Erie. Many Indian artifacts such as a piece pipe, arrows, a bow, deer skin, a powder horn and otter skin tobacco bag. There is a walking stick carved from wood taken from the Council Oak, a buggy whip, and a Civil War sword. Two extraordinary pieces are a taxidermized badger and a small piece of ivory carved fish. These are only a small part of the collection. You will want to stop by and see it in its entirety. Many of these special gifts have been added to our time line exhibit. The saddle is on display in the showman exhibit, and was used by Colonel Howard while he was in the West. We are grateful to the McClarren family for sharing these memorable gifts with us. They are a part of our history and Colonel Howard would be happy to know that they have a place of honor in our museum.

Chandelier Dedication

Thanks to Richard Morgan we have a beautiful new chandelier in the lobby. Richard designed and created this amazing work of art and donated it to the museum in memory of his son, Nathan Allen. The design is based on an ancient navigational aid used on sailing ships—symbolizing our county’s motto “Find a way.” Richard has a studio on County Road C, Wauseon where he does custom metal art. He also has items for sale in the Legacy Shop. The chandelier was officially dedicated at the gala celebration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSEUM OF FULTON COUNTY
July 26 Geobash Welcome
August 1, Educators Day
August 30 – September 5 Fulton County Fair

SAUDE R VILLAGE LIVING HISTORY
July 4-6 Old Fashioned Days
July 13 Summer on the Farm
August 3 Doll and Teddy Show
August 14-17 Rug Hooking
August 24 Barbershop Sing
Sept 3-14 Home School Appreciation Days
Sept 10-15 Celebrate our Artisan
Sept. 28 Vintage Baseball

METAMORA POTLUCK September 18th

FULTON COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Monthly meetings at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 7 P.M. Delta, Ohio
Sept. 10, Patrick Bronson from the Toledo Metro Parks will speak on the Ohio-Michigan War.
SPIESS RESEARCH CENTER

The Spiess Research Center is currently featuring a display of stereographic “views” and stereoscopes that were the virtual-reality gear and Netflix of the late Victorian era. The stereoscope and the “views” of natural wonders, travelogues and staged comic stories became a mass media success. You ordered your new views through catalogs for delivery by mail. They could be shared by the whole family and offered many hours of entertainment.

The stereoscopes became popular in schools and the companies that produced them claimed they would replace textbooks. By the 1910’s, postcards were the new photo rage and radio soon became the new choice of entertainment. The stereoscope faded away to be revived for a while in the 1960’s by the “View-Master “ craze.

Be sure to see the display of stereoscopes and “Views” in the library on your next visit to the museum.

The research center is a great place to look for your family history and/or any local events in which you might be interested. There are many volumes on Fulton County history. The peoples who traveled to this little corner of the world and made it “home” were amazing. If you take the time to read some of their stories, you will be amazed at their will to survive and prosper.

If you are looking for something special, John Myles, our librarian, will be happy to help. Appointments are also available. Call the Museum (419)-337-7922.

LEGACY SHOP SPOTLIGHT

The Legacy Shop is featuring two new books. The first is a copy of the original Mennonite Community Cookbook (right) which was first printed in 1950. The recipes are family favorites of author, Mary Emma Showalter. This is the 65th edition. Information includes everything from how to make hand soap to the amount and variety of foods to prepare for a barn raising. It’s a little bit of history and lots of recipes you’re sure to enjoy.

The Lost Circuses of Ohio
by Conrade C. Hinds

This book tells the story of all kinds of circuses in Ohio that have been forgotten but are an integral part of the foundation of the modern world of entertainment.

If you like the circus, you’ll enjoy reading about the part Ohioans played in its history.

FAMOUS FLASHLIGHT

We have a very special flashlight on loan from NASA. It was manufactured in Wauseon at the Flashlight Factory specifically for the Apollo mission to the moon. It will be on display for a limited time in the 1960’s exhibit in the main gallery.

Rumor has it electrical power was lost for a period of time during the mission and the flashlights were the only source of light. This exhibit is in accordance with the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Space exploration.
These are part of a private collection of memorabilia loaned to the museum by Mr. Ken Nagel to enhance the new temporary exhibit. They are colorful, unusual and in mint condition. The majority of these items were used in the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show. The knife sheath and slippers are made of tiny beads which were sewn by hand.

Chief Iron Tail, pictured above, was an Oglala Lakota Chief and a star performer with Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show. His face is on the Buffalo Nickel. He was often photographed in the 19th century. The necklace pictured above also belonged to him.

**THANK YOU**

TO ALL OF THE AREA MUSEUMS THAT LOANED US ARTIFACTS FOR THE SHOWMAN EXHIBIT.

The Monroe County Museum, Monroe MI
Wood County Museum, Bowling Green, OH
Hayes Presidential Library & Museum
Fremont, OH
Lyons Area Historical Society, Lyons, OH
The Magic Museum, Wauseon, OH

**TILE MURAL ORDERS**

We have ordered tiles for phase III of the lobby Tile Wall. Phase IV will begin now and run until the end of the year. If you are interested in purchasing a tile, the forms are available at the museum or can be mailed. Tiles are $125.00 each. They make a great Christmas gift.