

FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



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Mother's Day Tea

*Fashions on the 20th Century Limited
Program: Discussion and display of clothing
from the years of the Limited: 1902—1968*

Saturday, May 11th

Seatings at 11 A.M., 12 Noon & 1 P.M.

At the History Manor

229 Monroe Street

\$20.00 per person (10% off for members)

Reservations required



The Twentieth Century Limited: From the Ballantine's Scotch Nostalgia Collection

Dining on the 20th Century Limited

Saturday, April 20th

2 Seatings: 11 A.M. (5 P.M. IS SOLD OUT)



Enjoy an authentic and interactive sit down 1958 meal as it was served in the Plaza Hotel, the NYC dining car that took Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint on their trip in the movie "North By Northwest" and the Carver Café at Mt. Rushmore. This is a meal served in four courses. It should be a very tasty and suspenseful event!

Reservations required

\$40.00 (no member discount)

Get your tickets early!

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Brag Time

We keep many records at the museum and one of the most important is attendance and income.

In 2020 (*covid era*), our attendance was sadly low, but in the past four years, we have doubled the number of visitors to the exhibits in the Worthington Gallery. The Whiteman exhibit had 92 visitors in the first 2 months of 2020 and the current train exhibit had 212 visitors in the first two months of 2024.

Legacy Shop sales have also increased. 2020 had \$516.00 in sales and in 2024 they were \$809.00 for the same two month period.

It is so rewarding to see the number of visitors increase and hear their comments as they leave.

You can be proud to be a member of the best year-round local attraction in the county.

The Immigrant Table

To coordinate with our next exhibit, "We the People of Fulton County," we are creating a recipe book to celebrate our immigrant ancestors who arrived between 1850 and 1950. We would like to include your made from scratch dishes that have been passed down to you. If you have a recipe to share, it would also be great to include any history about the recipe. This could be the country of origin, source (*grandmother or aunt etc.*) and any traditions or special occasions attached to when it was served. Be sure to include specific amounts of ingredients and cooking instructions. All recipes will be evaluated by a committee for inclusion.



Submit recipes to:

Conservatormufc@gmail.com

or mail to: Museum of Fulton County
8848 State Route 108 ,Wauseon, Ohio 43567,
or drop it off in person.

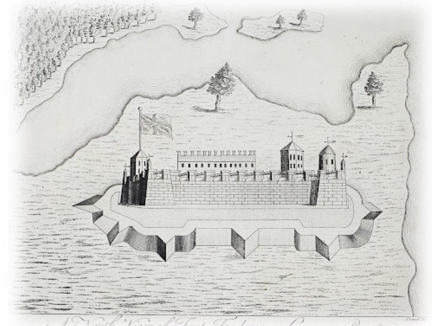
Please include your e-mail and/or phone number in case there are questions. Thank you in advance for all the great recipes!

Recent Acquisitions



Powder horns, used for hunting, originated in Europe and were made of stag horns or tortoise shell. American horns were made from bovine which proved to be quite durable. The horns had many uses besides carrying ammunition. Some were used to keep salt dry, carry water, or even carry explosives for miners.

The powder horn above is decorated with scrimshaw pictures and lettering. This horn was obtained by Joseph Croninger during the Revolutionary War and was later cared for by his family for six generations. It dates from 1775 and came from Crown Point Fort which is on an island in Lake Champlain which later became the border between New York and Vermont. The fort was built by the British to secure the region from the French and is the largest earthen fortress



built in the United States. On April 21, 1773, the barracks were destroyed by a chimney fire. The British left a skeletal force at the fort but on May 12, 1775, the Green Mountain Boys captured the fort with 111 cannons belonging to the British. They quickly moved the cannons to Boston to defend the harbor. This scrimshaw shows the fort before the fire and has initials and dates.

We have become the care takers of this pristine relic of our nation's revolutionary war history, and we are proud that it was gifted to us by Mary Ellen Todd of New Haven Indiana, a Croninger descendant.

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Doris Piercefield

Doris is our Business Manager and Event Planner.

She is a Henty County girl, living in Napoleon her entire life. She and her husband, Anthony have 6 children and 8 grandchildren.

After graduation from Napoleon High School, Doris attended The American Floral Art School in Chicago, IL.

Before coming to the museum, she owned and operated the Country Side Flowers and Gifts in Liberty Center for 38 years. She is also a professional costumer and has worked for the Toledo Opera as their wardrobe supervisor. She is a member of the IATSE union and works as a dresser for the professional touring companies that perform in the Toledo area . She has great stories to tell about the performers.

She is also a BIG Barbie fan and has all sorts of collectibles.

Doris is so happy to be working at the Museum of Fulton County. "This is a dream job for me! I get to use my experience in retail to provide revenue for the museum and work with amazing people every day!"

We are so blessed to have Doris on our staff. She is full of energy, has great stories to tell, and she doesn't know the word "can't." She will find a way to do what ever is needed.



From The President

Dear members and Friends,

I have driven by here many, many times and wondered what was in this building." "I have been meaning to come out here for a long time." "I had no idea it would look like this and have so many displays." "I need to bring my grandchildren out here to see this." "You need to do a better job of letting people know about this museum." These are just a few of the comments I have heard recently from visitors to the museum. We have been fighting this lack of awareness for the nearly six years we have been in the "new" museum. Once people visit us and go through the exhibits, they are surprised and pleased with their experience. Getting people through the doors has been our biggest issue. Although the new "All Aboard" railroad exhibit and the marketing campaign that Kim Krieger has been leading have helped increase our visibility. We need you, our members, to become active ambassadors for the museum. Talk to your family members, friends, neighbors, and people you associate with in church and other organizations about the museum. You can promote the new exhibits and activities by sharing the information on your social media accounts.

Encourage them to come with you for a visit to the museum or one of our activities. A personal invitation from you will be much more effective than anything we can do from our office. Please give it a try. That person to person approach is what we need.

In a pervious column, I mentioned that some changes would be coming in the future of our organization and I want to mention one that has recently taken place. Carlan Badenhop, who has served The Pioneer Endowment Fund since its founding in 1993, has retired from his position as Secretary/Treasurer and Paul Warncke has assumed those duties. I want to thank Carlan for his many years of guidance of the Fund and Paul for his willingness to serve. I also want to acknowledge a substantial contribution to the Endowment Fund from Marilyn Yoder in honor of her late husband, Lowell Yoder. Lowell was an early supporter of the Endowment, and we sincerely appreciate this continued support for the Historical Society. We encourage our members to keep the Endowment Fund in mind when you are making estate and other financial plans.

I hope your summer plans will include a visit to the Museum. I look forward to seeing you there!

Best Wishes

John Myles
President



Event at our museum:

Barn Stories with Dr. Kroger

Meet and Greet the Author and Artist
May 14, 2024
6:30 P.M.

\$10.00 donation at the door

No registration required

Location: Museum of Fulton County
Sponsored by Bean Creek History Center

Dr Robert Kroger, a retired dentist from Cincinnati, does oil paintings using an impasto method of oil painting with knives rather than brushes. He tours areas of the country and creates paintings of the barns he visits. His mission is to historically preserve old barns for the future with his paintings.

The barn pictured above belonged to Charlie and Ethel Miller. Rick and Kathy Miller are the current owners.

Heritage Alliance

Fulton County Genealogical Society
Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church
410 Taylor Street
Delta, Ohio
Visitors welcome

Save the Date

Bean Creek History Center
Presents: "Walk'n Thru History"
Guided tours of the village with speakers to point out the historic places and events from the past
October 5th (10am, 1pm, 3pm)
October 6th (2pm, 4pm)



Lauber Hill Update

The Historical Society's Lauber Hill committee has set some goals for the development of the Lauber Hill site. They are as follows:

1. Ensure the preservation and maintenance of the property.
2. Provide exhibits and programs to interpret the historical significance of the site.
3. Provide exhibits and programs that respectfully interpret the role played by the church in the community
4. Create a funding plan that supports the preservation and maintenance of the site

Save the date:

Sunday, August 18, 2024
Founders Day Activities at
Lauber Hill

National Train Day

Saturday, May 11, 2024

This special day was started by Amtrack in 2008 to call attention to trains in America.

Swanton Area Model RR Club

will be running special trains in the lobby and we will have hands on activities for children during the day. Free with admission.



