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CHRISTMAS AT THE CABIN

December 16th & 17th

This was such a popular event last year that it will be repeated this year at our fairground site. Check our web site for details



Peggy Myles
1953—2022

Peggy Myles, wife of Trustee John Myles, passed quietly at Defiance Hospice on September 9th. Peggy was a great fan of the Museum. During the pandemic she worked tirelessly on restoring our Courthouse Steps Quilt, from the crazy Quilt period. Every one inch square had to be repaired. She also audited the books annually.

We will miss her.

A fund has been created for the preservation of our historic quilts in Peggy's name. If you would care to donate, make checks payable to the museum and indicate the Peggy Miles memorial.

The Court House Quilt



Annual FULTON COUNTY *Haunting History Tours*



in

Pettisville, Ohio

*Friday, October 21st and
Saturday, October 22nd.*

Reservations at 419 337 7922

Or at the Legacy Shop on-line store

Museumoffultoncounty.org

Centennial Farms

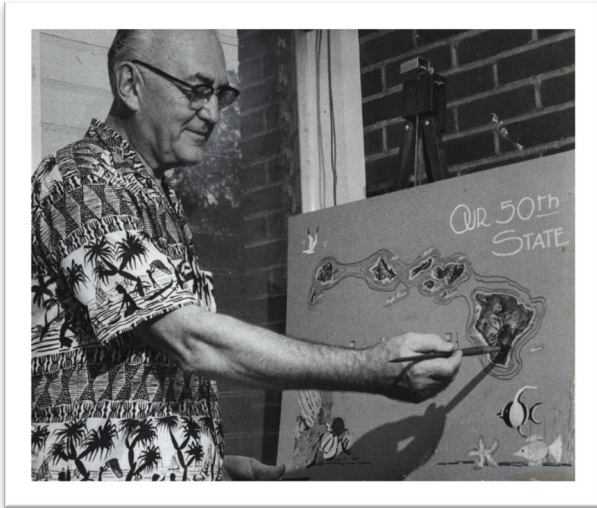
We are pleased to recognize five families with Centennial Farms this year.

They are : Florence Salsberry, Jeffery Canfield, James Spiess, Donald Dinius, and Thomas Herr .

Their certificates will be presented at the annual Banquet.



SOUND OF THE HAMMER
STROKE OF THE PEN



This is the third and final article about Carl Britsch, a man who led a creative and productive life. His retirement years were filled with fun pursuits.

Carl's mind was always looking for new avenues to explore, and he loved to see the world. He and his wife spent years traveling to many countries. He chronicled these adventures with words and sketches. When he returned home, he would write about their adventures and paint beautiful pictures of the places they visited. They visited Europe, Alaska, the Far East, and Puerto Rico.

He also wrote poetry and designed the family Christmas cards each year.

He promoted art in the community, the Toledo Museum of Art, and was president of the Toledo Federation of Art Society in the 1952-53 year. He had a one man show in 1953 at the Sylvan Gardens in Sylvania and was the recipient of first prize in drawing. He received six first prizes in area water color shows and his collection contained 21 framed paintings and 21 unframed.

He was also an author of his family's history titled, *Sound of the Hammer*.

Carl continued to support the community with memberships in the Chamber of Commerce, The American Legion, The Masonic Lodge, the Torch Club and the Lions Club. Carl was always looking for ways to help others and designed buildings to improve people's lives. He cared about Fulton County's local history and passed it on to others.

The Britsch exhibit will be open through December 2022 at the museum.

**AT
THE
2022
FAIR**



Friends of Lauber Hill Report

The deed transfer of the Lauber Hill Meeting House to the Historical Society is progressing toward completion. The board committee is diligently addressing several aspects of this dynamic opportunity.

One action includes gathering several Lauber Hill descendants and other interested persons for meetings on a regular basis. The name Friends of Lauber Hill has been chosen to identify their compassion for this effort.

The group will serve as a valuable partner with the Historical Society in the effort to preserve the Meeting House and to tell the story of the Lauber Hill community. Their collective knowledge will provide valuable insights.

In addition, as a committed body, they will take a leadership role in developing initial and on-going sustaining financial support to this valuable restoration opportunity. To that end, an avenue for donations through the Society has been created. (The opportunity for online contributions will be provided in the future.) Current donations may be mailed to the Society. [Memo: Lauber Hill Meeting House and Community Fund.]

Additional information about this significant effort will be provided. The Board of Trustees and the Friends of Lauber Hill encourage participation and support.

Jerry Griffin, Secretary



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Members and Friends,

Thanks to all of our fair volunteers. It takes many hands to make it a success. The county fair is such a great part of our heritage.

We are looking forward to the annual member banquet and the unveiling of the restored paintings of the Woods. I hope you will be sharing this occasion with us.

The Haunted History tours are in Pettisville this year. The village has an interesting history, and you get to enter several of the historic buildings.

The "Meeting House" plans are beginning to take shape. If you would like to join the "Friends of Lauber Hill" group, let us know. Bill Rufenacht is chairman of this group. The story of the Upper Rhine Valley immigrants in our county is exciting and had a huge impact on who the people of German Township are today. We will keep you updated on all of the new developments.

Rick McKibben will not be seeking re-election to the Board of Trustees. We will miss him, as he was a great project leader and an avid promoter of the museum.

We are also looking forward to a busy holiday season. This is a great time of year to bring the children and grandchildren out to the Museum. *The Legacy Shop* will be full of wonderful gift ideas to fill the stockings or place under the tree.

We hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

John Swearingen, Jr.
Director

NEW ACCESSIONS

The picture below has a very interesting history. In 1899, Dr A. H. Murbach of Archbold bought a “new-fangled” camera and proceeded to take pictures of everyone and everything.

The camera used the cyanotype method of photography which was discovered by Sir John Herschel in 1842. Plain paper is coated with an iron tonic. When it is exposed to sunlight, it yields the Prussian Blue image.

These wonderful pictures were saved by the Murbach Family and recently donated to the museum. Many of them are family pictures with names attached. There are also pictures of everyday things like local businesses and nature. A trip to Niagara Falls is also included.

Dr. Murbach was the person with a vision. As he saw the need to photograph everyday life in Archbold, and saw the need for a county hospital in Wauseon (Our History Manor property). We owe Dr. Murbach a debt of gratitude for sharing his many talents with the community and instilling a sense of duty



Cyanotype Box Camera

Metamora Area Historical Society

Hard Hat Tour and Potluck

Saturday, October 8, 2022

1:00 P.M. at Farmhouse Church on US
Rt.120 (2 miles West of Metamora)

Hard Hat Tours of

Metamora Heritage House

3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Bring a dish to pass.

RSVP to Alice Herrick by October 5th

419 644 2485

See the renovation project in progress

Please Note

The Museum of Fulton County will be closed on
Sundays until Memorial Day weekend 2023



The Gift That Keeps on Giving

Paul Gallagher, whose Miller Family lived in York Township, donated in 2007 our oldest rifle in the collection (*from a Miller who fought with Colonel Jackson in the War of 1812*) and a Civil War canteen from a great grandfather who was part of the March to the Sea. Recently, Mr. Gallagher passed away and remembered the Museum of Fulton County in his will. Paul understood that when something is donated, the caring for the items has financial ramifications for the collection staff and trustees. For this forethought, the society is deeply honored by Paul's gift.