

Chagrin Falls Exponent

Chagrin Falls Historical Society 21 Walnut St. Shute Memorial Building

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DO YOU REALLY KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS?
What Do They Do?

Some Members Talk About Their Hobbies

Thursday, March 18, 2010 7:30 p.m.
at the Shute Building

Pie Night for Refreshments
Bring Your Favorite Pie to Share

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MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, March 13, 2010 2:00 p.m.

Chagrin Falls Swing Ensemble

Tom Poultney, Piano Buzz Cronquist, Horns
Scrap Zalba, Bass Carl Fogel, Drums

Refreshments, of course

WHAT DO THEY DO?

Thursday night, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Shute Building, our program will give you a peek at the talents and passions of some of our most active members.

John Bourisseau (Selling on eBay); Beth Skeel (Paper-Trained Dogs made of paper mache); Glen Bomback (Making Furniture); Scrap Zalba (Master Gardener); Bobbie Wheeler (Art Work); Gini Fast (Quilts); Art Kvacek (The 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts).

As an added attraction our program will feature Pie Night. Please phone Pam Lubs, Hospitality Chairwoman (440/338-1855) to let us know if you would like to bake or buy a pie. We will supply ice cream and whipped cream.

Joyce Teeft. Scrap Zalba, Pam Lubs

THE POT LUCK DINNER WAS A HIT!

We had another delicious Pot Luck Dinner for Members Only at the Lutheran Church. The heavy snowfall we've had recently cut down our usual attendance, but we had a respectable crowd that "scarfed down" the variety of dishes that people prepared. We were particularly blessed with desserts, and people took advantage by sampling combinations of pies, cakes, cookies and even some trifle! Lots of friendly conversations among friends, some of whom had not seen each other for a while. A nice get-together of our substitute extended families.

OUR APRIL FIELD TRIP

The Spring Field Trip will not take us very far away from home, so we won't use a bus. Instead we will arrange car-pooling among our fellow voyagers to the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Beachwood on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. (Note the change of date.) And we will have lunch together at Corky & Lenny's Restaurant. More information in our April Newsletter.

THE ANNUAL HOME & GARDEN TOUR

We assume that the Annual Home & Garden Tour will take place on Friday, June 4th and Saturday, June 5th. But as you may have learned from Barbara Christian's articles in the Valley Times, the Executive Committee of the Historical Society voted unanimously at its February Board Meeting to not co-sponsor this year's tour with Your Home Town - Chagrin Falls (YHTCF). After a long discussion on our participation and assistance in the tour - selling tickets, helping locate homes and volunteer hostesses for the tours, providing a special museum display, a resting place and refreshments at the Shute Building. - we made our decision. In exchange for our work we had received 10% of the net profits of the Tour. We decided that our long and close working relationship with Nancy Haag, our member and former president, who was abruptly terminated as the Director of YHTCF, made a continued relationship with them very questionable.

MOUNTAINSIDE CRAFTS USES 100 YEAR OLD OBER LATHE

On a cold and blustery mid-January day I received a phone call from Kim McCallie of Kimball, Tennessee. This community is located on Highway I-24, 5 miles north of the Alabama state line and approximately 20 miles west of Chattanooga. Mr. & Mrs. McCallie are the owners and operators of Mountainside Crafts. They manufacture and market Hiking Sticks from various species of hardwoods.

These sticks are turned on an original Ober Irregular Shape Turning Lathe manufactured in Chagrin Falls over 100 years ago. The McCallies are trying to secure another Ober Lathe in order to meet increased production demand.

They located our Historical Society and the Ober book listing on Google. Thus the phone call asking if I knew of an Ober Lathe they could purchase. Unfortunately I could not provide a source. However Zo Sykora was able to retrieve some potential leads from our archives and transmitted them to the McCallies.

I mailed a copy of the Ober Manufacturing Co. book to the McCallies. About 10 days later UPS delivered a package to me containing a Mountainside Crafts Hiking Stick. An attached note said they found the book to be a "great read" and wanted to order a copy for a friend. I wish them success in locating another Ober Lathe *and* continued success with their business. The hiking stick will be displayed at the Histoical Society.

Don Barriball

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON FACEBOOK

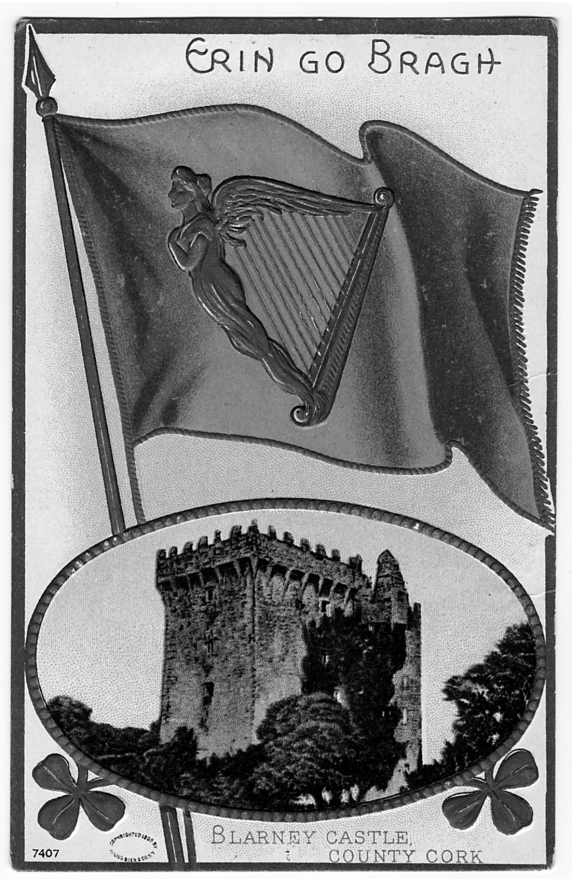
The Chagrin Falls Historical Society now has a Fan Page on Facebook. Within a week over 350 people have become fans. Fans have signed on from all over the U.S. and Canada. We even have fans in Finland and Thailand. The page features postcards from the Society's collection that includes primarily Village scenes from the early 1900s. The pictures have generated many questions that John Bourisseau has researched to answer.

Most have been about the locations of early businesses, the history of the cannon in front of Village Hall, the Henry Church sculpture that was in the Cemetery, and the Interurban.

The page has opened up the Society to a whole new group of people. Many are former residents now living elsewhere, and there are a large number of young families represented.

John Bourisseau

Editor's Note: Remember that we also have a Web Site that John is managing : www.chagrinhistoricalsociety.org



Kiss the Blarney Stone?



Henry Church's Lion & Lamb at the cemetery

CURATOR'S CORNER

Overview Calendar

March	**9**	Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Bldg., 10:00 a.m.
	13	Music At The Library, Chagrin Falls Swing Ensemble, 2:00 p.m.
	18	Evening Program "Know Your Members", Shute Bldg., 7:30 p.m.

It's Like a Beehive Here, and We Are Buzzing!

In addition to the routine questions that we answer each day there has been a lot of activity and many special appointments these past few weeks. Pat Zalba has been involved with the Historic Preservation class from Ursuline College, which is researching homes on E. Orange Street. John Bourisseau is transcribing the A.E. Smith Norris Post #40 Civil War era diaries. Zo Sykora, in addition to photographs computer work, has been listing Bay View scrapbook contents in order for Librarian Laura Gorretta to begin pulling that collection together. Marge Ingalls has just finished writing summaries of the Womens Relief Corps minutes (1880s to 1920s).

Don Barriball has met or talked with people from far and near who are interested in the Interurban and the Ober Manufacturing Co. Ann Goss, Beth Van Lente and Betty Runge continue to work on the computer photograph project. Beth Skeel has our newspaper clip file in very good order. Our Chagrin Falls High School volunteer, Alexandra Penler, helps with a variety of things each Thursday.

Our big order of Conservation Boxes has just arrived, so we will be busy in the next few weeks transferring our collections to their new containers. If you want to get in on the action, give us a call at 247-4695.

DEADLINE FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

This is to remind Chagrin Falls High School Seniors that March 14, 2010 is the deadline for submitting applications to the High School Office for Historical Society Scholarships.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Pat E. Zalba, Volunteer Curator