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The Monthly Newsletter of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society

John Bourisseau, Editor *October 2014*

I am sure you notice the difference in this months newsletter.

For over 25 years the Historical Society has partnered with Ron Humphrey and Windjammer Printing to publish a variety of books, cards, pamphlets and this newsletter. Ron has decided to retire from the obligations of the Historical Society. I will particularly miss the time we would spend together preparing the newsletter every month.

The newsletter is sure to take different form over the next few months--so be patient with us.

Welcome to New Members

Sandra Chunat

Greer and Pam Wurster

Lisa Gorretta

Erin Owen

Annette C. John

Condolences to the family of

William M Garvey,

father of

Michael Garvey

Weather Folklore

Join us Thursday October 16th at 7:30 pm at the Shute Bldg.

Naturalist, Jann Glove, will offer a lighthearted, informative, interactive presentation featuring an array of age old natural techniques and adages once used to predict the weather.



Special Event Sponsors

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Robert S Prior

The Historical Society Uniform Collection

Many of you who have stopped by the Chagrin Falls Historical Society recently have wondered why there is a coat rack set up in the main room sporting a number of military uniforms. As we prepare to move to 87 East Washington Street next year, one of my duties as the Society's first employee is to organize the moving of the collections. I had to start somewhere, so I decided to begin by doing an inventory of our military uniforms in order to apply for a grant for archival storage boxes to preserve each uniform for future generations. We will be asking the Molly Chittenden Chapter of the DAR to sponsor the Historical Society for a grant that is offered through the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. It is our hope that we will be awarded the grant for $2,000 - $3,000 which will enable us to purchase proper storage boxes for our uniform collection as well as our American Flag collection.We have twelve flags with the oldest one a silk Civil War era flag with 34 stars. Our uniform collection consists of thirty uniforms starting with the Civil War through Viet Nam. I feel privileged to work with this collection and can only imagine what the people who wore these uniforms went through to serve our country.

One of our unique as well as one of the older uniforms, is a WWI Field Service Ambulance Driver uniform worn by Leland Prior when he served in France. We also have the WWII Army uniform of Pfc. Robert S. Prior, Leland Prior's son. Robert Prior was killed November 14, 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge in France and is buried there. I have a special "attachment" to this uniform because my uncle Charles was in Robert's company and also died in France. We also have uniforms belonging to Helen Stranz, Barney Hoopes, Steve Shields, Edgar Shields and Karl Kuivinen. My goal is to have all of the uniforms photographed, cataloged, properly identified, organized and ready for temporary storage by the early part of November. Our Curator, Pat Zalba, and I are going to be very busy this month with the help of several volunteers doing the research, labeling, cataloging and organizing! We will be applying under the DAR mission of Education which covers Museums, preservation of collections, displays and educating the public. The paperwork for the grant has to be turned in before December 31, 2014 and will not be awarded until May 2015. Let's hope it is awarded to the Chagrin Falls Historical Society!

Jane Babinsky



John Bourisseau Jim Guggenheim

Contract Signed

Society President John Bourisseau signing contracts with Jim Guggenheim, President of Guggenheim Builders Inc. Jim's company was the low bidder for the construction project at the new building. Jim lives in South Russell and has extensive experience restoring and renovating large homes, recently completing a project in Shaker Hts. restoring one of the Van Swearingen homes.

Jim is excited about this project and will be including some local trades. By the time you receive this newsletter, some of the initial demolition will have begun. *John Bourisseau*

Fall Back~Spring Forward~It's Time!
November 1, 2014
6:30-10:00 p.m.

By now you should have received your invitation to the Historical Society's November 1, Gala. The Events Committee has been planning for months to make this a truly outstanding affair. It will be an evening focussed on... The Past, 1874 to be exact...The Present-- our new building and it's current renovation, and... The Future--what exciting plans we have!

You'll love our journey back in time to 1874. Who knows what locals from Chagrin's past you might encounter? Such fun!

There will be lively music, lots of delicious food, a couple of well stocked saloons and a building to tour. But, if that isn't enough to get your attention, wait until you see the silent auction items we've put together. Vintage jewelry, getaways, entertainment and unique opportunities for private historical tours. And then there's the wine pull. Member and wine enthusiast Bill Hamann has 'pulled' together an amazing assortment with a chance to win some pretty fabulous bottles.

You will not want to miss this. *Space is limited and we do expect to sell out so make your reservation today.* To reserve your spot, mail your RSVP card with a check or credit card information or go to www.chagrinfallshistoricalsociety.org to make a paypal or credit card payment.

If you have questions or need to be sent an invitation, contact Anne Burr at 440-338-1556 or anjin444@windstream.net

Anne Burr



Miranda (Randy) Hamann

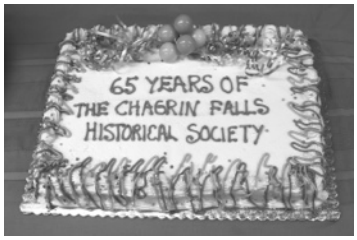
Raising Funds

Randy is the grand daughter of Bill and Gretchen Hamann. She decided that she wanted to find a way to support the Historical Society. She came up with the idea of selling pencils with the Historical Society name on them, and in addition, selling a variety of erasers--all proceeds go to the Historical Society. Randy is selling her pencils and erasers at school, as well as Historical Society events.

Thank you Randy for your interest and dedication to the Society. If you see Randy around town--buy a pencil! *John Bourisseau*

Where there is a Will there is a Way

Please consider the Historical Society for your planned giving. Contact you financial planner, or give Laura Gorretta a call at 247-5585 for information.



Curators Corner



Pat Zalba
Volunteer Curator

Overview Calendar

October	3	Safewalk to School Scavenger Hunt for Historical Sites in Chagrin Falls, Middle School Students 3:00 to 5:30 (Raindate October 10th)
	4	Valley Consortium of Historical Societies at Bainbridge Historical Society, 9:30-Noon. (Meet at Bainbridge Town Hall)
	14	CF Historical Society Board Meeting, Shute Bldg. 9:30 am
	16	Evening Program: Speaker Jann Glove will present "Weather Folklore", Shute Bldg. 7:30 pm.
Looking ahead to Nov. 1st:		Our Campaign Kick off Gala held at our new home, 87 East Washington Street. Please Come!

<u>Accessions with a Chagrin Falls Connection</u>

A Robert Takatch painting was donated in memory of Charlene Meyer and Gertrude Young. These women opened The Wren House, a clothing consignment shop, in June 1949. Bob Takatch, a Chagrin Falls artist, is thought of a being one of the founders of the Valley Art Center. At the time of this painting, he lived in the house that is now The West End Bistro Restaurant. (Once the Village Exchange) His painting depicts the scene he saw out of his window which included the Wren house. (Now Dave's Subs)

(Donor--Bill Meyer)

Nine Glass plate negatives were donated. They show scenes of Chagrin Falls and vicinity: Adams Bag Company during a flood in 1883; an airplane at the 1915 Cuyahoga County Fair (C.F. Fairgrounds); Whitesburg Dam; Adams Bag boiler room; Brick laying of Washington Street, circa 1900, as well as other scenes.

(Donor--Steve Tognini)

Two Chagrin Falls Postcards were received. They are photographs of "The High Level Bridge" and one of "Squaw Rock Chagrin River" circa 1908.

(Donor--Jenny Hogan)

A Current Events Club Program for 1966-1967 that once belonged to Dorothy Thomas was given to the Historical Society.

(Donor--Steve Thomas)



Happy Halloween!!

Pat Zalba

Volunteer Curator



Past Presidents Nancy Haag, Margi O'Brien, Paul Foster and Jo Roeder share experiences and anecdotes from their tenures as President.

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