

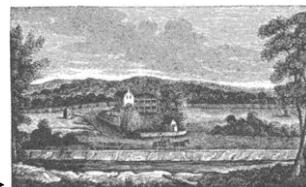
Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter June, 2017

Presentations for 2017 Underway, Theme Well-Introduced

Our series of 5 highly regarded speakers got off to a great start Sunday as Shawnee, Jeremy Turner held the audience at rapt attention with his explanation/stories of Native life in the 1700's. This series will unfold each month with different aspects of the Native/English/American drama concluding with the Indian removal from Ohio. This series got off to an outstanding start with a standing-room only audience for **Turner** who vividly described the Shawnee life, traditions and culture, then and now! In his presentation Jeremy referred to the role of Indian Agents and mentioned John Johnston by name.

What a great lead-in to Presentation II scheduled for Sunday, June 25! **Andy Hite, site Manager of Johnston Farms** will present: "*Will the Real John Johnston Please Stand Up, The Role of Indian Agents!*"

Johnson's Miami Co. farm



Covered Trailer - Thanks Tom, AND We Need! Help!!!!

Tom Siegrist has been kind and generous in allowing the mural committee/Dan Keyes the use of his covered trailer for ready and handy storage of painting/mural supplies for the last 2 years, but that time is coming to an end! Don and Louie have been scouring the countryside for a replacement and have as yet not been successful. **Do YOU know of a covered wagon/trailer that could be used/borrowed/bought (cheap)** for use as the murals are completed over the next year or two? HELP! Call or text Don Lennartz (419-852-7519) or me (419-852-6110) if you have a lead on a trailer!!!!

Mural Update

Dan Keyes is again using his artistic talents on the mural bordering Krenning Park in the center of town. Don Lennartz and Louie Diller have set up the equipment needed so that Dan can work on both the 1794 battle mural (blockhouse interior) on the north side of the park and the Wabash 1791 mural which will come to life on the Second National Bank wall on the south side. Having both surfaces available to be painted (determined by summer heat, wet paint etc.) will facilitate the whole process. Thanks to *Fort Recovery Lumber* for donating the planks that needed to be laid down for the lift truck, to *Cy/Tom LeFevre* for the use of the lift truck, and to *Mike Kahlig* for the scaffolding.



Fort Recovery Jubilee - Featuring Pie Auction on June 16 - Helen LeFevre, Chair

Whether you like to Bake, Buy or Eat, the Pie Auction is where you want to be at the Annual Harvest Jubilee which is held on the Ambassador Park Grounds. If you are the baker, bring your 1) cream, 2) fruit, and/or 3) specialty pie to the headquarters building on Friday evening June 16 between 6:30 and 7:30. Judging begins at 8:00 with the auction scheduled to be held immediately after judging is completed - likely around 8:30.

Come and Sit a Spell - Opening Sunday, Successful. Historical Treasures Keep Coming In!



Many visitors came through the museum to see the displays set up by Kathy Thobe and Chris Thompson on Sunday, May 7. One of the interesting attractions was the Tamburitza, a musical instrument native to Croatia, but also manufactured in Fort Recovery in the 1920's. Local resident Sue Jutte stopped in to share a family picture depicting her grandfather and uncle in a Tamburitza band in Youngstown Ohio. Both were immigrants from Croatia. What a coincidence! Sue shared that most Croatians are shorter in stature and this was evidenced by the fact her grandfather was standing on a box for the picture!

That Sunday event stirred up a lot of discussion and interest evidently as since then, several donations of photographs, wooden and metal stamps of the Equity, and other interesting memorabilia have been brought to the museum and donated to the historical society. Thank you **Randy Alig, Lou McDaniel, Bob Freemyer & Rose Golden King**, Celina (gr'daughter of Josephine Gaerke Golden, FR) for interesting/historical contributions.

St. Clair Run/Walk Mercer Health 5K Challenge



Fort Recovery, Ohio - July 22

7:30 a.m. registration

8:30 a.m. race begins with cannon fire!

Information? Kathy Gonzalez 419-375-2123 kkg@bright.net

Make check payable to *Fort Recovery Historical Society*

The St. Clair 5K Run will be held on Saturday, July 22nd at 8:30am! To sign up go to www.mercerhealth5kchallenge.com where you can download a form or go to <http://www.goodtimesraces.com> and register online.

Racers will be sent off with the fire of the cannon and enjoy a beautiful morning run through the village of Ft. Recovery.

Pre-registered costs: \$20 with race shirt, \$12 pre-registration without a shirt. \$10 for 10 and under with no shirt. Race day sign up is \$15. Registration opens at 7:30am and takes place on front porch of the Ft. Recovery

Profits of the 5k will be shared by the Historical Society and Friends of the Arts!

Museum Maintenance - Furnace, Electricity, Clogged Sink, BATS!

Always something! But this time it was everything - HVC, Plumbing, Electricity, and BATS! The furnace/AC relies on capacitors to function properly and one of those was cracked and needed repair. The sink in the girls restroom was getting backed up when used several times in a row - like during school field trips. One of our outlets - lamp by register book - quit working and the electricians determined that the whole fuse box must be replaced. When the fuse box door is opened the electricity is arching - not good! And finally the bats are making a constant mess on our plexiglass displays. Ugh. We just had that taken care of last year - or so they said! There are restrictions about removing the bats during their nesting seasons. If they would just be good guests and clean up after themselves it wouldn't be so bad. :-). Just like home - always something. Thanks to patron funds and some maintenance funds from OHC we can take care of these issues! *Thank you for one more thing patrons!*

Thank You Field Trip Volunteers

Thanks to the volunteers who did stations (log house, tool shop, gift shop, Bubb prehistoric exhibits) for spring field trips. These valuable helpers included Sharon Ontrop, Neil Diller, Don Lennartz, Linda Lennartz, Jeanette Diller, Debbie Zumstein and Mary Lou Kramer. We get nice notes back from field trip participants, and it is in no small way due to the great work of these museum volunteers!

Patrons - Thank YOU!

The trustees of the museum and historical society are once again humbled by the generosity of the folks who care about the museum and the local history so much that they are willing to support it faithfully and generously. Thank You, Thank You. The list of patrons should be attached to this newsletter. PLEASE, if there are errors - like your name got missed! - or the amount is incorrect, do let me know asap. This list is generated through three of us - receiving the forms and the donations; documenting the name and amount; creating the spreadsheets; and finally the creation of the ONE patron sheet that is sent to you. Obviously there is a chance for errors! Also, as the year goes on, more donations are received, so this list (and the patron bulletin board in the museum) will be updated. Thank you for your patience with us as we complete this process.

Faithful Patrons Pass Away

Every year, sadly, we lose faithful patrons - those who loved history and/or Fort Recovery, and contributed to and supported the mission of the museum. This year, those patrons who passed away are: Steve Frankie, (Franke Walkway), Mary Ann Wendel, and Chris Fullenkamp. We miss them and offer the condolences of the museum, historical society and patrons of the museum! (If I missed anyone, let me know, and he/she will be acknowledged in a future newsletter..) We also appreciate those donations made to the museum in other's memories - Mike Evers, Mary Meiring, Bertha Sanderell. Their memories live on through the work of the Fort Recovery Museum and Historical Society!

Wow! Season 2017 is off to a fantastic start at the Fort Recovery State Museum! nancy knapke, director