

Kelleys Island Historical Association

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Remembering Kamp Kellile back in the day. Now The Establishment is The West Bay Inn. For future newsletters, we will have an old time photo. Should anyone have more information or comments about the photos, please do so. contact KIMuseum@msn.com

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Labor Day has come and gone, the purple martins left the island August 6th, 7th, and 8th. This morning an assemblage of geese, gulls, and cormorants gathered on the eastside eating well creating lots of action.

Thank you members for making this summer special at The Kelleys Island Historical Museum. We have had many visitors. There was a wedding at The Old Stone Church this July and a reception in honor of our beloved Frances Minshall on The Museum's front porch.

Remember, the Museum gift shop is only open on Saturday and Sunday. Our last day is October 5th. Please stop by and get your Christmas gifts and ornaments, soon, before it is too late.



Martins gathering and preparing to leave for the winter.



Chuck Herndon, Kevin Pape, Laura Jean Pohorence, and Terri Betzenheimer Behrends at the Old Stone Church listening and enjoying Castle Garden Band.



Laura Cheges, below, brought many of her hand sewn creations. On sale at the museum store are lovely muslin bags with an old time print and cute stuffed snakes. Keep your eyes open, she will have more to offer soon.

Kelleys Island Historical Arts and Crafts Exhibit

Anne Sennish (above) exhibiting her watercolors.
Leslie Korenko (below left) sharing her books, posters, and more.
Jack & Linda Hostal kept author **Wendy Koile** company (center).



Karen Mayes Exhibiting her jewelry. Karen uses pearls and creates lovely pieces.

Jim Messenheimer brought the potter's wheel to the front porch of the museum. He is the art teacher at The Kelleys Island School during the year. Thank you.



Below:
The **Art Class** displayed their talents (left) while **Jean Ann Geist** signed books (center).

Bev Luck sold tickets.



Annual Meeting Update

Cindy Herndon

The Annual Meeting for 2014: At noon, prior to the formal meeting Castle Garden played and sang in our Old Stone Church. The acoustics were great and performance lots of fun. A big thanks to this great newly reorganized band. The Annual Meeting began at 1PM and was well attended, although, we always want more interest and people involved.

Highlights From the President's Report:

- *2013-2014 The Board has addressed numerous maintenance issues at The Old Stone Church, steeple repair, installation of a new heat/cooling system , insulation , repair of plaster and fresh paint, and benches and floor treated.
- *The repair and insurance follow up after the winter disaster at The Museum.
- *Grants written by Anne Eddowes for drainage of The Old Stone Church and one for The Parsonage.
- *Shed area mold has been corrected thanks to Bruce Korenko.
- *Upgrade of the Office at The Museum; internet access.
- *Strategic Planning moving forward.
- *Oral History Project clarifying direction and copyright issues.
- *Planning for next summer exhibit on Sport Fishing; please tell us your stories.
- *Welcoming two new Board Members: Kevin Pape and Andrew Muskara.
- *Acknowledging Anne Eddows stepping off The Board but continuing to write grants.

Following The Annual Meeting we had refreshments on The Museum Front Porch and then returned to The Old Stone Church for a talk about "The Tin Goose" Jody Brausch and Jim Bouille gave a presentation with stories of passed pilots and the current project of building a Tin Goose in Port Clinton at **The Tin Goose Heritage Museum**. A big thanks to them for flying over to give the talk and for supporting our museum.



Our two new Board Members:



New Board Member, **Kevin Pape**. Kevin has spent much of his life on Kelleys and, when here, resides in the yellow house next to The Old Hotel. The yellow house used to be a bowling alley. Kevin is responsible for Kelleys Island being on The National Historic Register. He is president of the archaeological and historic preservation consulting firm Gray and Pape Inc. His expertise will bring good energy and direction to The KIHA Museum.

New board Member, **Andrew Muskara**. Andrew has spent years on Kelleys Island staying at his family's cottage. He is a senior at Hawken School. We welcome his youth, energy, and desire to be on the Board.

He has an interest in history and is interested in working on oral history projects.

50/50 Winners Congratulations!

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| June | John and Dee Spirk who donated their winnings back to KIHA |
| July | Dee Hartley of Huron, Ohio |
| August | Sally Hiller of Grafton, Ohio |

This year we worked on bringing our new website on line. We are still working out details on the domain name, but you can visit the new site temporarily parked at <http://kimuseum-public.sharepoint.com>

Along with all the usual information, we have included lots of unusual and interesting features. Make sure you stop by Yesterday's News and catch up on all our Facebook postings and historical items we posted on the website. You can always reach us by email at KImuseum@msn.com.

Why not LIKE us on Facebook? ([www.Facebook.com-Kelleys Island Museum](http://www.Facebook.com-KelleysIslandMuseum)). We share all kinds of information each week. News, events, new gift shop items, interesting links, and so much more. LIKING us will keep you up to date on all the museum activities.

Donations

Among the donations we received, came one from **Thomas C. Eakin** of Shaker Heights, Ohio who was honored in 2002 with the **Ellis Island Medal of Honor**, awarded to distinguished American citizens who made exceptional humanitarian and significant contributions to our country. He visited the museum and met **Ed Frindt** and **Elizabeth Learmonth** and was so impressed, he then sent a donation.

Our thanks to **Elizabeth and Frederick Stueber** and **Patti Johnson-Muranyi** for their donations in memory of **Frances Minshall: Judy Dushane** remembering **Mary Wilke, Toby Zettler** in memory of **Nora Zettler; Anne Sennish** in memory of **Barb Behlen**. Special thanks to **Anne Eddowes** and **Thomas Eakin** for their donations, and to **John and Dee Spirk** who donated their 50/50 raffle winnings to KIHA.

Artifacts and Collections

Our website now contains an inventory of our collection in a searchable data base. Just go to **OUR COLLECTION** and discover the treasures that bear your family name. New items that recently came in include: From **John Ohlemacher**-photos and maps; **Diane Hughes Nickles**-her Uncle Ossie's baseball uniform from 1932; **Mollie Timple Sevcik**-photos of Sylvester, Alonzo, Jessie, and Mina Dwelle, genealogy of the Dwelle Family, and tickets for parties at The Island House from 1862 and 1863; **Lee Brown**- large wood model of an ice boat; **Kelly Johnson**-Cemetery map from 1950; and **Shirley McKillips**-wooden box hand carved during a dark cold winter.

Notes from Members and Visitors

Along with your hard copy of your newsletter, we also sent out a copy by email asking if you would prefer to receive it that way. 10% responded with a "yes" and will now receive newsletters by email.

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Congratulations and Thank you, Anne Eddowes, for your work, and to The Frost Parker Grant Committee for awarding us a grant for the drainage project around The Old Stone Church.

Patti Johnson-Muranyi sent a wonderful letter about her late friend Frances Minshall and we print excerpts. " I was privileged enough to be with Franny in her favorite home many times in the last ten years as her age began to show and her work at the museum was a bit too much for her. She was a very private person, and the museum meant so much to her; not only for the present but for the future generations of the island. Franny taught me a lot about the past, but also about the future. She was very comforted by Cindy and the people that cared for her and visited her. She showed no fear when I said 'See you on the other side'; she smiled and told me she loved me.

I miss her every day. When I drive by the Museum I remember all the work that she put into the building, the church, and the hours she volunteered to keep the organization going. I am proud of the organization today. I believe that you have done a great job and that although you have faced challenges of the island, as many of you have, you have put everything back together and serve the population that lives here and visits very well."