

KELLEYS ISLAND HISTORICAL ASSOC.

NEWSLETTER JUNE , 2003

HELLO EVERYONE and happy spring (going on summer)!!! The Museum Bldg. plans have been sent in to a couple builders to get the bidding process going. We hope to hear from them soon, then we can finally get an idea on the cost of things. There will be some drawings at the German Church if you are interested in what the building will look like.

The 50/50 raffle tickets are included to get things off in the right direction. Fill them out, mail or drop them off at the Church during operating hours. If you want more, they will be available at the gift shop. The address is: Kelleys Island Historical Assoc. , P.O.Box 328 , Kelleys Island OH., 43438. **GOOD LUCK !!!**

This year's **QUILT** is done already. Teri Betzenheimer has out-done herself by knocking the quilt out so early. The name is: "**EVENING IN THE WOODS**". **In loving memory of my cousin James Seeholzer.** The quilt will be on display at the Museum gift shop this summer until it's drawing at the Butterfly Festival, Sat. Sept. 6th. The festivities begin at 10 a.m.

The gift shop has opened for the season. Betsy Walcott will be the contact for the volunteers. Claudia Brown did the buying for the shop this year as Vi Feyedelem has opened her own shop. Thanks for all the help in the past and good luck in your endeavors, Vi.

There are lots of new items: pressed glass from a company that has been in business since 1907, plates and serving pieces in reproduction majolica- grape and fruit patterns, adult toys like

the "Hail to the Chief" Jack-in-the-Box, adult and children's books. There is a series of small books to capture your family history- questions to ask Grandma, Dad, your relatives, and friends- with room to write the answers. We have beautiful paper napkins for your table in nautical, grape, and flower designs. There are cast-iron doorstops, Ohio Amish baskets, plaques of clever sayings made by the Amish in Ohio, and Ohio Bi-Centennial Christmas ornaments along with re-production 19th century Christmas ornaments. Be sure to look for the re-production depression glass and "Rosie the Riveter". There's too much to list ! More new items are arriving daily. Come join us. You can find the better gift for a special occasion or something in-expensive to entertain the children. Betsy Walcott, MaryAnn Pileski, and Claudia Brown got the shop ready to open. All the labor for the gift shop is volunteer and there is always room for more help. Remember that gift shop profit goes to support the museum and the building fund. Please visit the gift shop and bring your friends. Let's have a great summer as we look forward to breaking ground for the museum.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUES. JUNE 10TH – BOARD MEETING AT 5P.M.

TUES. JULY 8TH – BOARD MEETING AT 5P.M.

THURS. JULY 24TH – POTLUCK & SPEAKER; 6P.M.at ST. MICHAEL'S HALL

SAT. AUG. 2ND – ART SHOW at 11A.M.

SAT. AUG. 9TH – 2P.M. GENERAL, ANNUAL AND BOARD MEETING

SAT. SEPT. 6TH – 10A.M. BUTTERFLY DAY(10A.M.-4P.M.)

TUES. SEPT. 9TH - BOARD MEETING at 5P.M.

THURS. SEPT. 25TH – POTLUCK & SPEAKER at ST. MICHEAL'S HALL

TUES. OCT. 14TH – BOARD MEETING at 5P.M.

After each potluck & speaker program, board members will answer any questions you may have about the museum progress or any other topic.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS will be held in the office behind the German Church, unless noted otherwise.

The board has made up a map of Kelleys Island to hand out to visitors and sight-seers. It has some historical facts of numbered locations on the map. A very BIG THANKS to **Delores Cole** for her expertise on the set-up and patience with all the corrections, additions and subtractions we had going back and forth on e-mail.

The board is in the process of updating the tour book also. Rick Holmes has re-taken all new "pictures" of the structures, and are safely on disk. We are correcting text also.

Claudia Brown is in charge of speakers this year. She has lined up Betty Pape for part 2 of the "Wineries" in September. The July program is going to be in reference to the Ohio Bicentennial, at least that's what is being worked on.

The June speaker was good. The curator from "The Follet House" in Sandusky talked about opening a museum and some of the things that go along with it. We now have a tape about basic procedures in handling the museum pieces. When someone is interested in accessions or when we start placing items in the new building, we can watch it again for a refresher.

Anyone that has any desire to do a program about life on the island, or who knows anyone who does, talks about commercial fishing, quarrying, the Indians, just good ole fun times, what ever. Please call one of the board members. They are: Rick Holmes, Pres. Mike Feyedelem, Vice Pres., Claudia Brown, Membership. Ila Dick. Russ Matso. Rita Eaton. Or Marge Clapper. Please, let's hear from you!!!

Claudia Brown has repaired the Kelly wedding dress that's been on display.

The dress, At Home and Wedding Cards all belonged to Laura Kelley, daughter of Irad. Laura Kelley and William D. Hills were married and were parents of Norman. E. Hills. One of Norman's daughters, Alice Hills Williams gave the above to her daughter, Frances Williams Toepfer. She donated the dress and cards to the Kelleys Island Historical Assn. in loving memory of her 'Kelleys Island Ancestors'. (Donated on June 27, 1994).