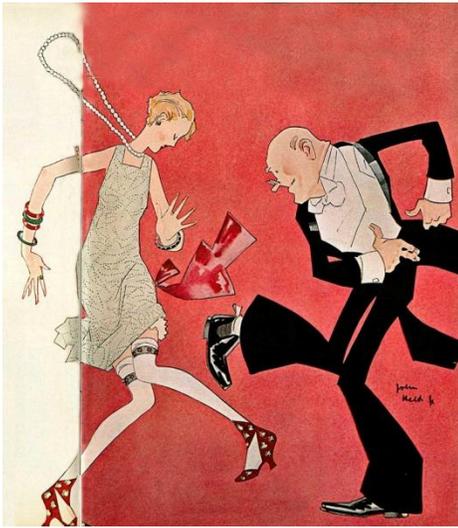


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Roaring Twenties Benefit for KIHA

July 30th, 2016 5-8PM

The Breaker's Ball

424 Dwelle Lane

Kelleys Island, Ohio

The North Coast Big Band will play Roaring Twenties Music and so much more....

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Save the Dates:

- 5/21 - International Museum Day Opening Day
- 6/30- Potluck at the School
- 7/30 - Breakers Ball
- 8/9 - Arts & Crafts Show
- 8/14 - Annual Meeting & Speaker
- 9/10 - Yard Sale & Butterfly Festival

OUR NEW LIBRARY/CHILDREN'S' ROOM

Like many organizations, we have loads of plans, but limited resources. One of our goals was to create a children's area in the old office so that parent's can tour the museum without having to watch their children all the time. Our thanks to Chuck Martin for donating a COUCH AND LOVE SEAT, Susan Goede for THROW PILLOWS and AFGHANS and Dawn Soldner for the ORIENTAL RUG.

To make this happen, we moved the old office into the 'garage' area. This puts the computer and copier closer to the collection and makes it easier to fill requests. Take a close look - the shelf on top of the desk is actually part of an old display unit propped up on two boxes of books (we certainly know how to make the best of the resources that we have)!



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new LIFE Member Micki Wiles and our *New Business Members*: Crafts Lakeview Lane, Herndon Galleries, Lake Disposal (for hauling our trash), Unc'l Dik's, Vi's Island Treasures. It's not too late to remind your friends and family to join or renew their membership. We count on your support to keep us going.

VOLUNTEERS

Can you spare just 2 hours a week in June, July and August to work in the Museum and Gift Shop? That's all it takes to keep this operation running (OK, actually a whole bunch of people working just 2 hours a week!). Let us

know if you can help us out. It's fun, educational, you meet some of the greatest people and it is a lot of fun! Plus you get a 10% discount on all your gift shop purchases! Just email us at KImuseum@msn.com.

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OUR ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Save the date – August 14 is our Annual Meeting. We will have another great speaker (still working out the details) and there will be an election of Board Members. The terms of four of our Board Members are expiring, but we don't know yet if they want to continue serving. If you are interested, let us know. Board Members serve a 3-year term and our by-laws require that you express your interest to us no later than June 5. You must be a member in good standing and ballots go out 30 days before the meeting.

DONATIONS

We thank the following people who made donations in memory of

Mike McCune – Chuck & Cindy Herndon

Raymond & Gizella Feyedelem by their daughter Sandra Feyedelem Dickens

Tom Alspach – Chuck & Cindy Herndon

Kim Fresch by Charles & Pearl Pascoe

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Lauren Winnen – Chuck & Cindy Herndon

Special Thanks to Allen & Diane Nickles and Jim & Barb Zeller for their very generous donations.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION - RON LICKFELT - Vintage antique Pflueger 'Jeweled Wonder' trade casting reel – 1930 (was on display last year). **FOUND IN THE PARSONAGE** – Glass pitchers, Pink ceramic coffee pot, Percolator pale green in color. metal cake pan carrier, beige plastic table top radio. **RICK HOLMES** - Large B&W Aerial map of the island taken in 1954. **SUSAN GOEDE** - Apex Electric Suction Cleaner, c1918, designed for alternating or direct current. Hand-held laundry agitator, Oriental rug, manually bread maker Universal Bread Maker, No. 4, patented 1900, 1903, 1906. Glassware – White and blue, round glass Sugar and Pepper jars. Camera – some are the box type. Wood fruit crates, Green 2-cup measuring cup with juice squeezer that sits on top, 8 aluminum drinking glasses in various colors. c1940-50. Lots of kitchen items including a Match holder, assorted graters, close line units, Trivets to rest an iron on, wood rolling pin for making traditional Sprinterle cookies, skate keys, some kitchen utensils, and a lot more. **DAWN SOLDNER** - Oriental Rug and two pillows for the library. **TOM BARTLETT** - Kelleys Island Ohio Bird Banding, Avian Research Project 2015 report. **LINDA HOSTAL** - T-shirt imprinted with "I rode the Classi Taxi." LaVerne Ehrbar received this shirt as a gift from 'Wild' Bill Wolfe, a souvenir of his ride with her. And a bunch of stuff came in that we have not cataloged yet!



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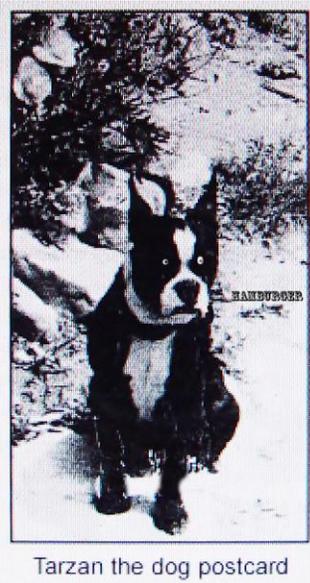
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ORAL HISTORIES - Board Member Jeri Himmelein Yoest has interviewed and transcribed several wonderful oral histories that can be found in the library of our museum. Please take time to come and read these fabulous oral histories. We are looking for more volunteers to work on this project. Some Kelleys Island notables that have been interviewed are Mary Ellen Bauman, Jake Martin, Florence "Sis" McKillips, and a joint interview with Paul Brown and, good friend, Fritz Ziegler. These are unique and very special recollections of an earlier time.

April 1, 1886 - "The Island, or rather the people thereof, seem to have awakened to the wants of life here below and gone to work with a will to prune and cultivate, and on every hand is heard the click of the shears, and as he passes the 'corners,' the entire absence of the loafer and corner holders convince him that the year's work has begun and the days of idleness have passed. The prospect for an abundant crop of grapes is flattering, while reports from all points indicate an increased demand for our growing crop of limestone.

There is but little interest felt here over the spring election, and the selection of the various officers will be, as usual, non-partisan. The question of purchasing a hearse by the township is the only question before the people likely to produce any division. Navigation can now be considered as fairly open."



Tarzan the dog postcard

We have a Mascot You probably know him as Tarzan the Talking Dog from the Casino

The Tarzan story from Kelleys Life printed in 2012 was only a part of his story. “During remodeling, workers made an unexpected discovery. A postcard was buried in a bottle under the floor boards. Inside the bottle was a postcard, picturing a dog named “Tarzan” with this message in the back: “Tarzan The Talking dog was killed by Frank Hamilton of Kelleys Island July 22nd, 1958”. The dog belonged to Ray and Ann Tacke of Kelleys Island and he earned the reputation as a talking dog when he ordered a hamburger in New Orleans. He was an English Bulldog. We elected to have Tarzan as our mascot. We now have stuffed animal Tarzan pups in the gift shop. Come visit; children are encouraged to find Tarzan and hide him for others to find.



ABOUT THE LODGE AND THAT SCHOOL BELL –

We recently received this bell. It is 18” in diameter and 18” high and is suspended from a bracket on a post. It was in the Wendt’s garden for years and Jim Miller arranged for the donation and transport of the bell to our museum. The bell is stamped Frederick Town Ohio and on the reverse side C D. According to the Fredricktown Historical Society, the J. B. Foote Foundry produced these bells between 1850 and early 1900’s. The foundry recently closed.

The earliest reference to a school bell on the Island was part of an article on the value of The Lodge, written in 1870. The debate contained pros and cons of the value of The Lodge, which met at the Store on the Corner every day. The issues involved the time that men spent in the store, the way everything smelled of tobacco, the men lounging on the counter on top of the merchandise, and the attraction to children to eavesdrop on conversations. These debates were often more humorous than real, but always contained a grain of truth.

“It is well known that a great share of the male inhabitants of the Island are frequenters of the Lodge, or literally speaking, the so-called institution at the store of A. S. Kelley & Co., for the purpose of ‘killing time.’ With many persons this as a habit becomes chronic and they cannot help going there every day and passing away a share, at least, of their time, any more than they can go without eating. It has been so with myself. Many go immediately after breakfast, loaf around until about dinner time, come again in the afternoon and stay until supper time. If they are not found there again in the evening, they have to be turned out when Jerry [Dean] locks up for the night. On rainy and stormy days the attendance at the Lodge is more numerous. As many of the irregular members turn out and attend, but on holidays (which by the way come oftener on this Island than at any other place I was in) there is a full attendance all day and such a jam as those who go to trade or for their mail can testify.



Now the question arises, what good comes from the institution? And are not the evil results apparent to every one? Is the time spent there used to the best advantage or in fact, to any good advantage? I claim the evil so far out balances the good that it is a serious damage as stated in the resolution. The injury sustained by each individual member is perhaps in proportion to the amount of time he spends at the Lodge. The damage to community is partly through the influence of members, partly from the fact that affairs of importance are neglected while in attendance at the Lodge, which affect others, and partly from the direct effect upon persons attending the store for purposes of business and upon children who like to listen to older persons, many times to things they ought not to hear or know, and often forgetting their errand or that the school bell has rung...”

February 3, 1887, a “petition to incorporate this township as a village is being circulated, and has already some 80 signatures. As an incorporated village we can get back $\frac{3}{4}$ of the money paid under the Dow law, which would otherwise go into the county treasury – a sum which would pay all the expenses of the township. W. W. Bowen of your city will represent the petitioners before the Commissioners and as it only takes 30 signers under the law it is hard to see why the enterprise will not succeed.”



THE BREAKERS BALL

THE MOST UNIQUE AND EXCITING EVENT OF THE YEAR

We need your help to make our Breakers Ball, a Roaring Twenties themed, *wave-breaking*, yard party, fund-raiser a success. Your help and support will allow the Kelleys Island Historical Association to continue its work with the museum, and the ongoing restoration of the Old Stone Church and Parsonage located on Division Street in the heart of our island.

2016 KIHA's Roaring Twenties Benefit, ***The Breakers Ball***. July 30th 5:00-8:00 p.m. at 424 Dwelle Lane. The North Coast band will provide dancing music, there will be 'beverages,' appetizers, gift bags, and lots of surprises.

The Breakers Ball goal is being held to raise money to complete the installation of the new windows and shore up the floor of the Old Stone Church, as well as to restore and repurpose the parsonage. There are several ways to help out:

Purchase a ticket to this most unusual event. You can sponsor a table or simply purchase a single ticket. Come dressed as a flapper, a mobster, or a Federal agent!

In Memory Of - Make a donation in memory of a loved one. We will have a special memorial table where you can share their story.

Sponsorship - Become a Breaker's Ball sponsor! Sponsors are so very important to organizations like us. By becoming a sponsor you become a significant part of our goals and accomplishments. The best part is that you will have preferred seating overlooking the lake at this Roaring 20's themed event.



Reserve your seat or table and we will make sure you receive the secret password to get into the party.

THE ISLAND & PROHIBITION

Did you know that several Island wineries survived Prohibition by doing several things: They sold grapes, grape juice, Sacramental wine and kits to make Wine Vinegar. The instructions were clear and at one point in the instructions, the purchaser was cautioned to proceed to the next step as failure to do so would result in the production of an alcoholic beverage, which was, of course, against the law!

Silent Auction Donations

Please consider **donating a product, service, gift basket or gift certificate.** The silent auction will be one of the highlights of the event and is a great marketing opportunity for your company or organization and to show your support of our island's heritage. We will acknowledge your generous donation by:

Listing your company and donation in our event program.

Listing your company on the Kelleys Island Historical Association website and in the newsletter

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Have questions or need someone to pick-up your donation? Contact Jane Overcashier Diemer (216-780-4625), or email her at djdiemer@sbcglobal.net. Donations may be mailed to:

KIHA Silent Auction

PO Box 328

Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438

I want to THANK YOU for your support of the island and its history.

Chuck Herndon, President of the Kelleys Island Historical Association

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THE ISLAND HOUSE PITCHER

In the last newsletter we mentioned that Jane Wick donated this small pitcher, likely pewter, and only 5 inches tall. It was blackened by a fire and partially cleaned. Written in script under the lip on the bowl is *Island House*. It is one of the serving pitchers used at the Island House Hotel before it burned to the ground in 1877. This is a remarkable piece and we consider it a very rare piece of the Island's history.



The disastrous fire of November 1, that destroyed the 102 room hotel owned by Jacob Rush, was caused by a chimney fire. "The flames were first discovered issuing from the roof near one of the chimneys in the old part of the building. [This would have been the original Kelley home onto which several additions had been made.] Every

effort was of course made to suppress the fire, but owing to the inadequate facilities for that purpose on the Island, the flames could not be checked and soon enveloped the entire building...When it was seen that the flames could not be extinguished and that the house must inevitably be reduced to ashes, the Islanders turned their attention to saving the furniture, about 1/3 of which they succeeded in getting out of the burning building. The store of Erastus Huntington, near the hotel, caught fire several times and was only saved by the almost superhuman exertions of the bucket brigade."

Make sure you stop by the downtown park on Islandfest Saturday when we dedicate the Island's second Historic Marker celebrating the rich history of the Kelley Family and their home – The Island House.

OUR 'NEW' MUSEUM

The Kelleys Island Historical Assoc. was formed 30 years ago. Since then



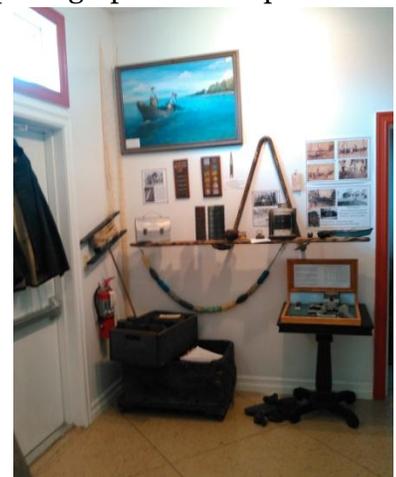
our dedicated volunteers worked to actually build a modern museum. Leslie Korenko has worked all winter reorganizing all the displays into zones – like Fishing, Wineries, Home Life, etc. This allowed us to display so many more items in our collection. In addition, she designed almost 100 posters with loads of old photographs that explain our Island's History. Instead of focusing on museum quality pieces, you can now get a more personal experience. In fact, Tarzan, our mascot, has been



exploring a little. You can follow his adventures in the museum on Facebook: Kelleys Island History Museum.

Our special display this year is courtesy of

Patti Fresch and tells the story of the Island Bars & Saloons.



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Vi's Island Treasures – One very unique Island gift shop is located next to the Kelleys Mansion. You can't miss the purple door! You can find 14kt. gold and sterling jewelry, Swarovski crystal sunglasses, frogs by Kitty Critters, nautical gifts, McCalls candles, a fine line of one-of-a-kind clothing. 419-746-2268 Website: [Vi's Island Treasures](http://www.vislandtreasures.com)



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email KelleysIsland@cros.net, website: [Crafts](http://www.craftslakeview.com)



Unc'l Dik's - Just a little off the beaten path, at the end of Division St. you'll find hand dipped Toft's ice cream (to cool you down), hot dresses and jewelry (to dress you up), snacks (to feed your body) and a small general store (for almost all your needs). located at 833 Division St, website: [Unc'l Diks](http://www.uncldiks.com)



The Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Gardens are located on the east side of the island at the end of Dwelle Lane near the airport. On the grounds overlooking the lake, are two studios, two galleries, and a ten acre sculpture garden. His collection includes large and small stone sculptures, bronze sculpture, acrylic paintings, drawings, and photographs. Herndon's work is inspired by The Island and the lake surrounding. www.charlesherndon.com 419 746-2249: Stop by and or make an appointment.



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