

Kelleys Island Historical Association

Volume 12 Issue 3 Page 1

July, 2016



**TICKETS ARE GOING FAST
GET YOURS TODAY!**
Roaring Twenties Benefit for KIHA
July 30th, 2016 5-8pm
The Breaker's Ball

Inside This Issue

- 1 - Breakers Ball
- 2 - Annual Meeting, Election of Board, Donations, Membership
- 3 - Needs Assessment, This year's quilt, 50/50 winners, Arts & Crafts Show, Additions to our Collection.
- 4 - Business Members

Board Members

Terri Behrends (Vice President)
Pat Fresch
Chuck Herndon (President)
Janet Killam
Leslie Korenko (Secretary)
Andrew Muskara
Kevin Pape
Jeri Himmelein Yoest

Treasurer: Dee Dee Archibold Ritchie
Newsletter: Cindy Herndon
Online Presence: Leslie Korenko

Save the Dates:

- 7/30 - Breakers Ball
8/6 - Arts & Crafts Show
8/14 - Annual Meeting & Speaker
9/10 - Yard Sale &
Butterfly Festival

BREAKERS BALL - The Kelleys Island Historical Assoc. invites you to take a trip back in time to the Roaring 20's in the form of one very unique benefit to support their efforts to preserve the Old Stone Church and its parsonage on July 30, from 5-8 p.m. The gala will be held on the grounds of the Herndon Gallery on Dwelle Lane, overlooking beautiful Lake Erie. The historic house, now known as The Breakers, was built by Sylvester S. Dwelle in 1862 and is the perfect location for this gala. One can almost see bootleg kegs washing up on shore after they were dumped by rumrunners escaping the Feds who would have been in hot pursuit.

Brush up on your Charleston dance moves, rouge up your knees, and kick up your heels since there will be dancing to the music of the 16 piece North Coast Concert Band. Along with dancing, there will be a silent auction, games and loads of fun activities. The hard part will be trying to figure out how to jam it all into the event. Donations for the Silent Auction are already coming in. Along with gift certificates to local and nearby restaurants, VIP admission tickets to local attractions, and some awesome gifts, there will be some very unusual and quite extraordinary items like a kayak and all the equipment you need to experience the waters of Lake Erie up close and personal (donated by Hedda Dempsey) and an airplane tour of the Islands (thanks to Carl Krueger).

Tickets include beverages, heavy appetizers, game chips and a gift bag. Only 200 tickets will be sold and prices start at \$75. Sponsor level tables are also available.

Remember, this is Prohibition (a constitutional ban on the sale, production and transporting of alcoholic beverages effective from 1920-1933) which means booze, even bathtub gin, is illegal. But don't worry, we have the coppers in our back pocket. By all means, share this with friends you can trust, but strictly on the Q T. Remember, this is all hush-hush because we don't want the Feds to catch wind and raid the place.

So dust off your Sunday best, break out your flapper pearls and feathers, polish that Tommy Gun, and practice the Charleston because it is going to be a swell party. Can't figure out what to wear? Watch a few movies like the Night They Raided Minsky's, Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (a TV show), Bugsy Malone, and the Great Gatsby. These should be enough to inspire you. And visit the KIHA website and click on Events to listen to some era appropriate music and catch a video of young ladies doing things that they would never want to tell you about! (Wait - isn't that your grandmother?)

We expect that this most unusual event will be the Bee's Knees and quite the affair to remember and we thank you for helping make this a memorable experience.

Come as a Flapper; Come as you are; Come as a gangster or a silent screen star; dress to impress and we'll do the rest (but get your tickets before they are gone.)

<http://www.kelleysislandhistorical.org/breakers-ball.html>

The Erie Echo, 1925 - It is impossible to account for all the mishaps which occurred Friday evening, but they all took place at a different hour. Mr. Kiraly and Miss Reinheimer who were riding home in a Chevrolet, owned by Paul Bauman (the driver) broke down in the quarry and had to be towed home by a 'Flivver'. The owner of the 'flivver' had to be called out of bed as it was one-thirty A. M.

ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date – August 14 – In honor of our theme this year – Bars & Saloons – at 1:00 we will have a panel of Island bartenders sharing some of their more interesting stories about their lives as bartenders. Following the presentation we will hold our (usually short) annual meeting and refreshments. You can tour the museum for free that day. This is a great opportunity to meet Tarzan our mascot, listen to the Big Chuck & Li'l John show about Kelleys Island, tour the museum and see all the new goodies we have in the gift shop. There are four seats up for election this year. We regretfully accepted Jeri Yoest's decision to decline another term and we are pleased that Chris Carrig has decided to run for a seat.

Meet Chris Carrig: "I have a deep love for the island that started when my parents began taking me there in the 1960s; my grandparents were visiting Kelleys Island forty years before that. Our family home, which I intend to make my permanent residence someday, was built by my parents and lies just across the road [from the museum]. I believe in the importance of volunteerism, and have enjoyed doing so over the years. I do have board experience as well, most recently with the St. Francis de Sales Parish Federal Credit Union (now All Saints FCU.) At St. Francis de Sales I was the board Secretary for eight years before accepting the part-time paid position of Manager/Accountant and Board Treasurer. Since then, we merged with All Saints, which ended my Manager role, but chose to stay on as a Trustee. Before that, I managed the charitable bingo game at St. Francis de Sales church, responsible for nearly eighty volunteers. I have participated in KIHA events, namely the Tour of Homes and yard sale during Treasure Island and the Butterfly Festival. As I said, I have a deep love for Kelleys Island and its rich heritage and history, which the Historical Association is key helping to preserve. I would like to be a part of that mission."

MEMBERSHIP - Welcome new LIFE Member Janet Killam.

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. Tarzan wants to remind you you keep him in kibbles (he made us mention that). But more importantly, to us, your membership allows us to keep our doors open so we can share the Island's history with residents and visitors. Preserving this Island's history is our Number One priority and we cannot do it without you! Meet Tarzan on our website:

<http://www.kelleysislandhistorical.org/tarzan.html>

**OUR ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Save the date – August 14 is our Annual Meeting. We will have several of the Island's popular bartenders sharing their stories 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* Marilyn Dauch – Benny & Lynette Dauch, D. M. Keegan, Timothy & Melanie Taylor Lyle Bickley –Maureen, Layne and Maggie Meader at Frost Brown Todd LLC.

General Donations: June Campbell and Nancy Taylor

THE HISTORY FUND CHECK-OFF IS SAVED - Great news for Ohio history enthusiasts! Legislation to protect the Ohio History Fund tax check-off has been signed. The threshold is now lowered from \$150,000 to \$50,000 with elimination for check-offs that fall short five consecutive years, instead of two. Many of our history grants come from this fund.

July 1, 1925 Sandusky Star-Journal - Fritz Schultz, while working with his fishing twine on the north dock, tripped and fell and broke a leg. Dr. Haas adjusted the fracture whereupon Schultz was put aboard Joe Nowak's launch and rushed to Sandusky to be placed in Good Samaritan Hospital. Joseph Mervo, an employee of the KIL&T Co., had a foot badly crushed under a rolling stone. Frank Nowak, of Cleveland, has brought five more silver foxes to the silver fox farm. The farm is in charge of Herbert Pringnitz.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT – One terribly snowy day in April, Mark Sundlov of the Ohio History Connection, made it to the Island and met with a small but interested group of current and past Board Members to conduct a Needs Assessment. After reviewing our guiding documents, past newsletters, our online presence (Facebook and Website) he was impressed that we were in such good shape. In fact, he said our guiding documents were in better shape than most organizations. But that didn't mean we could not improve. At the top of his list was to foster a more cohesive Board. He suggested revising our mission and vision to a more clear, concise statement. We knew we needed a strategic plan (which he supported) and he suggested we establish term-limits for Board Members. He encouraged us to identify our audience (we had mostly done that already – it is mostly tourists) and encouraged us to create programs for young families. He was a little off the mark when he suggested sponsoring some winter activities though. He thought we could more adequately represent and celebrate the archaeological and historic asses on the Island and encouraged us to find a use for the parsonage. All in all, these were issues that we were already considering, except for that whole winter program thing!

THIS YEAR'S QUILT – Teri made yet another spectacular quilt for this year's raffle. She dedicates this one to the Betzenheimer Brothers: Jack, Alvie, Lawrence and Francie.

50/50 WINNER Congratulations to Pam Betzenheimer (May) and John Sinkovic (June).

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW – AUGUST 6 10-4 - A dozen artists, authors, and crafters have already signed up already and there is space for just a few more. This will be one of our biggest shows ever! It's not too late. The space is free but you must sign up first. KImuseum@msn.com

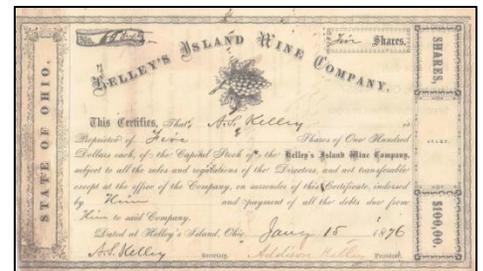


ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTION

It is so rewarding when we get items from people who say they 'got this on the island years ago.' Remember we are always looking for Island-related items. Do you even remember who those people are in those black and white photos? What about that little something you found in the woods or got at a yard sale?

Remember, these are bits of pieces of island history and we would sure love to have them. Better us than the trash heap when someone 'helps' you spring clean by dumping all that "old stuff"!

OUR THANKS TO: June Campbell for the Blue Willow plate. **William S. Knadler of Norwalk** for an Original stock certificate for The Kelley's Island Dock & Steam, Boat Co., 1907 & Reduction of Capital Stock certificate 1907, as well as high quality copies of :Lake Erie Steamboat Co of Sandusky 1874, Sandusky Island & Lake Shore Steamboat Co. of Sandusky 1894 The Johnsons Island Pleasure Resort Co. 1907, Sandusky City & Cedar Point Co. undated 18__ . Also Kelley's Island Wine Co – made out to A. S. Kelley for 5 shares, dated January 15, 1876 and signed by A. S. Kelley and Addison Kelley.



April 30 1924 (Sandusky Journal) – Give \$60,000 as loss at Kelleys as plant burns – Only walls of grape juice plant standing; owners will rebuild. The estimated loss when the plant of the Bay Grape Juice Company, one of the oldest and largest buildings on the island was destroyed by fire, was placed Wednesday at approximately \$60,000. Machinery and other contents represent about 60% of the loss. The fire of unknown origin, started Monday night in an adjacent building, used as a distillery when William Becker operated the plant as a wine cellar. The fire was discovered after it had gained much headway and the alarm could not be given, owing to the discontinuance of telephone service after 10 o'clock.

The building was erected in 1881 by William Becker, who sold it last year to the present owners. For years many tons of grapes raised on the island were annually turned into wine within its walls. From 10 to 12 men were employed in the plant at the time it was destroyed. The grape juice company plans to rebuild as soon as the loss is adjusted, probably the first of next week. If the walls left standing prove substantial, repairs will be made and the present building will be rebuilt. It will be entirely equipped with new machinery and will be otherwise repaired on the interior.

Kelleys Island Historical Association
PO Box 328
Kelleys Island Ohio 43438

A 501 c 3 organization
Your contributions are deductible.

Let's make history together!
www.KelleysIslandHistorical.org
Facebook: Kelleys Island History Museum
Twitter: @KImuseum

THANKS TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS – SUPPORT THEM LIKE THEY SUPPORT US.



Vi's Island Treasures
419-746-2268
<http://www.kelleysislandchamber.com/place/vis-island-treasures/>



Crafts Lakeview Lane
cottages, motel & bait shop
Email: KelleysIsland@cros.net
<http://www.kelleysisland.com/properties/crafts-lakeview-lane/>



**Lake Disposal Services
of Northern Ohio**
<http://lakedisposal.com/index.html>
877-582-6800
LakeDisposal@yahoo.com



**The Charles Herndon
Galleries & Sculpture Gardens**
www.charlesherndon.com
419 746-2249



GFS
Just tell them your business
is
KELLEYS ISLAND HIST ASS
(just saying it is fun).



Unc'l Dik's
833 Division St.
<http://www.kelleysislandchamber.com/place/uncls-diks/>



Register your [Kroger Plus Card](#).
When you go Krogering – they
donate to us.
www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com



Do you shop on Amazon? Click on the
box or use the link below
[https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_ge_rl
rd_gw? encoding=UTF8&ein=34-1329728](https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_ge_rl_rd_gw?encoding=UTF8&ein=34-1329728)