

Kelleys Island Historical Association

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Important Dates 2017

May 20 – Free Museum Day
August 5 – Arts & Craft Show
August 20 - Annual meeting and program
September 9 - Yard sale and Butterfly Festival

Did you know – We currently have well over 1000 followers on Facebook? And we are proud to announce that in 2016 – over 2400 people signed our museum guestbook, which is twice as many as in 2013. Along with visitors from a whole lot of States, we also had visitors from Nepal, England, Serbia Ukraine, Pelee Island, Canada, Scotland, France, Malaysia, Taiwan, China, S. Africa, Switzerland, Turkey and San Juan. We are so International now.

What have we been doing all winter? Leslie Korenko (our secretary) covers emails, inquiries, genealogy and keeps our website current. Patti Fresch is working on the kitchen display. Janet Killam and Cindy Herndon are working on our super secret Men of Kelleys Island calendar – it will be so worth the wait! We have been doing lots of winter yard work: Teri Behrends (in the garden), Chuck Herndon (trimming trees and bushes and hauling debris) and Leslie Korenko (cutting vines). Our Thanks to Terry Haas for letting us do some trimming in her yard to make our museum more visible. By the way, Leslie & Bruce scavenged one (only slightly beat up) glass front bulletin board for the porch. Now we have a better place to share museum news and posters.

A WOMEN'S WORK – 1867

“Somebody says ‘Did you ever think of the amount of thought requisite to plan

three meals a day for 365 days in succession? To prepare enough and not too much, and for those living at a distance from the village, to remember that the stock of flour, sugar, tea, etc., is replenished in due time. Do you ever think of the multitude of her cares and duties?’

She must rise early to prepare breakfast or oversee it. Perhaps there are children to wash, dress and feed, or to get ready for school with their dinners. There is baking, sweeping, dusting, making beds, lunch for the men, maybe dinner and supper to be made ready at the proper time. The washing, starching, folding and ironing of the clothes, the care of milk including the making of butter and cheese, and the inevitable washing of dishes.

In autumn, there is the additional work of picking, preserving and canning of fruit, drying apples, boiling cider, making apple sauce, with the still more unpleasant task which falls to her lot in butchering time. Then there is haying, harvesting, sheep-shearing, etc., when more help is needed, bringing an increase of her labors. Twice a year comes house-cleaning. By the way, of all the foes a housekeeper has to contend with, dirt is the greatest. She may gain a complete victory and think to repose upon her laurels after semi-annual engagements, but it is only temporary. The enemy soon returns and even daily skirmishing does not keep it at bay.

There is the mending too. Sewing machines are great blessings, but they can't set in a patch or darn the stocking. I do not mention these things by way of complaining of woman's lot in general, or asking for her any rights which she does not possess.

I don't know as there is any remedy in the present state of the world. It seems to be one of the evils of life which must be borne as we bear other ills. But what I do ask is a due appreciation of the important part that woman acts, and a concession that her labors, mental and physical, are as great, all things considered, as those of the other sex. Women are not so childish that a little sympathy now and then, or acknowledgement of their efforts and sacrifices, make them imagine their case worse than it is. I tell you, men and husbands, ‘it doeth good like a medicine,’ and many a poor, crushed, broken-down wife and mother is dying for want of it.”

Thanks to Leslie Korenko for sharing this story as part of an old-time kitchen display this year.



REMEMBERING ILA DICK

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of Ila Dick, who passed away January 18th. Ila was not just our friend but also an important part of this association and its history. Ila was a Charter member of this organization – she was with us right from the beginning. She served on KIHA Board from 1983-1989 and again from 1998-2015. She also served as Treasurer and Vice President, and for many years she was Head of Acquisitions. That is an incredibly long time to give to an organization. Ila did not just sit in on meetings, she worked hard and made many significant contributions. Ila researched and became well educated in preservation techniques. Each year she recruited volunteers to help catalog and protect donations. Many people asked to “work with Ila in the cage,” (our secure storage area). Ila worked closely with this group as they spent many hours sifting through photographs, donated artifacts, and documents. One of her biggest accomplishments was cataloging and organizing hundreds of postcards relating to the island. That collection is located in the revolving postcard cabinet at the museum.

In 2015, we dedicated the Island’s first historic plaque and Ila was there celebrating the history of the Old Stone Church and Parsonage. Many people were lucky to visit with her at the Breakers Ball last summer.

Ila not only took care of other peoples’ donations, she donated so many of her personal items to our collection too. We thank Ila for her incredible efforts to expand and enrich our collections. Almost all the items the Military display came from Ila. She is, and will always be, remembered fondly. Anne Eddoes said it best – “Ila made many contributions to the development of the KIHA over the years. I will miss her.” Our sympathy to Ila’s family, friends, and Kelleys Island community as we mourn the loss of a dear soul.

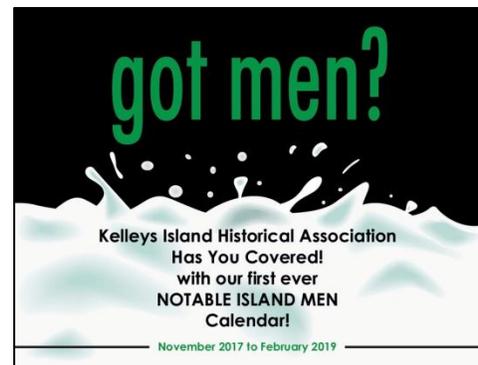


ON MY – WHAT A CALENDAR – How would you like to start each month with a giggle and a smile of delight? Get ready to do just that, courtesy of the Kelleys Island Historical Association. Be sure to order your very own, limited edition, calendar of Kelleys Island’s most notable men! Professional photographer and islander Erin Gee-Foster has captured these men in a poses that, we are certain, you could have only dreamed!

These are men of distinction. They are the movers, shakers, and history makers of our island paradise. They are quite an alluring lot, if we do say so ourselves.

Featured on this calendar are: Ben Elfers (find out why we call him Big Ben), artist Chuck Herndon, wine aficionado Toby Zettler; our handsome heroes Russell Maust, Shawn Craig, Jack Hostal. Don’t forget Mayor Arden Cooper! (And you thought all he had were leadership qualities!) There are pillars of the community: our lovable high fiver, Mr. Gary Finger, Brett Maiers, Ed Terry, and Paul Finnegan; and let us not forget Bobby Skeans, Mike Feyedelem, Pat Hayes, and Pete Legere. You will see a different side to these surprisingly sexy men: a little hunky, a little provocative, and utterly charming.

Calendars are available for just \$15.00 on our website at www.kelleysislandhistorical.org, in our gift shop and in a few local shops and restaurants. All profits will go towards repairing the floor and maintaining the structure in our historic German Reformed Church and for the church parsonage. Watch for some special events too! We hope to get all the men together for a calendar signing! This is a limited run so order your calendars now.



OUR WISH LIST – Here are some things we can use that you probably have gathering dust in your house: USED INK CARTRIDGES we recycle them for store credit, PICNIC BENCHES that we can use for the Butterfly Festival, a TINY REFRIGERATOR to keep our water cold and STUFF FOR OUR YARD SALE (keep us in mind as you spring clean your house).

HERE'S WHERE WE SAY THANKS!

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS –

*We welcomed six **NEW LIFE MEMBERS** this year:* Dan & Lizabeth Fresch, Michael & Janet Killam, Peter Mooney, Christopher Walcott, Micki Wiles and Jim & Barb Zeller.

Our **PATRON MEMBERS** are pretty special too: Diane Creamer, Leo & Marian Goldner, Tom & Dee Hartley, Mark & Jackie Kettunen, Carol Lasser & Gary Kornblith, Mary Jo Lacamp, David Lambros, Ron & Elaine Lickfelt, Phil & Karen Morrison, Allen/Diane/Erin Nickles, William & Diane Scott, James Selfe, Robert & Jane Wick, and Toby Zettler.

DONATIONS – People are generous and we can prove it. So many people responded to our end of year fund drive. It is these generous people that allow us to continue sharing this Island's very interesting history. Our thanks to:

In memory/honor of - John Peajeau – Chuck & Cindy Herndon; Wayong Semer – Chuck & Cindy Herndon; Bill Gorchester – Deanna Allensworth & Sharon & Jim McIntire; Robert Schnittker – Carol Schnittker; Dr. Jeanne Lackamp – Jennifer McWilliams; Florence Spirk – Dee & John Spirk; Lyle Bickley – Mike & Vi Feyedelem; Herb Bickley – Mike & Vi Feyedelem; Logan Bickley – Mike & Vi Feyedelem; Joe & Monica Feyedelem – Mike & Vi Feyedelem; Frank Pohorence – W. Kevin Pape & Kimberly Starbuck; Don Haas – Sharon & Jim McIntire; Ila Dick – Laura Jean Pohorence, Lizabeth Fresch, and Chuck & Cindy Herndon; LaVerne Ehrbar - Chuck & Cindy Herndon; Gye Landis - Chuck & Cindy Herndon, Paul Mack – Chuck & Cindy Herndon

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Our thanks to these people who went a little further: Kenneth & Polly Burns; Robert & Mary Quillin; Barbara O'Connor; Roger & Lynne Renwick; John & Dee Spirk; Edward & Carol Nofziger; Mike & Vi Feyedelem; Kevin & Kim Pape; and John & Judy Kobs

*And our **special thanks** to Jim & Barb Zeller and Bobbie Jo Kennedy & Chris Kipfer for their incredible generosity.*

It's not too late – You can still donate and help us continue to share our history. We acknowledge each and every donation so you will be ready at tax time. Since we are a 501(C)(3) corporation, your contributions are tax deductible. Your generosity keeps our doors open.

Thank you Kroger – We received a check for \$38.38 from Kroger because you signed up for the Kroger charitable giving program! It is so easy, just click here <https://www.kroger.com/account/create> and register your Kroger shopper card. Every time you shop, Kroger donates back to us.



OUR EVENT LIST FOR THIS YEAR

May 20 – International Museum Day – This is our opening day and we unveil the 2017 feature display – a Kelleys Island Kitchen and we added three new quilts and a quite a bit of horse tack.

August 5 – **Arts & Craft Show 10 to 2.** Showcase your talent whether it is Music, Jewelry, Pottery, Writing, Painting, Knitting, Sewing, or that category that simply defies description. The space is free but you need to pre-register. The form is on our website under events.

August 20 - **Our Annual meeting** will be at the Old Stone Church. Watch for the announcement about our Guest Speaker. This is a great chance to tour the museum and church and refreshments will be served on the museum porch.

September 9 - **Butterfly Festival and Island-wide garage sale.** Fortify yourself at our Bake Sale before touring the Island's yard sales, then come back at 11 a.m. for a presentation on the Monarch Butterfly and a butterfly banding. You can even adopt a butterfly.



SPRING CLEANING? Remember, if it is too good to throw out, donate it to us for our yard sale. We accept donations all summer.

OUR NEW WINDOWS – After all the planning and fund raising, the installation of the new windows in the church is complete (except for the small one in front which will be installed shortly and some trim painting). What a job it was.

It was Joe Tesauro, who owns the Chagrin Falls, Ohio contracting firm, Pistone and Tesauro, who evaluated the nine deteriorating church windows. The old windows had dry rot and they leaked, causing the plaster to crumble and the heat and air to work overtime. We felt comfortable with Joe doing the work, since he also installed the upper cupola windows at Kelley's Mansion. The new windows look just like the old windows, respecting the original design features and function.



Was it easy? Of course not. No two windows were the same size and each one had to be custom made. After paying his contractors for fabricating the windows, he then surprised us by donating all his own firm's time and costs for the physical installation of the windows.

We invite you to visit Old Stone German Reform Church, built in 1866, and see how lovely they turned out. Be sure to thank Joe for his generosity and attention to detail when you see him. We, as well as future generations, will be thanking him for years and years to come.

As always happens on the Island, our estimated cost for these windows came in a little low. We would like to thank Anne Eddowes and Chuck & Cindy Herndon for making a special contribution to the installation fund. We will be making up the shortfall from the proceeds from Breakers Ball.

ADOPTED BY - Each window has been adopted and a plaque will be installed showing who sponsored each window: Teri Betzenheimer-Behrends/Joan Chamberlain/Nancy Olwill in memory of the Betzenheimer and Seeholzer family, The Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation, Dr. Anne Eddowes, The Erie County Foundation, the Kelleys Island Landowners Assoc., Chris Reinhart, Fred & Betsy Stueber, Joe & Dianna Tesauro, and Fred Walcott.

OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY – now that we replaced all the windows, we are selling them for just \$85.00 each. You get one upper and lower window as shown in this picture.

It is only because of the generosity of these people that we can continue to maintain this historic church for future generations.

TERM LIMITS – One thing you will see on the ballot this year will be a proposed By-Laws change. The Board unanimously recommends that we set a term limit of two consecutive terms (two 3-year terms). The Board feels that this will keep that Board full of fresh new ideas and allow the Board's most dedicated supporters an opportunity to take a rest before running again.

NEW TREASURER – We thank Jodie Smith for stepping in and taking over the Treasurer position. Unfortunately, as these things happen, she could not fulfill her responsibilities. As a result, our newest Board member, Chris Carrig, has stepped up and will be caretaking our finances.



ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTION

Here are some of the items we received since December.

Just when we thought we had the church shed cleaned out, we found a bottle washer that was donated by LUCILLE MATHEWS many years ago. The complete list with some history on each item can be found on our website.



2015.1 JIM SELFE - Book about the "New Lake Shore Electric" the history of the electric interurbans between Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit and Lima. No. 33 is the freight car that has been turned into a home on the Island. Book put in the library.

Also three photographs of Niagara Falls from above and below and of the Niagara River in the winter taken by James Selfe. We now have quite a few of his photographs.

2016.14 BRUCE & LESLIE KORENKO

Wire spool – Empty blasting wire spool, Seminole Wire & Cable Co. founded in 1962.

Pamphlet – Christmas Cookies published by Miller Marine Service in 1952.

Wrench – 20" long, has an opening for a 2.25" bolt.

Plow blade – A three-sided blade designed to fit over the plow. Roughly 16.2" x 13". In raised letters: Oliver 40 C and in depressed letters on the side: 1871 and some letters that cannot be deciphered. In 1871, the company sold 1,500 plows per year. Found on old Hamilton farm on Long Point.

Saw blade – Metal, 30 x 2", has a hole at each end. The blade has the Champion tool configuration and was likely part of a buck saw.



2016.19 MARY WITTMAN – Revere kettle with lid. Chrome with wire handle and wood grip. Bottom: Old Copper 18 01 Revere Ware Chrome Plated, Rome NY. and small 6" mottled grey pie pan

2016.27 LAWSON & PEGGY WIDEMAN - Life Preserver –Mfg. in 1944.

2016.29 LAVERNE EHRBAR THROUGH LINDA HOSTAL

Chamber pot with lid – white metal with black trim, black wood and wire handle. A blue and white, hand stitched quilt. Vacuum Cleaner – Kirby Classic electric vacuum cleaner manufactured between 1970-1973.

Kitchen utensils: Waring Blendor (not blender) with Beehive Base & glass Clover-shaped Jar & Lid (late 1940's or early 1950's). Donkey Head Bottle opener, portable rotary grater with red wood handle. Patented 1938, jar opener with wood handle patented in 1932, meat tenderizer, two headed 'hammer' with wooden handle, Silver picnic cake and pie tin carrier, c. 1960's.

Menu – Franketti's Island House, blue cover. Items range in price for Entrees: \$2.65 for ravioli to \$5.00 for steak. Hamburgers were \$.60. no date.



2016.42 JESSIE DWELLE

History Books –Sketches & Stories of the Lake Erie Islands 1813-1913, Perry Centennial Edition, copyright 1913, Lydia J. Ryall; A History of Kelleys Island, published in 1925 by Norman Hills. Inside is signed Ernest E. James Frank E. Hamilton 12-1-1958; A Standard History of Erie Co., by Hewson L. Peek, Vols. 1 and 2, 1916; History of Erie Co. 1877, published 1889. *Items donated by Mollie Sevcik of Boardman Ohio. They were part of her Father's Collection.*

2016.43 KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES

These items were found in the church shed. Having been subjected to damp and mold for several years, many are badly damaged, gritty and have mouse damage. Ledgers, Tent rituals, laws of the Knights of the Maccabees as well as the Woman's Benefit Assoc. dated 1894 to 1933.

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