



The Village Crier

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



If you love solid wood furniture, you will be in complete awe of the Renaissance Revival Victorian bed and dresser located in the upstairs bedroom of the Lathrop House. Circa 1870, this walnut furniture was handed down through five generations of the Phillips family. Donated by Strongsville resident Karen Phillips Dzurik, the bedroom set once belonged to her grandparent's brother who gave it to her parents, Doug and Arlene Phillips. Karen graduated from Strongsville High School in 1968 and her siblings are Jim, Gary, Mark and Lynn.

Renaissance Revival (1850-1880) furniture is most noted for its prominent Renaissance and Neoclassical motifs such as flowers (shown in the photo), fruit, cartouches, rosettes, scrolls, caryatids and carved masks, occasional Egyptian motifs, and veneer panels often framed by applied molding as well as architectural motif elements – usually without any structural intent – such as pediments, columns and balusters (researched by Karen Lehman, Strongsville Historical Society Curator). The bed

has a queen size width with stunning burlled walnut panels. Burlled walnut has a beautiful, distinct grain and finish and is highly sought after by artists for things like carved wooden bowls. The burl itself is actually an abnormal growth or deformity on the walnut tree and often caused by stress on the tree.

The Village is open for tours on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. with the last tour starting at 3:00 p.m. There is a minimal fee charged for the tours, but the tour is free to new members. Visit us online at www.strongvillehistoricalsociety.org for more details.

Marsha Lundgren

HARVEST FESTIVAL

You are cordially invited to join with the community to see craftsmen and artisans who will demonstrate early pioneer arts and living skills in the Historical Village at our annual Harvest Festival September 27 & 28, 2014. There is an admission fee but the fun and entertainment of the festival far exceeds the costs. A variety of foods are available but the Pig Roast on the village grounds is the highlight Saturday and the Chicken Dinner on Sunday at the Strongsville Methodist Church is scrumptious. Look for more details about the festival in the next newsletter.

However, more importantly at this time we need workers to help in a variety of tasks. We are looking for docents, people to help at the food tent or chicken dinner, demonstrators and so much more. Please call Jean Wittrock at 440-

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567-5152 or email at jwittrock3@aol.com to donate your time.

We truly hope you are able to join us this year. We have already lined up a new demonstration of a telephone switchboard and are hopeful the restoration of the barn is complete for all to see. Please come! Don't be afraid to share your talents with our visitors and friends!

MANY THANKS, CHARLOTTE



After more than a dozen years as the coordinator of the school tours for the Village, Charlotte Schneider (left) is handing over the responsibility to Emogene Eriksson (right). Charlotte will continue as a docent and help with other Historical Society events as her schedule permits. We greatly appreciate Charlotte's countless hours of dedication to this project, and Emogene's willingness to volunteer her time to work with the Strongsville elementary schools organizing the third grade class field trips to the Village.



FORWARD MARCH!

The Civil War will be remembered once again on the grounds of the Historical Society.

For five mornings July 29 through August 2, from 9 to noon, next year's third, fourth, and fifth graders can participate in Ohio Camp 150, Year 3. Recruits will be instructed by members of the 29th Ohio Voluntary Infantry, witness Abraham Lincoln deliver the Gettysburg Address, experience the life of Nora, the Mater's cook, learn first-hand the weapons used during the Civil War, learn about the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, and visit the nearby gravesites of Strongsville's Civil War veterans.

Included in their week's tuition of \$80.00, each recruit will receive a Union kepi, a canvas haversack, and a water bottle carrier. A snack is served daily. For registration contact Ruth Brickley at rrbrick@aol.com or call Marty Shaw at 440-878-1357 for more information.

MOO-MOO DOO-DOO

Harvest Festival is right around the corner and so is our COW PIE LOTTERY!! Tickets will be available soon. Get a chance to win \$1,000.00. They will be available at the Harvest Festival or you can call Dana at 440-572-1353 to get yours early. If any members would like to get some to sell, call Dana. This is one of our most unusual and successful fundraisers!

ASK OUR HISTORIAN...

Q. When did Strongsville High School start using a Mustang as their mascot?

A. The first mention of the Mustang was in the 1952-3 yearbook. Before that, they were known as the Terrors.

(Research by Louise Varisco, Strongsville Historical Society Historian)

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS AT THE VILLAGE



Key Bank employees Denny Lehman, Amy McKinnis, Lisa Somerman and Margaret Bewie volunteered their time cleaning and doing inventory at the Olds General Store on a very rainy May 14. Their efforts were part of Key Bank's "Neighbors Make the Difference Day". All four live in Strongsville, but work at either the Tiedeman Road or Cleveland office. Margaret complimented the Village by saying, "Sign-up sheets are posted at 9 a.m., and by 9:02 a.m. the sheet for the Strongsville Historical Village was filled. We love helping at the Village!" Thanks, Key Bank!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We would like to thank all those individuals, families, and businesses who have continually renewed their memberships; your support is greatly appreciated. This is just a reminder that if you have not had a chance yet to renew, please do so. Dues are always renewed in January and are good for a year, unless you are a Lifetime Member! A lifetime member is a person who contributes \$300 one time and does not pay dues again.

Please help us increase our membership by sharing your experiences with the Strongsville Historical Society and Village with your family and friends. We are always looking for new members and organizations that would like to join our

membership. If you run, own or know of someone who runs or owns a business and would like to join the Historical Society, please contact Dana Martin (440-572-1353) for more information on corporate memberships.

DID YOU RENEW? This will be your **LAST** newsletter unless you renew. Do you know if you are due or not? Please check the mailing label on this newsletter and if there is a colored round sticker, that means you are due for your renewal. You can just send your renewal in to the Historical Society with your check made out to Strongsville Historical Society. Thank you. If you have a dot on your label and you think you have already paid, please contact Dana, 440-572-1353.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

JoAnn Thomas

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

Cleveland Tool & Cutter Inc.

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Strongsville, Oh 44149

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Strongsville, Oh 44149

Jardine Funeral Home Inc.

15822 Pearl Rd.,
Strongsville, Oh 44136

Olympia Candies-Corn

11606 Pearl Rd.
Strongsville, Oh 44136

The Erie Landscaping Co.

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Strongsville, Oh 44149

Kalinich Fence Company, Inc.

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Strongsville, Oh 44149

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce

18829 Royalton Rd.
Strongsville, Oh 44136

Image Builders Marketing, Inc.

9780 Beechwood Dr.
North Royalton, Oh 44130

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28- Civil War Encampment for youth 9-12 noon
Aug. 1 Sign up early! Cost : \$80

Sept, 27- Harvest Festival 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 28

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