



# Kelleys Island Historical Association, Inc.

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## BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 19, 1992:

**Now is the time to start thinking about your participation in the Annual Butterfly Festival.**

As usual, it will be an active day, filled with events to enlighten and excite you.

First and foremost, start collecting articles for the Festival's sale and auction.

Any useable items in good condition are welcome donations. Proceeds from the auction and sale are a major source of the Association's funding, both for operational expenses and the BuildingFund. If you have such articles (and we

hope you do), please contact Marge Clapper (746-2577) or Bea Matso (746-2774).

The Association also will sponsor a bake sale at this event (items to be donated by Association members and friends) and craft tables' space will be made available for private vendors.

For your enlightenment and in keeping with the Butterfly Festival's tradition, the afternoon program will feature the resident entomologist from The Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island who will speak on the Monarch Butterfly and other insect life unique to the Lake Erie islands.

Finally, your personal help is being solicited. Individuals are needed to supervise sales and refreshment booths and to aid in the preparation of the Festival itself. Friends also are required for clean-up crews following the day's activities.

The Butterfly Festival is the one annual event in which all members and friends of the Association are asked to participate. Please volunteer your services and skills to Marge Clapper, chairperson of this event.

## IN MEMORIAM

The Board, members and friends of the Kelleys Island Historical Association extend their deepest sympathy to the wife and family of Ronald Bechtel.

Ron was not only a founding member of the Association, but maintained an active interest and participation in its activities until his passing.

He will be sorely missed, but the example he set will be an enduring legacy to us all. Certainly our lives were enriched by his presence among us.

## ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, August 8, at 2:00 P.M. in the Old Stone Church. In addition to the election of officers, the Board will present several proposed changes in the organization to be ratified by the members. These include: (1) increasing the number of Board members to nine, terms of which will be three years with three members to be elected each year;

(2) a slate of candidates for Board membership will be chosen from members who have been in good standing for one year and/or have been active on Association committees;

(3) regular meetings (aside from the Annual Meeting) shall not be scheduled, but held at the discretion of the Board; and

(4) it will no longer be necessary to poll members of the Board for previously approved projects.

In addition, the Board will appoint standing committees, the chairperson of each to attend Board meetings and report directly to the Board. Though these individuals will not have a vote on the Board, they will be encouraged to participate in Board deliberations.

Members are asked to give their attention to the above recommended resolutions and to attend the Annual Meeting for a discussion and vote on same.

## DUES DUE!

This is the time of year that annual dues are being received. Since its organization over a decade ago, the Association has not raised the individual annual dues. And for the 1992-1993 year, the price of membership remains at \$5.00.

By the same token, Patron memberships still are \$100.00 and Life Memberships \$500.00.

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**Dues, continued:**

For your convenience an addressed return envelope is included with this Newsletter for your dues and other donations. Your continued support is appreciated and essential to our fulfilling of our charge to preserve our Island's heritage.

One more note: While your financial support is both necessary and certainly welcome, your personal involvement in the Association's activities is of equal importance. You, thus, are encouraged to volunteer some of your time and talents to Association projects.

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**TOUR OF HOMES**

Despite cold weather and a threatening gray sky, this year's Tour of Homes was a genuine success. Homes included: the Ron and Lydia Bechtel home; the O. Hugh and Catherine Lange log home; the "Kahuna Hilton" of Barbara Zorn; the "Morning Glory Farm" of Penny Kyle; and the "Winestone House" of Blackwell, Dawley, James, and Leidheiser families. In addition, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church; Zion United Methodist Church; and the Association's headquarters, the Old Stone Church, were included in the tour.

The Association conveys its grateful thanks to those whose homes were included in this year's tour and to the Committee (Fran Minshall, Ila Dick, Marge Clapper, and Lois Brown) which organized the event.

Last, but certainly not least, to be commended for their efforts were the following who sold tickets, prepared baked goods, acted as servers, and were hosts and hostesses. With their help, the Tour was a resounding success. They included: Bea Matso, Barbara Schock, Ann Haas, Helene Coulon, Laverne Ehrbar, Petty Pape, Florence "Sis" McKillips, Nadine Mack, Madeline Williams, Fran Johnson, Katherine Lange, Nancy Stoetzer, Gerry Bickley, Laura Jean Pohorence, Lee and Coradine Myers, Ron Myers, The Rev. Mr. Warren Walton, Lucille Mathews, Poppy Hodgson, and Vi Feyedelem. Transportation was furnished by Rob McCullough.

Again, thanks to all!

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**BED AND BREAKFAST RAFFLE**

The Board, at its spring meeting, approved, as a fund-raising project, a raffle, the prize for which will be a "Bed and Breakfast" week-end of the winner's choice (space permitting) at the Johnson's "Sweet Valley Inn." Tickets are \$1.00

each or six for \$5.00. The drawing will take place at the Butterfly Festival, September 19. Ticket books have been included in the mailing of this issue of the Newsletter. Should you desire more, call or write Bea Matso (746-2774).

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**TOUR GUIDE**

Every year, literally thousands of tourists come to our Island. We see them walking along our streets, enjoying the scenery from the trams, and, perhaps, wondering what we are all about.

Just so, there has never been an adequate tour guide to the Island as it now exists. True, much of the tangible heritage has been lost over the years. But much still is in evidence, much to be explained to the curious visitor and, in some cases, to us residents, summer or year 'round.

In order to fill this void -- and, at the same time, raise funds for Association projects -- a tour guide has been put together, consisting of pictures of Island landmarks together with a description of each illustration. Some fifty pages in length, it tells the story of the Island's evolution and development. It is arranged in such a manner as to make a walking, bicycling, or auto tour of the Island easy and enjoyable.

Especial thanks in compiling this item go to Russ Matso and Betty Pape, whose research, personal memories, and knowledge of the Island have been invaluable. The excellent photographs by Michael Mielke greatly enhance the Guide.

At the present time, the Board is soliciting information on the methods and costs of publication. The proposed price of \$3.95 should cover expenses and yield a good profit for the Association. Comments from possible vendors indicate a brisk sale.

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**MUSEUM BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Hugh Lange reports that the Museum Building Committee continues to formulate plans for both fund-raising and the structure itself. A full, up-to-date report will be given at the Annual Meeting.

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**COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S POTLUCK.....**

on Saturday, July 11, was a genuine success. Nearly one hundred members and friends of the Association turned out to share in the "fish stories" of a dozen former Kelleys Island commercial fishermen, enjoy a good meal, and socialize together. Thanks to Cindy Herndon and her "crew" for making this a fine event.

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**DON'T FORGET THAT "DUES ARE DUE."**