



T W I N S B U R G HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Help Wanted

With all of the many projects we are planning we need many hands to make them work. The Riley House on Liberty Road is in need of repairs including scraping, painting the exterior and repairing windows. We are eager to get ahead of winter so we have enlisted the aid of students from the History Department from KSU's main campus. Students, working under the guidance of Professor Leslie Heaphy will be gathering at the historical house on October 20 to begin scraping off all the old paint in preparation for the new. This is just the beginning of our collaboration with the university. We look forward to collaborating on research projects and developing a docent program and educational activities for all grades. This is in addition to our connection with the high school we look forward to real engagement of the younger folks who are the future of the society. We recently met with the Twinsburg Library to form another partnership to share our genealogy resources. We shared a lot of good ideas and are planning another planning session soon. We welcome any and all who have time to join us. Watch the website and the Facebook page. Message us with questions and someone will get right back to you. I mean right back.

November 2018

Mark Your Calendars:

October 25, 7PM-8PM,
Halloween Story Telling in
the Freeman Barn.

October 28, 2PM-5PM,
Open House at Museum.

November 18, 2PM-5PM,
Open House, National As-
sociation of Watch and
Clock Collectors .

December 5, 7PM, Christ-
mas Party at the Riley
House.

2018 Olde Thyme Faire Award Winning Oatmeal Cookie Recipe

Here is the recipe for Carol Krupa's Oatmeal Raisin Cookies. Carole won the baking contest at the Olde Thyme Fayre, and people have asked for her recipe:

OATMEAL - RAISIN COOKIES

1 1/4 cups butter (2 1/2 sticks)
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1-teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups quick or old-fashioned oats
2 cups raisins

Place raisins in a bowl with very hot water and let set for ~1/2 hour.
When ready to use drain the water off.
Heat oven to 375 degrees.
In a bowl combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt; mix well.
Beat butter and sugars until fluffy.
Beat in egg and vanilla.
Add combine flour, baking soda, salt and spices; mix well.
Stir in oats; stir in raisins. Batter will be very thick.
Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet.
Bake 8-9 minutes for chewy cookies, 10-11 minutes for crisp cookies.
For chewy they will not look very browned but cook more after taking them out.

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The tree ring project is complete!

Many have helped create this amazing addition to the Freeman Barn. Jack Higgins donated and brought this huge crosscut piece of the white oak that had once shaded his side yard. Dale Sasala sanded and smoothed it and Ken Roddie applied coats of sealer. Twinsburg's Naturalist, Stanley Stine, worked with two of Nora Suder Riley's science classes from Twinsburg High School to count the rings....not easy. The final count is 181 or 182. Cate Merriman, Bill Marshall, Bonnie Williams, Rich Bis-



sell, and Audrey Kancler narrowed down a long list of dates and marked the tree accordingly. Pictured is the finished project - but it looks much better in person, so come see for yourself. Our next open house is Sunday, Oct. 28 - 2:00-5:00.

Story Telling in the Barn

We have partnered with the Twinsburg Library to bring you this program. This year the event will take place on Thursday, October 25th from 7 to 8 pm in the Freeman Barn. (next to the Museum)

Starting this month, our newsletter will feature a brief biography about our trustees, when space permits. The first one to go is our president, Andy Tomko.

Andy was born in a small mining town in Pennsylvania just south of Pittsburg. His family moved to Ohio when he was only three so Andy grew up in Maple Heights. He graduated from Maple Heights High School in 1973. He has a BA from Malone University and an MBA from Kent State University.

In 1978 he married Betty Quesenberry and they make their home in Twinsburg, Betty's hometown. Andy had many occupations before starting his own ERP Software Implementation Company. He serviced the Healthcare Industry with contracts with The Cleveland Clinic and other major healthcare clients throughout the country until he retired in 2017.

After retiring, the society caught his attention. His wife Betty, was a trustee previously. He had the idea of preserving as much history as possible by digitizing documents and pictures. "I hope to bring the past into the 21st century with my information technology background." After serving a year as a trustee, Andy succeeded Jon Howard as president and is now in his second term.

"We hope to engage the younger generation" He has already reached out to Superintendent Kathi Powers. "We need fresh views and thoughts to carry on the History of Twinsburg in the future. We have developed a partnership with the local school district to try to get the younger residents more involved." He also reached out to Kent State University and has a positive response from Professor Leslie Heaphy of their History Department. "I cannot believe that both the local school district as well as Kent State University are interested in partnering with us to help preserve local history".

"In my spare time, the love of refinishing furniture and the love of the outdoors are my passion. I love to wonder around in the national parks and state parks. The two favorite ones are Rocky Mountain National Park and The Everglades National Park. What a contrast."



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"Gold Star" Mothers of Fred Staedtler, Paul Bennett, and Bert Buganski

1947 - When the new "Buffalo" fire truck was purchased in 1947 the volunteers built a garage at the old Township Hall to house it. In 1955-56 the membership and Ladies Auxiliary constructed a new fire station next to the old city hall. By 1959 there were 45 volunteer firemen and 21 wives that belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary.



Left to Right: 1942 Autocar tanker with a 3,300 gallon tank, 1958 Chevrolet emergency truck, 1957 FWD 750 GPM pumper with 1000 gallon tank, 1947 Buffalo tanker with a 500 GPM pump and 1000 gallon tank, 1946 Dodge utility truck, and 1934 Ford pumper with 300 gallon water tank. 1934 Ford pump is still owned by Dan Simecek, Fire Chief 1986-1997.

The new fire station was a 50 x 85 block building and was completed in 1955. This was home to the Twinsburg Fire Department until June 1979 when they moved to the new fire station on Ravenna Road.

Trivia – In 1952 Reminderville built their first fire station as an extension of the Aurora Fire Department. Twinsburg volunteers helped build Fire Station 2 in Geauga Lake which became the Reminderville Fire Department with thirteen volunteers from Geauga Lake.

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