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The Village Crier

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President's Message

Even though we are closed for tours over the winter, much does take place behind the scenes.

The Chapman parlor, dining room and music room have a fresh look! Wallpaper has been added to appropriately represent the period of the house. This was done through a Memorial Donation given by the Zverina Family. Their dedication to the Society is greatly appreciated. Stop in and see the change! Previously the walls were bare plaster.

After our Vintage Wedding Show we placed many of the gowns in the Chapman House and the Lathrop House for guests on tour to see. These will be up through the month of June. Consider stopping by on a Wednesday, Friday or Saturday between 1-4 PM for a tour and see some fabulous gowns.

There is still time to reserve a tent at the YARD SALE on June 20 and 21. Call Ruth for information or just come shop from 9AM-4PM Thursday or 9AM-2PM on Friday.

If you haven't been to the Village for a tour in a while, now is the time to come see all the changes and additions. If you have donated something, it just might have been added to a display!

Be sure to check the calendar on the back to learn about upcoming events. Hope to see you at the Village soon!

Ruth Brickley

Yard Sale

Mark your calendar for our 3rd Annual Yard Sale on June 20 from 9AM-4PM and on June 21 from 9AM-2PM. We will once again need lots of help setting up, manning the sale, and cleaning up after the sale. We will be collecting donations of items to sell, with profits going to the Society. If you are cleaning out closets, settling an estate or just have household items to move on, we would love to have them at our sale. Items must be able to be carried onto the grounds, so nothing too big! Items also are requested to be in good condition. If you have anything, please call Ruth at 440-572-0535 and we will make arrangements for you to drop off your donation.

We will also be offering spaces again this year for rent. Or if you would like to have your own table and tent they will be available for \$15 per day. This offer is good until we run out of tents!

Annual Pot Luck

Join us for a short general meeting, great food and fellowship! Visit with old friends and make new ones. Our annual Potluck will take place on Tuesday, July 30 at 6:00PM at the Lathrop House. Bring an entree, side dish, or dessert to share, along with a plate and cutlery. We hope to see you all there!!

Join the “Village People”

Otherwise known as docents. You don't have to memorize anything! We have good cheat sheets. Your main job is to unlock and lock the buildings for visitors who choose to tour the insides, and make sure no one handles the items on display.

On many days, no one opts for a tour, but we regularly greet passers-by and tell them what is available on the Village grounds, including rental of the Great Room in the Lathrop House. I do not think of it as a waste of time when there are no visitors. It is an opportunity to enjoy some “me time” for reading, needlework, or having a little picnic snack under the trees!

We are experiencing attrition (through aging). To achieve a goal of volunteers doing a single 3 hour shift per month for 4 months, we need to train more people. We cordially invite you to come to the Village during open hours (May through Sept., 1-4PM on Wed, Sat, Sun) and chat with any of us “village people” for a little while. You just might decide to give it a whirl!

You could also phone or email Valerie. Home phone (440)268-6386 or email vmattingley79@gmail.com.

Olds General Store

Celebrate spring with a purchase from the Olds General Store. Stock up on Strongsville pottery for yourself or for a gift for that special grad, or for a shower, wedding, or Father's Day. Our books, the Chapman prints (especially of the old high school), green afghans, and vintage collectibles are great gift ideas too. Also popular as gifts are the polo shirts and fleece jackets. New to the Degenhart inventory are some limited production owls and Priscillas in unusual colors, while the popular Degenhart pouches and baby pouches continue to be great sellers.

Store hours are the same as the Village hours or call Marty or Marie (440-879-1092) for a personal shopping experience. Your purchases help support and maintain our Village.

Membership

We would like to thank all those individuals, families and businesses who have continually renewed their memberships: your support is greatly appreciated. Dues are always renewed in January and are good for a year, with the exception of LIFETIME MEMBERS. TIRED OF PAYING DUES? Think about getting a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP - membership is \$300 and lasts a lifetime!! 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 people and businesses that would like to join our Society. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Dana Martin (440-572-1353) for more information.

You will now receive invoices for membership renewal in the mail around November. You will no longer get envelopes for renewal in the newsletter. Please send invoice and payment to the Strongsville Historical Society. After the first newsletter of the year you will not receive another newsletter until your membership is renewed and paid.

We would like to welcome two LIFETIME MEMBERS: Dave Ellis and Justin Hess.

Thank You!

Our sincerest thanks go to the Strongsville Rotary for spending time on May 11 spreading mulch and helping us in many other ways. Key Bank spent the afternoon with us on May 15 doing oh so many tasks and learning more about the Village and Society. Our Cub Scouts from Troop 157 and their parents were on the grounds on May 10 to spruce up areas and start spreading mulch. What a high energy group!

Boy Scout Hunter Zader led a great group of scouts in moving some stones on the grounds to new locations. On April 16 about 20 scouts, leaders and parents assisted in moving stones, resetting fence rails and relocating some piles of soil. Their efforts to help us are greatly appreciated.

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Vintage Wedding Show and Dessert

Our Vintage Wedding Event and Dessert was held on May 18 at the United Methodist Church. Over 150 were in attendance enjoying the display of 30+ wedding dresses from our collection, a program presented by VIVA, and scrumptious desserts.



A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped make this event a success in any way. We also want to thank the following local businesses for their support: Architectural Justice, Square 22, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Maria Gardens.



We would like to also recognize the Strongsville United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their wonderful facility and to Elise Krueger for sharing her talents playing the harp. The music was beautiful.



We were very pleased to have 6 of the brides present who actually wore the dresses. It was a great afternoon!

Watch for more events like this in the future!

Thank You!



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We had a dynamic "cleaning crew" go through our buildings this spring and clean from top to bottom to get our displays ready for visitors. This took many hours and is greatly appreciated!

Our gardeners have once again pulled weeds, raked leaves and trimmed what needed trimming to help make our grounds look their best.

This is what volunteerism is all about...and we are an all volunteer organization! Please think about helping us out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20, 21	Yard Sale - Historical Village June 20 - 9AM-4PM June 21 - 9AM-2PM Call Ruth Brickley to donate or rent a tent 440-572-0535
July 30	Potluck and General Meeting 6PM Lathrop House
Sept. 28,29	Harvest Festival

LATHROP HOUSE RENTALS

The Lathrop House at the Strongsville Historical Village is turning out to be “The Place” to rent for wedding and baby showers. Flexibility with set-up, seating for 44 with chairs and tables provided, an intimate setting, use of a full kitchen, and being able to bring your own food and alcohol make this rental a very popular one.

Not only are showers held at the Lathrop House, but also birthday parties, confirmation parties, luncheons, alumni gatherings, meetings, potlucks, and weddings have all been held there. And it is never too early to book your November and December holiday parties with us.

And best of all, the rental rate is only \$25 per hour for Strongsville Historical Society members.

For rental information and availability call 440-572-0057 or go to our website at www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org and click on the rental tab to be in touch with the Rental Coordinator.

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