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The Village Crier

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President's Message

Another year has flown by with continued growth for the Strongsville Historical Society. We are pleased to welcome many new members and of course we are glad that our long time members continue to support our efforts. Our displays are looking better and better as we add more artifacts which have been donated to the Society. Please stop in for a tour from May 1, 2019 through September 29, 2019. Bring a friend or two with you to learn about the history of Strongsville.

Our program schedule is looking to be of interest to all ages again this year. We have some special events planned. Please check out the list on the back of the newsletter and watch our website for more information.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who helped with our holiday events. It takes many dedicated people to make these events a success. We also want to thank our dedicated building check team for faithfully checking out buildings from top to bottom throughout the cold winter months. We have found a couple of issues which may have been missed if not for their efforts.

Along with many planned maintenance and preservation tasks we have found that the furnace in the Academy was not safe to run. The carbon monoxide levels it was producing were excessive. It has been shut down. Luckily there is no running water in that building. We now have the expensive burden of replacing the furnace unit. Just like at home there is never a good time for something like this to happen. As you look at a possible tax refund coming your way, please con-

sider starting part or all of it with the Society. Please call us at 440-572-0057 and we will work out the details with you.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help in many ways. Think about giving a few hours or days this year. It really is fun and rewarding!

Here's to a great 2019. Hope to see you at the Village soon.

Ruth Brickley

Yard Sale

Mark your calendar for our 3rd Annual Yard Sale on June 13 from 9-4 and on June 14 from 9-2. 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 starting NOW! 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!

27th Annual Spring Fashion Show

The Strongsville Historical Society will host its 27th Annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Don's Pomeroy House. This very popular annual event heralds the beginning of Spring as we enjoy good food, beautiful fashions, an extensive raffle, and of course each other's company!

Doors will open and seating will begin at 11:30 am, with the Luncheon and Fashion Show beginning at 12 noon. Fashions will be presented by Chico's at Southpark Mall. Hair and make-up for the models will be done by Today's Headlines Salon. A raffle will take place at the luncheon. Tickets are \$1 each and may be purchased at the event. If you wish to purchase tickets and are not attending the event, they are included in this newsletter. Please fill tickets out, include a check made out to Strongsville Historical Society, and return tickets and money to Strongsville Historical Society, 13305 Pearl Rd., Strongsville 44136 prior to March 8. These tickets may be duplicated.

Tickets for The Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon are \$40 each. If you wish to purchase tickets and make a table reservation, please contact Pam Hughes at 440-773-6605 or Gina Cathcart at 216-403-9226. Don't delay - get your tickets to this popular event before they sell out!

Membership

Invoices for membership renewals were mailed directly to member's homes in early December. All membership renewals were due January 1, 2019. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please take the time to do so. We appreciate and rely on your support to keep the Historical Society a viable organization, and to keep things moving smoothly in the Village. However, this will be the last newsletter you will receive if you do not renew your membership. If you have lost your invoice or have any questions regarding your membership status, please contact the Society at 440-572-0057.

Founders Day

The annual Founder's Day Program will be presented at the February 26 General Meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will take place at Old Town Hall. The program, entitled "Roughing It: When Strongsville Was a Frontier Town" will be presented by Valerie Mattingley. Refreshments will be served following the meeting and program.



Vintage Wedding Show and Dessert

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18, 2019 and make your reservations now for our Vintage Bridal Show and Dessert. This event will be held at the Strongsville United Methodist Church on Royalton Road with doors opening at 1:30 and the program beginning at 2 pm. Vintage wedding gowns owned by the Historical Society will be on display. The program will be presented by VIVA, in conjunction with the Cleveland History Center, previously known as Western Reserve Historical Society. Models will share vintage wedding dresses accompanied by a commentary of what was going on in the world at the time each garment was worn. This special event will sell out quickly, so make your reservations NOW. Tickets cost \$35 each with the proceeds supporting the efforts of the Strongsville Historical Society. Call Ruth for tickets at 440-572-0535.

Spring Cleaning

If you have thought of helping out at the Historical Society and dusting and vacuuming are your strengths, consider volunteering for Spring Cleaning duty. Help is especially needed in the Lathrop House. A date agreeable for everyone is usually chosen then all hands converge to get the house in super clean shape for the opening of the Village in May. We are hoping to get about 7 volunteers. Please call Jane Laffoon at 216-233-7530 or email her at

janechc@outlook.com.

Also, additional help is needed to keep the Lathrop House clean after rentals and meetings. Although rentals are obliged to clean up after their event, the building is checked to make sure supplies are replenished and the house is ready for the next activity. One person is assigned a monthlong time to check.

Help is needed now, so don't hesitate to notify Jane Laffoon if you can help.

Olds General Store

The Olds General Store is the only place in Strongsville to:

- purchase 12 different styles of Strongsville pottery by Westerwald Pottery.
- purchase 4 different tiles featuring Historical Society houses.
- purchase 2 different styles of ceramic Christmas ornaments featuring the Strongsville Historical Society.
- purchase one of a kind and never again to be made Degenhart glass figurines, pooches, and owls in a variety of colors.
- purchase Velda Chapman prints of the old high school, Bonnie Park, the Strong House, the Pomeroy House, (\$10 unsigned, \$25 for signed).
- visit the antiques corner for unique treasures.

These make great gifts for Easter, Mother's Day, anniversaries and birthdays. The Olds General Store opens in May for the season during normal Village hours or call Marty and Marie (440-879-1092) for private shopping.

Lathrop House

What do the following have in common: First Communion party, wedding shower, birthday party and a baby shower?

These events have already been booked at the Lathrop House for 2019! So don't delay, get in your event reservation now before the best dates are booked. If you are thinking you would like to reserve the room, contact the Historical Society online or by calling 440-572-0057.

The multipurpose room is one of the Society's "hidden gems." Due to the setting of the room, the easy access and the low rental rate, it is perfect for a variety of celebrations or meetings. Even though the Village is not open year round for tours, the multipurpose room is available for rent year round, seven days a week.

The available seating of up to 44, flexible room arrangements, wheelchair accessibility, and close-up parking all combine to make this a perfect meeting place for many gatherings.

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.strongvillehistoricalsociety.org and click on the rental tab to be in touch with the Rental Coordinator.

It's never too early to book for 2019!

In Memoriam

Our sincere sympathies go out to the families and friends of longtime Strongsville Historical Society members and faithful supporters - Mike Daymut, Wally Zverina, Fred Kroupa, and Charles Hawk. Their contributions to the Society were many, and their support was very important to the Society and its mission. They will all be deeply missed. May they rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 26 General Meeting - Founder's Day 7:00 PM Old Town Hall
"Roughing It: When Strongsville Was a Frontier Town" by Valerie Mattingley
- March 9 Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon, Don's Pomeroy House
Contact Pam (440-572-6605) or Gina (216-403-9226) for information
- April General Meeting - To Be Announced
Check website for updates www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org
- May 1 Village opens for tours (open Wed., Sat. and Sunday 1-4 PM)
- May 18 Vintage Wedding Show and Dessert 1:30 PM
Strongsville United Methodist Church
Contact Ruth (440-572-0057) for tickets
- June 13, 14 Yard Sale - Historical Village

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VILLAGE OPENING

The Historical Village will open for tours on May 1, 2019 and will be open every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 pm. We invite you to stop in and tour the Village and enjoy the beautifully decorated homes and display.