

Newsletter

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New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society

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Harvest the Arts Festival

October 11, 2008



*Bean Soup cooking in Kettle over open fire
Table with Sandwiches and Cider behind Kettle
Bake Sale under Canopy in the Background*

OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER
Thursday, December 4th, at 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Vito's at New Albany Links

7100 New Albany Links Drive
Take Rte. 62 to Central College Rd., go west to
the 2nd street on the right, turn right onto N.A.
Links Dr. Vito's is in the Club House, on the
right, 1/2 mile north of Central Coll. Rd.

MENU: Buffet featuring Pasta with choice of red
sauce or white sauce with chicken; tossed salad;
hot bread; dessert; choice of beverage.

PRICE: \$17.50 per person, includes tax & tip.

RESERVATIONS: Mail check to Helen Pestel, 8350
New Albany-Condit Rd., WESTERVILLE, OH 43081.
Deadline: Tuesday, Dec. 2.

If time is too short to mail check, phone Helen at
855-3765 or Marty at 855-9809.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

SUN. DEC. 7 -- Village Tree Lighting, but
no Ealy open-house, after all.

THURS. JANUARY 8 -- 7:00 p.m., Society Meeting at
the New Albany Library. Hostess: Kim Cathell.

THURS. FEBRUARY 5 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the
New Albany Library. Hostess: Naomi Fodor.
Program -- Marilyn Regrut: Historic Buttons

TUES. FEB. 17 -- Newsletter Deadline

THURS. MARCH 5 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting.
Hostess: Helen Pestel

Committee Report

The committee appointed at the Nov. 6 Historical Society meeting to negotiate with the Community Foundation (see minutes, p. 9) is meeting each Saturday at noon in Starbucks. Jointly with Marilyn Saveson and Helen Pestel, the committee has obtained (1) a transfer of \$6800. from the Society's Restoration Fund at the Community Foundation to the Society's checking account. The \$6800. is reimbursement for moneys paid out of the checking account for restoration work.

(2) As a result of joint negotiations and letters sent by Helen and Kim to satisfy Tom Rubey's request for landscape plans and arrangements for hooking up to the sewer, Tom Rubey has promised to release early in 2009 the \$50,000. matching funds committed by the New Albany Company in the Contribution Agreement.

John Ayres has obtained Emily Eby's cooperation and that of other associates at Inniswood to provide a detailed landscape plan and sketches.

Kim reports that equipment crossing the Ealy property to excavate Rose Run, in exchange for the privilege, will do excavation for the Society's sewer hook-up. Neil Kirby has asked the Village to reduce or possibly to waive hook-up fees (as it has done for other of the area's cultural institutions).

John Saveson

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual memberships in the NAPT Historical Society cost \$4 for students, \$10 for individuals, \$20 for a couple, \$40 for a family, and \$100 for an organization. Lifetime memberships are \$100 for an individual, and \$140 for a couple. Membership includes a subscription to the Newsletter, which is published every other month.

CORRECTIONS

In the last Newsletter (Oct-Nov '08), the names of the children in the photo on the outside cover should have been given as Ruth and Maynard (not Olive and Ross) and the wrong date was given. Here is the photo again. It was actually taken in 1918 when Ruth was 10 years old, Maynard 6 years old, and Ella Doran, their mother, 42. Note the wooden steps and the walkway of bricks in a herringbone pattern.

Correction No. 2 -- In the Treasurer's Report on page 11 of the last Newsletter, the "May 1st" and "End of June" balances should read "July 1st" and "End of August." (Computers have a stubborn way of clinging to old information.) Likewise, the rest of the Balances should read 8/31/08 instead of 6/30/08.



MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF OCT. 9 Wiener Roast and Elections

Following a wiener roast and potluck picnic, Kim Cathell called the meeting to order at 7:15 as members sat around a bonfire at Kim's farm. Thirty members and guests were present. Descendants of John Smith visiting from Idaho and Utah were introduced.

The treasury balance was reported as \$3378.69. \$359.74 was added, \$141.21 paid out during September. Motion to accept made by Dave Maynard, seconded by Liz Feichter. Minutes of the September 4th meeting were read by Kathy Yager. Motion to accept made by Liz Feichter, seconded by John Saveson.

Kim announced that the Max & Erma's fundraiser is set for Thursday, Oct. 6. Flyers were distributed.

Sharon Carter, chairperson of the nominating committee, read the slate of officers. Kim asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Ballots were passed out and voting was done by written ballot. Votes were counted.

The new officers are as follows:

President -- Kim Cathell
Vice-President -- David Cline
Secretary -- Marilyn Regrut
Treasurer -- Helen Pestel
Trustees -- Naomi Fodor & Marilyn Saveson
Alternate Trustee -- Elizabeth Feichter
(Sharon Carter continues as the third trustee.)

--Submitted by Marilyn Regrut, Secretary

HANING DONATIONS

Harold Haning's daughters have made a very welcome gift to the Society: a collection of our oldest Newsletters and a copy of the History of Gahanna. These will be available in our Ealy House library.

HARVEST THE ARTS 2008

Saturday, Oct. 11, was a beautiful, sunny day, warm but not too hot, and the crowd obviously took advantage of this by turning out in large numbers. Our Historical Society had four centers of activities going:

First, the Bake Sale and Apple Butter tables, presided over by Naomi Fodor, Helen Pestel, Lillian Shannon, Liz Feichter, and Nancy Ferguson.

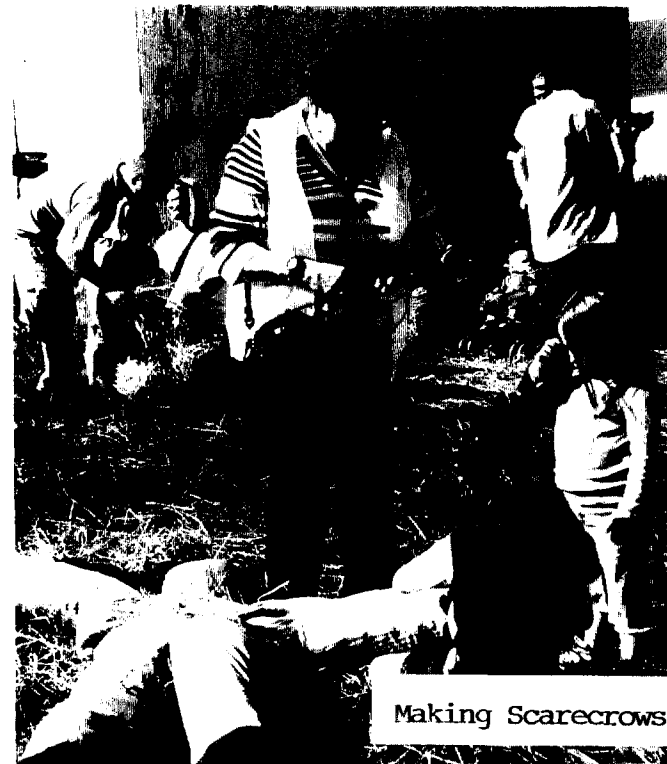
Next, we had Scarecrow-making, supervised by the Clouse Road crew of Catherine Saveson (& Willow & Liam), Wendy Schneider (with Thor & Sage), Shawn Rasmussen, and Joanne Adams.

Then there was the Candle-Making, set up in advance by Julie DiIullo, and managed by our loyal Presbyterian volunteers: Ann & John Liptak, Joseph & Rae Lehman, and Robert & Elizabeth Mitro.

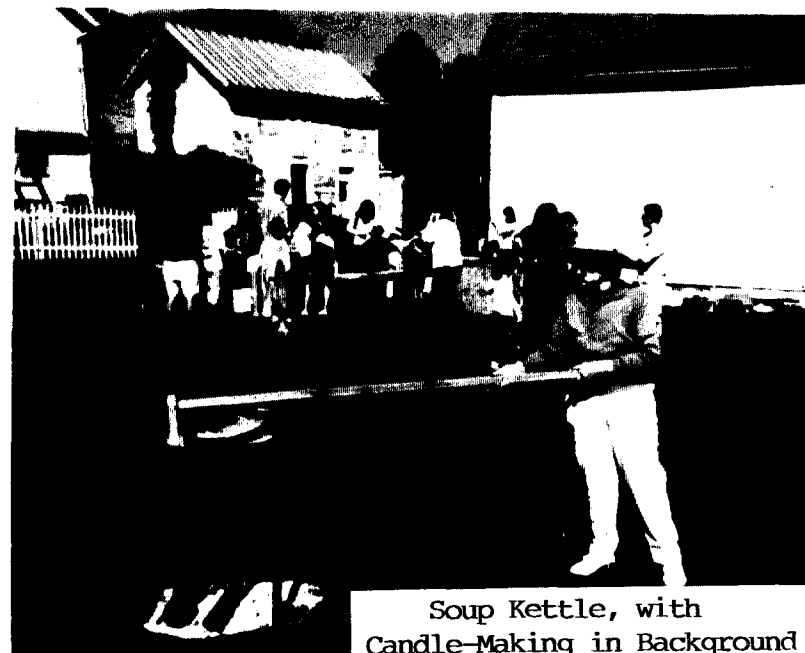
Last but not least, there was a Food and Cider table, in the hands of Sharon Carter, Sine & John Ayres, David Cline, Marty Saveson, Marilyn Regrut (& grand-kids), and Bob Mowery. Others pitched in and helped stir the big kettle of bean soup which simmered all day over an open fire.

As always, stalwarts Don Shoemaker and Steve Bevelhymmer set up the tables & tent for us and took them all down at the end. They also got the fires going for the soup kettle and the candle-wax melting. Thanks to all who helped, including many not listed here.

Gross receipts from our various enterprises were as follows: Scarecrows, \$400; Apple Butter, \$136; Bake Sale, \$218.75; Pamphlets, \$3.00; Candles, \$574.50; Food and Cider, \$628.75. Total= \$1961.00, minus costs of \$58.47, = \$1902.53 net. (Pretty good.)
-- M. Saveson



Making Scarecrows



Soup Kettle, with
Candle-Making in Background

THANKS FROM THE D.A.R.

The Ann Simpson Davis Chapter of the D.A.R. would like to thank the New Albany Historical Society, especially John Saveson and David Cline, for our tour of the Ealy House on October 11. Approximately 50 of our ladies attended and had wonderful things to say about the house. The staircase is so beautiful!

A few of the ladies said they have passed the house for years and wondered what the inside looked like. Thank you for allowing us to see the progress you have made, and we look forward to touring the Ealy House again when you've finished.

-- Susan VanDerWeele,
Chapter Regent

EALY HOUSE STEPS

Final approval has at long last been given by the Village of New Albany for the building of the front steps. Work should begin any day now.

MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF NOV. 6

A birthday celebration was held at Summerville honoring Aziel Shockley's 100th birthday. It was well attended by family members, friends, and Society members.

After the party, the meeting was called to order by President Kim Cathell. The minutes of the October meeting were read. Motion to accept by John Ayres, seconded by Sharon Carter. All ayes. The treasurer's report was read by Kim (in Helen's absence), explained in detail, and distributed to those in

attendance. The balance at the end of October is \$5232.94. Gross profit from the Harvest the Arts Festival is \$1961. Motion to accept by David Cline, seconded by Kathy Yager.

Kim announced that the approval process for the Ealy House front steps requires another drawing; The Village requires this and it is being worked on.

The Christmas dinner has been planned for the regular meeting date, Thursday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Vito's, located in the Links development.

The Board will meet soon to make plans for 2009 and set up a budget. Yearly operating funds have usually been at \$14,000 to \$15,000. We must have new ideas for fundraisers to meet these financial obligations. Detailed discussion of funding ensued; it was noted that funds from NACO are still pending. Discussion also included return from investments and required fees.

Nancy Ferguson made a motion that John Saveson be charged with investigating the moneys from the NA Community Foundation. No second, motion died. Nancy then moved that John Ayres, John Saveson, Neil Kirby, and Kim Cathell comprise a committee to meet with the NA Foundation regarding moneys, and report back to the membership with information in writing. Seconded by Naomi. All ayes.

Discussion of possible open house, selling Christmas ornaments from trees. Craft efforts are ongoing, will meet again next week at Kim's home on Friday.

David Cline reported on a meeting he attended on the Vets Memorial Project. The present memorial must be moved because it is in the right-of-way. All names from the old memorial will be included on the new one. Locations are under discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

-- Marilyn Regrut, Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF NOV. 11 BOARD MEETING

A budget for 2009 was worked out and passed by Board. Finances in general were discussed, with emphasis on ways to get better interest on our investments and also on simply how to raise more money.

Kim suggested a paver brick fundraiser. Special bricks would be purchased for, say, the front walkway from Ealy House front steps to the walking trail near the street. Individuals in the Society and in the village would buy them for \$50.00 each, and specify 2 or 3 lines of text--a name usually. The bricks would cost the Society much less.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NOV. 18 BOARD MEETING

Joseph Dotolo, financial advisor of Ameriprise Financial, made a presentation on various kinds of investments, with emphasis on safety and on good returns.

Helen announced that the Community Foundation had released \$6800. for reimbursement of restoration expenses for the Ealy House.

Kim reported on the Rose Run community meeting of Nov. 12 and the "rechanneling" of the creek behind the Ealy House.

Good news: Our plan for the front steps has now been officially approved by the Village. Bad news: We cannot open the Ealy House to the public because we do not have an occupancy permit, which now depends upon the steps plus a safe walkway to the steps from a parking area. One suggestion for a temporary solution: a metal handicap ramp which can be laid over a pathway and stairs.

TREASURER'S REPORT for Sept/Oct 2008

INCOME	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Jim Fodor Memorial	\$340.00	\$ 100.00
Memberships (Bulderberg)		10.00
50/50	4.00	
Postage Donation	4.00	
Pamphlets	5.75	
Note Cards	5.00	
Harvest of the Arts		1961.00
Max & Erma Fund Raiser		116.40
Checking Interest	.99	.25
TOTAL INCOME	\$359.74	\$2187.65
EXPENSES		
AEP (RTD \$8.50; Ealy \$11.89;8.29)	\$20.39	8.29
AT&T	12.85	21.56
Print Xpress (newsletter)		29.90
Rumpke		52.13
Doran's Farm Market (Harv. Arts Cider)		36.00
Amerigas (Propane Tank Rental, RTD)		142.00
Postage for Max & Erma event		21.00
Harv. the Arts items (misc)		22.47
Brinks (3 mo.)	107.97	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$141.21	\$ 333.35
SEPTEMBER 1st BALANCE		\$3,160.16
Income (Sept.+Oct.)		2,547.39
Expenses (Sept.+Oct.)		474.56
End of October Balance		5,232.99
Hold for Computer		1,800.00
Hold for Quilt Case		1,500.00
Vanguard Fund Balance 9/30/08		16,701.20
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 9/30/08		26,352.32
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 9/30/08		13,767.65

NOTE: For an itemized account of Harvest the Arts income, see page 6.

-- Helen Pestel, Treasurer

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