

Newsletter

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D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

*THURS. FEBRUARY 1 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Library.
Program: Artists Joanne Adams and Bob Mowery will show
some of their work and talk about their different approaches
to painting.*

Hostesses: Helen Pestel & Marlene Thomas

THURS. FEB. 22 -- 7 p.m., Board Meeting

*THURS. MARCH 1 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Library
Hostess: Marilyn Regrut*

*SAT. MAR. 10 -- Regional Meeting at the Licking County Historical
Society in Newark.*

TUES. MAR. 20 -- Newsletter Deadline

THURS. MAR. 22 -- 7 p.m., Board Meeting

*THURS. APRIL 5 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Library
Hostesses: Betty Maynard & Debby Dean*

MAY 19 -- FOUNDERS DAY

OUR NEXT MEETING

At our upcoming meeting on Thursday, February 1st, we will have the pleasure of seeing and hearing about the work of husband and wife artists Joanne Adams and Robert Mowery. They both exhibited pictures in our Ethel Schleppe show at last year's Founders Day. Bob teaches art at the Johnstown high school, and Joanne is a medical illustration specialist with a firm now located on the medical campus in New Albany. But both have great variety in their subjects and techniques. (Joanne does not paint medical scenes when she is off duty!)

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the New Albany Branch Library. Refreshments are being planned by Helen Pestel and Marlene Thomas. Always looking for an excuse for a party, we will congratulate Bob & Ileana Dickendesh on their 50th wedding anniversary (Jan. 18) and while we're at it, sing happy birthday to Lillian Shannon (Feb. 6). Feel free to invite an extra friend or two to this special occasion.

GRAND MARSHALS FOR FOUNDERS DAY

It is time to begin the nomination process for Grand Marshals for Founders Day (May 19, 2007). Bring your ideas to the February 1st meeting. Sharon Carter is our Society's representative to the Founders Day Committee and will appreciate your input on any other aspect of the event, as well.

EALY HOUSE PASSES FIRST HURDLE

The Ealy House recently passed the first hurdle in applying for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places: the Ohio Preservation Office has given its approval to go ahead. The next test will be the Ohio State Commission, and the final hurdle will be the National Commission. The process may take as much as another year, according to John Saveson. The National Register is a Government project administered by the U. S. Department of the Interior through the Park Service.

OFF TO A GOOD START

We are progressing ahead in this new year. A small group of ready volunteers has begun the task of emptying out the Kern-Harrington House. We are packing boxes and moving them to the Dryer house. More volunteers would really be appreciated. We are holding off on the big stuff to see what could be moved directly to the Ealy house. We should be getting complete access to the Ealy house very soon. We are waiting on the electrician to complete his work.

The roof at the Dryer house seems to be making some progress towards completion. We are very fortunate to have this place to house our things during the transition of the museum. Once the roof is complete and the easements are settled, it will be a nicer place to work and perform some of our functions.

John Saveson has been devoting hours and hours to our application to put the Ealy house on the National Register. Thanks again, John, for all of your efforts thus far. He has measured the house, answered lots of questions, and will be collecting dozens of photographs from the house.

A small crowd heard the talk that Theresa and friends gave regarding their volunteer work with the Freedom Center. This seems like they have a wonderful project to volunteer their time. This coming month we will be celebrating a 50th anniversary. Bob and Ileana Dickendeshier were married 50 years on January 18th. A return visit with some family members to the Gahanna Grill marked the event. If you have an idea for a program or would like to do something for our monthly meeting please let a board member know and we can get you on the calendar.

We will also be voting on a Grand Marshal for Founders Day at the next meeting. So bring your nominees and vote for your favorites.

--Kim Cathell

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

*Eleanor Taylor's new address is 5321 Harlem Road,
New Albany, Ohio 43054. Phone: (614) 855-7224.*

She is "back home" again, around the corner, more or less, from the historic old Taylor house on Dublin-Granville Road. Welcome back, Eleanor!

TWO WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2006

'Twas two weeks before Christmas, and all through our town
Not a creature was sleeping or even sitting down.
All were preparing for the annual Dinner,
A Historical Event that was always a winner.
Helen Pestel was taking reservations and money
And orders for Roast Beef or Ham Loaf -- it wasn't funny.
All the members were under great holiday pressure,
Which didn't stop Ileana or Bob Dickendesher.
Even if chores were piled up and their houses a mess,
Most were coming, even Sally & Phil Hess.
The list included Donna & Carroll Huff,
Though bogged down in shopping and holiday stuff.
Among those coming was many an old-timer,
Such as Steve and Marjorie and Florence Bevelhymer.
Some were coming alone and others in pairs,
For example, the Deans, Maynards, Holters, Thomases, and Ayres.
None wanted to miss such a good chance to dine,
Certainly not Mark, Emily, Lillian, Kathy, or Dave Cline,
Or Kim, Duayne, or Taylor, or John, or Marty.
All looked forward to the Christmas party.
We just hoped that no one would be forgotten--
Not Cath Saveson, Willow, Liam, or Rick Otten
Or Henry or Theresa Kempker or Neil--
Who would never have dreamed of missing this meal.
Arranging the decorations were Kim and Marlene;
Kim also made the nice programs, as can be seen.
Thanks to them and Jean Shafer and her young crew,
Who prepared, cooked, and served, & saw us through.
Now one more thing, before you go out of sight:
Happy Christmas to all, and to all, a good night.

--M. Saveson

OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

On Saturday evening, December 9, the place to be was definitely the Society's Christmas dinner. Marlene Thomas and Kim Cathell had decorated the tables festively with poinsettia centerpieces and individual goody bags. The company was superb (they are identified in the above poem), the food delicious, and the entertainment very special. We were treated to piano music by Henry Kempker, violin music by Willow Otten, banjo music by Rick Otten, poetry recitations by Theresa Kempker, and Christmas readings by Kathy Yager.

THE PHELPS HOUSE

New Albany's Service Department has been replacing the roof of the Phelps House at 100 W. Main Street near its intersection with the Dublin-Granville Road. This and other repairs, signs of the Village's intention to preserve the building, are inspiring interest in its history.

On August 2, 1855, Rollin Phelps, described in the 1860 Census as a "currier," bought three 50-by-100-foot lots (plus a fraction) extending roughly from above where the house now stands to the intersection. Subsequently, Rollin operated, below where the house stands, a tannery as shown on the 1856 village map. The house itself is first pictured on an 1872 Village map. However, Rollin's marriage to Nancy Clouse in 1855 makes it likely that he built the house for her closer to the earlier date.

In addition to conducting a business, Rollin served for a time as elected Marshal of New Albany--preparation, it seems, for being appointed a Turnkey in Columbus in 1880. The New Albany columnist in the Westerville **Public Opinion** on January 12 reported that Mr. Rollin Phelps "resigned the morning after his appointment" because he had been attacked by a prisoner. In time, Rollin thought better of his action and resumed his duties.

Rollin's tannery yard was the site, beginning in 1928, of a combination filling station and restaurant operated by Louis and Hazel Dickenson. Local wisdom had it that you could get a good hamburger there.

The last person to run a restaurant on the site, beginning in 1974, was Jerry Fichtelman. Long-time local residents remember that Jerry, who had visions, gradually destroyed the restaurant's trade by delivering to hapless customers discourses of a religious nature.

--John E. Saveson, Nov. 28, 2006

OUR NEWSLETTER

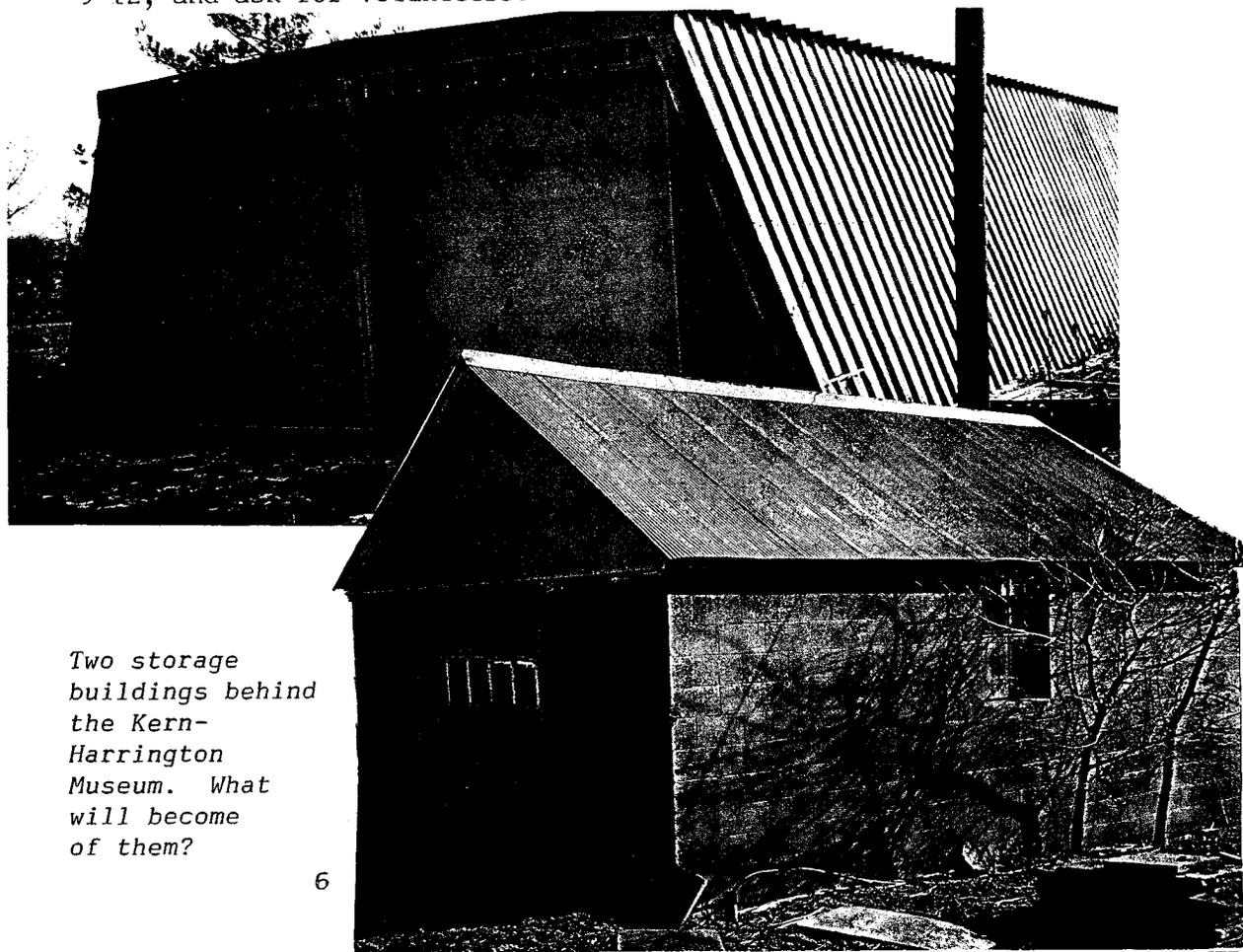
Our Newsletter is published every two months, February, April, June, August, October, and December. The deadline for news is the Tuesday two weeks before the Society meeting; for example, the deadline for our April-May Newsletter will be Tuesday, March 20. Send material to Marilyn Saveson, 8370 Clouse Rd., New Albany, OH 43054 (phone 614-855-9809). We always appreciate contributions for postage.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DEC. 28 BOARD MEETING

The **MATCHING FUNDS** will be forthcoming as soon as the New Albany Community Foundation receives a spread sheet on all the donations we have received. The Treasurer will take care of this.

DRYER HOUSE -- 1) **ROOF** -- Progress is being made. We voted to send \$2500. at this point for work done. 2) **EASEMENTS** were discussed, including street number problem. Kim has been advised to include the change-of-address request as part of our easement negotiations.

EALY HOUSE -- 1) Kim has filed the papers for the tax exemption. 2) The electrical work will soon be finished. We should, therefore, finish packing and start storing some boxes and certain furniture at the Dryer House (since the roof there is now repaired enough for the house to be safe for storage). We will propose Saturday mornings, 9-12, and ask for volunteers.



Two storage buildings behind the Kern-Harrington Museum. What will become of them?

VERLA NIELSEN, IN MEMORIAM

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On December 28, 2006, another member of our Society was laid to rest. Not many in our group were acquainted with Verla Masters Nielsen, but she did attend some of our meetings and helped at times with our yard and bake sales. Verla was a caring and giving person and was always willing to help.

After graduating from Amanda High School she entered the School of Nursing at the old White Cross Hospital. When it became Riverside Hospital, Verla went along with the change and continued her nursing career. She retired from Riverside.

Back in the 1960's, Verla's father, Walter Masters, donated land to a youth group called the "Justeens." Through the efforts of many, New Albany had its first swimming pool on that property, which was located on Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road near the intersection with Granville Street. So Verla's family had important ties in New Albany.

She will be missed by those who knew her.

--Ileane Dickendesh

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual memberships 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.

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Society meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., usually in the New Albany Branch Library or in the Plain Township Fire Station. Board meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Call 855-9809 or 939-0089 for exact times and locations.

OUR WEB SITE

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www.newalbanyhistory.info

MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF JANUARY 4

Kim Cathell called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the New Albany Library. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was also read and approved. The Treasurer reported that everything that was due to be transferred to the New Albany Community Foundation Fund has been transferred. We have deposits of about \$41,500 for the Ealy House, and these funds are eligible to be matched soon. Less than 10% of the Durable Slate bill has yet to be paid, and it will be paid as soon as the rest of the contracted work is completed and approved. We have now paid \$4500 toward the work on the Dryer House roof.

EALY HOUSE WORK DAYS -- The Board has decided that the Kern-Harrington House should be emptied as soon as possible, in order to reduce our winter heating costs. (The Treasurer pointed out that our K-H gas bill for a rather warm November was \$272!). A sign-up sheet was passed around. There will be contingents of members working on the four Saturdays in January, from 9 to 12 in the morning, to carry boxes of packed items to the Dryer House for storage and to pack new boxes. Additional volunteers will be welcomed on any of those Saturdays.

DRYER HOUSE ROOF-- David Cline reported that the slate on the back side of the main roof has been removed & replaced with roofing paper (prior to getting the metal roofing). The roof beneath seems in good condition. Holes have been repaired. Unfortunately, the plywood we already had on hand would not work, so the roofer needs to buy new sheathing, 171 ft @ \$4.50 = \$769.50. He also needs \$90. for re-hanging molding & gutter. Kathy Yager moved & John Ayers seconded the motion to pay Mr. Glass this \$859. Motion carried.

EASEMENTS ALONG DRYER HOUSE EASTERN DRIVEWAY -- (1) We have complained to the owners of New Albany Links about their expropriation of our drive (the one outside the east fence), which they have black-topped & next to which they have broken some of our fence & deposited much trash. They wish to have us GIVE them a legal easement over it for access to their new barn/service building. (2) AEP wants an easement along the same driveway, between the drive & the fence, to install an electric line back to above-mentioned building.

THE LEGAL ADVICE we are getting is that we have the right to ask for compensation for such easements -- in the form of access to water, sewer, & gas, and perhaps also remuneration.

We are also being advised to insist that the owners of the New Albany Links get their own address for their new building (they have been labeling their property with the Rose Taylor Dryer House street number). There was some discussion of the meaning of "easement" versus "right of way." We will look into this further.

John Saveson strongly urged the group to insist upon **underground** electrical lines, if any are put in at all. He mentioned the problem of the "tepees" and the electrical lines going across our Dryer House front lawn when we first were given the property. Back then, he himself spent much time and \$2000. to get our Dryer House electrical line put underground and he persuaded the Links at the same time to run their electrical line underground back to their building.

Members present strongly urged that IF an electrical easement is granted along the east driveway, the line should be run on the east side of the driveway, and not between drive & fence.

The business meeting was adjourned shortly after 8 p.m. and the floor turned over to Theresa Kempker for a very interesting program.

PROGRAM -- Theresa Kempker, Marilyn Regrut, and Melissa King (a visitor) are members of a local Catholic women's group who volunteer at a detention facility for young girls. The place is called "Freedom Center," and the girls here are approaching the time when they will be sent back into society. The mission of the volunteers is not religious or even specifically educational, but rather it is to make the girls feel "normal" on one day of the week. They take in tasty refreshments and materials for arts and crafts. They never refer to their problems. It was enlightening to be given some insight into what is an entirely different world.

REFRESHMENTS -- Kathy Yager and Theresa provided delicious refreshments. The brownies were a typical snack that goes over well with Freedom Center denizens--and very well with us, too. And Kathy's Waldorf salad was a treat (see p.11). M. Saveson, Sec. pro tem.

SICK LIST

Jim Fodor has spent several days in the hospital down in Florida, fighting a serious cold. David Cline is facing surgery within the next two or so weeks. Our thoughts and best wishes are with them both.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- November/December, 2006

November/December Income	November	December
Memberships (Regrut, A. Lee & Trombley; Yeager)	30.00	10.00
Apple Butter	42.00	
Postage Donations	20.00	10.00
Donation with Christmas Dinner		3.00
Pamphlets		6.00
Memorial to C Cabbage	25.00	
Golf Outing Pop	3.00	
Harvest of the Arts - Bake Sale Donations	50.00	
50/50	6.00	
Christmas Dinner	24.00	408.00
Checking Interest	7.36	2.80
Total Income	\$ 207.36	\$ 439.80
November/December Expenses		
AEP (K-H \$8.74,\$9.47; RTD \$25.61,\$33.40; Ealy 5.33,\$4.97)	39.68	47.84
Columbia Gas of Ohio (K-H)	32.16	272.59
AT&T	22.88	45.94
Rumpke	46.04	
Candle Making Supplies (Harvest of the Arts)	121.96	
Durable Slate (Electrical)	8,311.00	
Ace Printing (newsletter)		50.40
Check Gallery	11.90	
City of Columbus-Water (K-H-)	<u>25.27</u> Ealy	48.20
Vector Security		104.85
Fifth Third Safe Deposit Box		67.25
Transfer to the New Albany Community Foundation		5,300.00
Partial Payment on Rose Taylor Dryer Roof Repair		2,500.00
New Albany UMC (Christmas Dinner)		<u>432.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$8,610.89	\$8,869.07
Recap -- November Beginning Balance	\$39,098.07	
Income	647.16	
Expenses	17,479.96	
December Ending Balance	\$22,265.27	
Bond totals held for decision on use	8,571.82 (hold around \$2,500 for	
Memorials C/D Balance 12/31/04	4,111.24	Dryer roof)
3/31/06 Balance of endowment in Van Guard Fund	\$17,017.08	

Treasurer's report recap, cont'd

Sustaining Fund at New Albany Comm. Found	5,250.00 +25,400.00
Ealy House Donations at NACF	11,000.00 +139.61
Ealy House balance at NACF 12/31/04	257,492.89 (excludes Sustaining & Donations above)
Ealy House draws from NACF	-\$266,230.99

Helen Pestel, Treasurer

KATHY YAGER'S WALDORF SALAD

For those people who attended the January meeting of the society, and who enjoyed a taste of Waldorf Salad with their punch and brownies, here is the recipe for the salad dressing. Kathy Yager

Whipped Cream Dressing for Waldorf Salad

2/3 C sugar	3 tbsp lemon juice
2 eggs, beaten	4 tbsp orange juice
2 tbsp flour	1 C pineapple juice
2 tbsp salad oil	1/2 C heavy cream, whipped

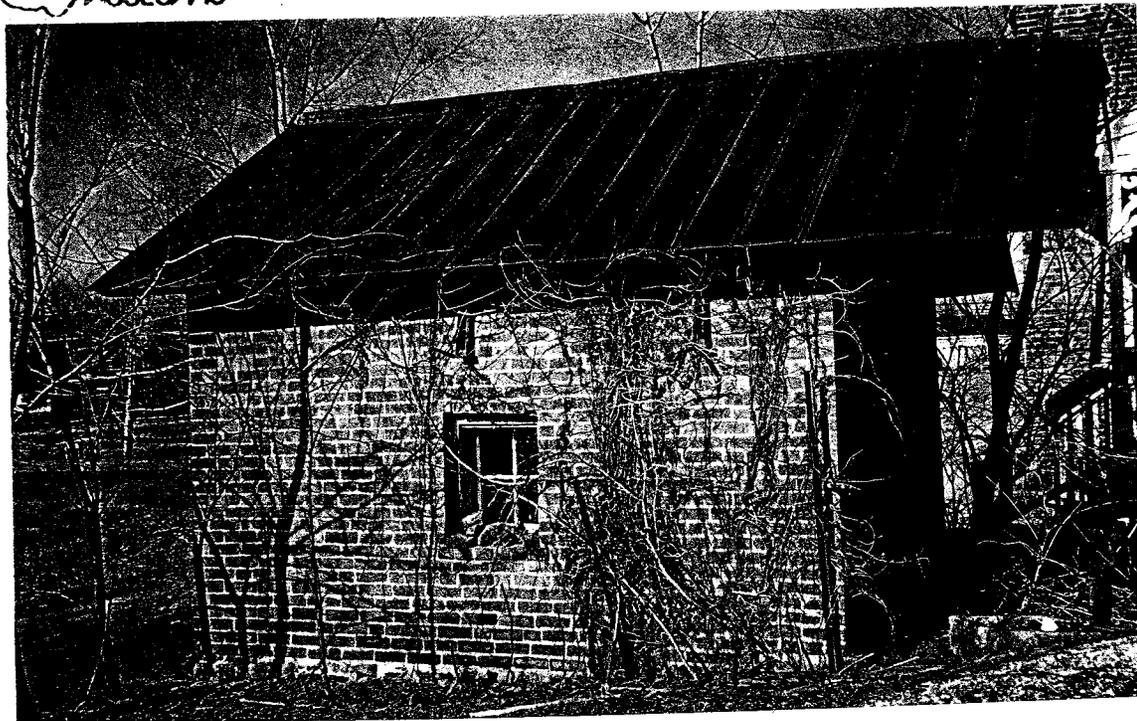
Combine sugar and flour in the top of a double boiler; add the remaining ingredients, except the whipped cream and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Cool. When cooled, fold in the whipped cream. Fold into the salad.

Salad ingredients: diced apples, chopped walnuts, thinly sliced celery. You may add grapes, raisins or any other bite size fruits.

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The old milk house next to the kitchen porch of the Kern-Harrington Museum. Can it be saved?