

# Newsletter

October and November 2007  
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## D A T E S   T O   R E M E M B E R

**THURS. OCTOBER 4** -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Fire Station  
Program: The Ealy House--status, next moves, future plans  
Hosts: M. Saveson & Liz Feichter

**SAT. OCT. 6** -- **LAST MARKET DAY**, 10:00 - 1:00  
Village Oktoberfest, 3-11 (Ealy House not open after all)

**SAT. OCT. 13** -- **Harvest the Arts Festival**, Dorans' farm, 11-4

**THURS. OCT. 25** -- Board Meeting

**THURS. NOVEMBER 1** -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Library

**MON. NOV. 12** -- 8:30 a.m., Board Breakfast Meeting

**THURS. NOV. 22** -- **Thanksgiving**

**SAT. NOV. 24** -- Newsletter Deadline

**SUN. DECEMBER 2** -- 1-5 p.m. Village Holiday Celebrations

**SAT. DEC. 8** -- 6:30 p.m., **Christmas Dinner** at the New Albany  
Methodist Church. Details to be announced.

**NOTE:** Most Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, 9-12, are work days at the Ealy House. Help is needed! Call 855-3765 or 855-9809 for more information.

## HARVEST THE ARTS FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 13

We are planning to have a bake sale (Marlene Thomas needs more help), candle-making (members of the Presbyterian Church are nobly preparing to take charge again), scarecrow-making (volunteers still needed), bean soup made in an open kettle, plus a sandwich table (Sharon Carter needs helpers). Also, 50/50 (Betty Maynard), apple butter sales (Liz Feichter needs help), plain & fancy gourds from John Saveson & cider by the glass & by the jug from Junior Thomas, Jim Fodor, & Taylor Cathell. Please come help at one or more of these activities--for 2 hours or 3 or more. Phone one of the people mentioned above for more details.

### SAVE YOUR OLD CANDLES & PINT JARS!

For Harvest the Arts we need all your discarded white and red candles. And please save all pint and half-pint canning jars that come your way. We need them for apple butter. (But NO QUART JARS.)

### MARKET DAYS

We have participated in 7 market days so far, thanks to Theresa Kempker, who has done the setting up each time and persuaded the following members to take turns presiding over our table: Marilyn Regrut, Betty Maynard, Robert Dean, Marlene Thomas (who in turn drafted her sis-in-law), Marty Saveson, Nancy Ferguson, Liz Feichter, and of course herself also. A final report will appear next time.

### CONVALESCENT LIST

**Florence Bevelhymer** has been in and out of hospitals & a nursing home for the past month, with a serious infection that is now pretty much under control. She will probably be home by the time this newsletter reaches you, and happy to receive phone calls (855-7295).

**Patty Zarley** is recovering from rotator cuff surgery. Forced to be one-armed and left-handed at that, she is not a happy camper, but she is following doctor's orders & looks forward to real therapy in about 3 weeks. She is at least in her own home, and happy about that.

### CORRECTION

Jennifer Sage and Stacy Honaker are important members of the Founders Day Commission. Their names were unfortunately run together in a story in the last Newsletter.

### THE EALY HOUSE -- ENCOURAGING NEWS

The devoted team pictured on our cover has finished stripping the wallpaper from all the walls and ceilings of the Ealy House. A professional plasterer has been hired, thanks to John Saveson, to repair the plaster of the downstairs rooms. At a special Board meeting, on September 24, paint colors were chosen for the downstairs rooms & hallway, and by the time you read this newsletter, painting will be under way. Three people are not enough--so those of you with painting experience, please join the team. They generally work on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9 to 12. The paint is being furnished by another donor--Jim Fodor.

The matching funds originally promised by the New Albany Company are about to become a reality. With them, we will be able to go forward with those parts of the renovation which had to be taken out of the Durable Slate contract because of insufficient money. We can make plans for front steps, back porch, landscaping, and a list of other needed jobs. The October meeting will be devoted entirely to plans for the further work on the Ealy House, its furnishings, & its uses. Come and join the discussion and sign on to work on some aspect of the property that interests you.

In connection with finishing the work at the Ealy House, we need to plan the final clearing-out of the Kern-Harrington property. The two big storage buildings out back are going to be demolished very soon, so stuff needs to be cleared out of them fast. We have already moved out all the catalogued items and things of use to the Society. However, a lot of good old wood remains, as well as antique doors, a porch swing, some shelves, and more. Members who would like to salvage any of this stuff should arrange with a member of the Board to get it soon. Then, if you know people outside of the Society who would be interested in salvaging something, let them know. Donations would be welcome, of course.

One item we must get rid of immediately (because it is in our way) is the old fancy upright piano that is still in the Ealy House. It is not good as a piano, but it has a pretty case & good ivory keys.

The open house mentioned in the last newsletter under the date of October 6 will not take place after all, because scaffolding will be up & painting going on. Nor do we think we can be ready in time for an open house on December 2nd. But the day will come!

## RECOGNITION AND HONORS

**Donna Huff** was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Columbus Defense Supply Center, where she worked for 39 years. After having been retired for 14 years, she was especially surprised and gratified by this honor, which was conferred in a beautiful ceremony on May 23. During her employment with the CDSC she oversaw countless important contracts, and in the 2-year period just before her retirement she was responsible for 38 construction contracts worth millions of dollars. Congratulations, Donna!

**Henry Kempker**, 15-yr-old son of **Theresa Kempker** and **Neil Kirby**, won three blue ribbons for his 4-H projects at the Delaware county fair this past summer. One was for woodworking, one for photography, and one for a project in small engines. Furthermore, he won a yellow rosette (3rd place) for an "outstanding exhibit" in yeast breads. Good for you, Henry. The Society has already benefited from Henry's woodworking skill in the repair (with his father) of our infamous bottom cellar step at the Ealy House, and some of us have tasted his excellent bread.

### DEAN BETTS, 1926-2007

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Dean Betts on June 1 at Hobe Sound, Florida, where he and Isabelle had been living for a number of years. He is survived by their children, Twila Fairtrace of Okeechobee, Florida, Robert Betts, of Westerville, and Paula Garabadian of Harrisburg, N.C., 5 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. The funeral was held in Westerville on June 7. Dean and Isabelle used to be enthusiastic members of our Society.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING OF July 25

**Dryer House** -- Decision to send registered letter with return receipt to Duane Glass, requiring him to complete the roof job within 30 days, or else we will take legal action.

**Ealy House** -- The recent walk-through with Durable Slate indicated that the punch lists are completed, but the gables need to be fixed permanently. Another walk-through with Durable Slate, the Board, & including John Ayres and Nancy Ferguson was proposed. Also, there was a discussion of when & how to move furniture and other stuff from the K-H to the Ealy and Dryer houses. David Cline has made a list of all items removed from the outbuildings. Jim Fodor's nephew will give us a bid to tear off the back porch and possibly also to replace front steps. Do we want stone or wood?

*THE SOCIETY MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2007*

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Cathell. Minutes of the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were corrected to reflect the dates as July 12, 2007. With that correction made, the minutes were approved as was the Treasurer's report.

Kim advised the Society that she had sent Duane Glass a registered letter advising him to complete the roof on the Rose Taylor Dryer house within 30 days or we would consider taking legal action. We have paid him \$4600. The letter was sent July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Willard and Patty Zarley rescinded their Legacy pledge in a letter sent to the Board.

Dygitteo Emergly requested photos for their Giant Eagle store. Kim took photos of various buildings since our archives are packed in readiness for the move to the new museum. She suggested any donations be made to the Society. All pictures were accepted.

Giant Eagle will donate \$1000 to the Society at their grand opening.

Tom Ruby is to advise on the matching funds for the Ely House.

Harvest the Arts is October 13<sup>th</sup> at Doran's. We will provide soup and sandwich, a bake sale, candle-making, cider, scarecrow packets, and apple butter tasting and jars.

Kim Cathell advised the Society that the Board determined that Durable Slate has completed the renovation and we need a motion to make the final payment of \$7749. There was considerable dissension and David Maynard made a motion to schedule another walk through with Durable, John Ayres, Nancy Ferguson and the Board. Liz Feichter seconded the motion and it was approved. The walk through was scheduled for Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

Most of the *contents* of the garage and out-building at Kern-Harrington have been moved and catalogued.

In a discussion with Patty Zarley, regarding the quilt case, the only wall suitable at the Ely House is the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway. We will display the quilt

at the opening of the Performing Arts Center in February. The cost of a portable display case for a 9'x9'4" quilt is prohibitive. This display should help attract new members.

The Community Events Committee will sponsor an Oktoberfest on Market St. October 6th. They will need volunteers to help set up after 4 p.m. that day. Holding the Ealy House open for that event may not work too well because of lack of lighting in the House.

Following the business meeting, Betty & Dave Maynard described their recent trip to Sicily and showed amazing photos. Naomi Fodor's refreshments were delicious.

--Liz Feichter, Secretary

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 23

Kim Cathell received a check for \$1000 for the Society from the Giant Eagle store at its ribbon-cutting and grand opening.

**QUILT FRAME** -- We need a committee to take over this project. The quilt will have to be stitched to muslin to go on the frame. Then the frame must be attached to the wall, but the quilt must not touch the wood.

**Dryer House** --The roofer refused to pick up the registered letter, so another will be sent. The barn door is off again. The fence is down at places where the drain tile is being put in. Grass has not been mowed on the driveway side of the fence. The thermostat on the furnace is not working. We will ask Junior Thomas to look at it.

**Ealy House** -- At the walk-through on Aug. 13th a couple of things were reported: scaffolding anchors are still on the outside walls of the house, the paint on the brick on back porch had not been cleaned, & bats are back. Board voted (with one opposed) to pay Durable Slate, pending removal of scaffolding pins. (The paint on the back porch brickwork will be dealt with when porch is removed.)

### OUR ANNUAL WIENER ROAST, SEPT. 6

On Thursday evening, Sept. 6, about 20 of us gathered at Kim Cathell's farm ("Serenity Chase") on Schleppe Road for our wiener roast-cum-pot luck. As usual, the weather co-operated and the spread of food was wonderful. A rather long and complicated business meeting preceded the meal. It will be reported in detail in the next Newsletter, but the main accomplishment was a vote by the Society in favor of paying Durable Slate's final bill.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- JULY/AUGUST 2007

<u>Income</u>	July	August
Memberships (Linda Martin, Arthur Lea, Trombley, Lillian Shannon)		\$ 40.00
Pamphlets	109.00	
Market Days	80.00	
Ealy Open House Donations July 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.50	
Postage Donation (M Pestel)	10.00	
Donation (Fodor)	100.00	200.00
Postage Donation (Shannon)		20.00
Founders Day		10.00
Giant Eagle Donation		1,000.00
Vector Insurance Six Months	60.00	
Battery Recycling	4.00	
Sale of Light Fixture & Insulation	21.00	
Checking Interest	<u>1.58</u>	<u>1.53</u>
Total Income	\$396.08	\$1,271.53
<u>Expenses</u>		
AEP – (KH\$7.97,\$7.99;RTD\$27.62;Ealy\$11.28,\$13.33)	\$ 46.87	\$ 21.32
Columbia Gas of Ohio	over payment	1.55
Amerigas (Dryer House – propane)		600.86
AT&T	22.33	22.57
Vector Security	104.85	
Rumpke	47.64	
Ace Printing (newsletter)		33.60
City of Columbus – Water & Sewer Service	<u>34.63</u>	<u>66.99</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$256.32	\$ 746.89
<u>July 1st Balance</u>	\$19,276.71	
Income	1,667.61	
Expenses	1,003.21	
August 24 <sup>th</sup> Balance	\$19,941.11	
Hold for Durable Slate	8,311.00	
Hold for Computer	1,800.00	
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00	
Vanguard Fund Balance 6/30/07	19,244.16	
Transferred to NACF Ealy Sustaining	30,650.00	
Transferred to NACF Ealy Renovation	11,139.61	

**Dryer Roof Payments:**

<i>Downpayments for supplies:</i>	
8/5/06	\$2000.00
12/28/06	\$2500.00
<i>Gutters &amp; wood</i>	
1/4/07	\$859.50
<i>Total to date 7/20/07</i>	
	\$5359.50
<i>Due on contract</i>	\$2600.00

Helen Pestel, Treasurer

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*L. to R. Helen Pestel, David Cline, and John Saveson in front of a newly de-wallpapered wall in the Ealy House. These three have taken the wallpaper off all the walls and ceilings. Painting comes next.*