

Newsletter

February and March 2008
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D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

THURS. FEBRUARY 7 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Library
Program -- David Cline on the cast-iron toys of Kenton, Ohio
Hostess: Marilyn Regrut

MON. FEB. 11 -- 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Ealy House

WED. FEB. 20 -- 4 p.m. Dedication of Performing Arts Center.
Feb. 19 through 24 -- more Grand Opening events.

THURS. MARCH 6 -- Society Meeting at N.A. Library, 7 p.m.
Program: Daniel Thompson, direct descendant of Noble Landon,
will talk about the Landons and show some Landon artifacts.

SAT. MARCH 8-- Regional Meeting at the Kelton House Museum
Register through Helen Pestel (855-3765).

MON. MAR. 17 -- Board Meeting

TUES. MAR. 18 -- Newsletter Deadline

THURS. APRIL 3 -- Society Meeting. Hostess: Helen Pestel

THURS. MAY 1 -- Society Meeting. Hostess: Kathy Yager

SAT. MAY 17 -- **FOUNDERS DAY** & possible Grand Opening of Ealy House

NOTE: Most Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, 9-12, are
work days at the Ealy House. Help is needed! Call 855-9809
or 939-0089 for more information.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The February meeting on Thursday the 7th should be most enjoyable, on the cast-iron toys made in Kenton, Ohio. If you watch "Antiques Roadshow," you may remember seeing some of them with very high dollar values, for they are highly prized. Kenton was David Cline's hometown, so he knows quite a lot about the history of the toys and will bring some examples of his own to show us. The meeting will be in the New Albany Library and is open to the public.

For the March meeting, we have been very lucky in meeting Daniel Thompson, a direct descendant of Noble Landon, who was of course one of New Albany's two founders. Daniel's family has inherited quite a lot of old Landon pictures and other things, some of which he will share with us on March 6th in the Library. As usual, the meeting will be open to the public.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Richard and LuAnn Justman and family have moved from Harlem Road to:

7891 Peter Hoover Road (Richard) 614-314-6400
New Albany, OH 43054 (LuAnn) 614-578-5200

Florence Bevelhymer has moved with Dan and Sondra Mooney to central Illinois, where Sondra has found a very good job. Florence finds the new locale interesting & the new house very comfortable. Her eyesight is too poor these days for letters, but she would appreciate phone calls from friends.

Florence Bevelhymer
1242 Lodge Pole Lane
Normal, IL 61761 (309) 808-1102

Eleanor Butsko has sold her property here and moved to Florida, where she is near her daughter. We will look forward to her summer visits back here in the North.

Eleanor Butsko
9 Colonial Club #102
Boyington Beach, FL 33435 (561) 738-7867

MOVING TOWARD A GRAND OPENING

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone warm in their homes. I also hope it finds you looking forward to spring, warmer weather and our museum's Grand Opening. With that thought in mind, I would like to ask that each member find the time to contribute in some way to this event. We need this event to be large scale. We need this event to also be a membership drive, we need more active members. We need the community to be aware of this event and be interested enough to participate in our opening. How can we expect the community to be interested if we can't even get our members involved in it?

Our museum is an opportunity for our organization to help give back to our community, to give our community a place where we can explore our local history, learn about those who lived and worked here from years past. We can also be a wonderful asset to our school system. Our new location can provide an opportunity for the classes to visit and return to school in a short period of time. In that short period of time the classes can visit our museum and learn about their community and perhaps spur them into becoming involved with our Society.

So as you are waiting for the Super Bowl or trying to find a cure for your case of cabin fever or trying to fill one of those cold winter afternoons, get involved with the Society. We are surely able to find a way for your contribution to matter.

We are also looking for new ideas for fund-raisers. If you have any new or creative ways for this, please contact a board member. We are currently looking into a few ways that will be able to be a part of the Grand Opening event. We are in need of more fund-raising ideas; our budget will not survive the year without some significant increase in our fund-raising. The coming year will need to be one that sees more people getting involved and volunteering their time and energy.

I would also like to thank our member, Mrs. Bobo for her information and presentation at our last meeting. She was full of information and very willing to answer questions. We always prefer to have presentations at our meeting and when they are well done it is even more enjoyable.

Kim Cathell, President

QUILT NEWS

Our Heritage Quilt will be featured at the grand opening events of the new performing arts center the week of February 19-24. Be sure to look for it. Patty Zarley wants quilters to be aware of the 39th annual National Quilting Association Quilt Show at the Columbus Convention Center, June 19-21. Quilts entered in the show must have been made within the last year. For more information, contact web site www.nqaquilts.org/2008show or phone 614-488-8520.

DON CAMERON, 1941-2008

Don Cameron's death on January 10 has shocked many people in the community, including those in our Society, of which Don also was a member. He had been a Plain Township Trustee since 1999 and active in many projects, most notably the planning of the future Metro Park and of the new performing arts center. Mayor Nancy Ferguson remembers his saying "This is not just a building we're building. What's important is programming and bringing artists to our community so our children can be exposed to the arts and our adults can be exposed to the arts."

He was a tremendous help to our Historical Society at the annual Harvest the Arts festivals. And we enjoyed seeing him be very proud of his Scottish heritage. His genial presence will be missed by us all.

RECENT GIFTS

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, at its December 13th luncheon, honored Helen Pestel as "Citizen of the Year" for her many contributions to our community through her church, Habitat for Humanity, the Lions Club, and the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society. They presented her with a \$500 check for our Historical Society, a gift to us in her honor.

THE VILLAGE OF NEW ALBANY, at its meeting on Dec. 18, voted to grant \$5000 to our Society, along with similar grants to the Events Board and the Arts Council. Helen Pestel and Marty Saveson had presented our case, stressing our need for funds and our contributions to the community.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome new members LuAnn Stoia and her husband, Stephen Gammill. LuAnn attended our Holiday Dinner in December and we look forward to seeing both of them at some of our upcoming events.

LuAnn Stoia and Stephen Gammill
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Report on progress within the Ealy House

Walls and ceilings in the hallway and in the eight main rooms have been painted. Floors in seven rooms and the hallway upstairs have been cleaned, most with mineral spirits.

Some of the woodwork is still being worked on. That in the dining room has the dark, opaque finish used originally all over the house; it is being preserved. Two of the rooms upstairs (the northeast and northwest bedrooms) also have a dark finish but arrived at differently. Mrs. Hilbert seems to have stripped the woodwork there to reveal the grain and natural color of the walnut. Doors and windows, door and window frames, mantels in these rooms have been cleaned and oiled lightly. In the northwest bedroom the result is especially handsome.

Painted woodwork in two other rooms (the southeast bedroom and the kitchen) was too grungy to let stand. Woodwork in the bedroom has been painted with two coats of primer and two coats of finish paint. Kitchen woodwork is receiving the same applications. Because of the amount of woodwork in the kitchen (five room doors, two cupboard doors, two windows, a mantel, and complete wainscoting) the result will be striking. A decision must be made whether to repaint woodwork in the best parlor and in the bedroom with stairs to the attic. Damage to the paint there is minor. The paint, probably applied by Mrs. Hilbert, has an antique look. The woodwork in the back bedroom on the ground floor is a special problem. Mrs. Hilbert experimented on it to decide what to apply elsewhere.

It is clear that, having stripped the woodwork in the hall, Mrs. Hilbert then applied a "faux finish" or "graining." It is assumed that the Society is unwilling, let alone unable, to undo what Mrs. Hilbert did. The faux finish has some minor damage. Cleaning, some retouching make it presentable.

Progress with the painting makes it possible to move furniture into some rooms. The southeast bedroom, called the "Library," is now furnished with file cabinets, a metal "closet," and an antique bookcase. Betty Maynard has put away many of the documents and photographs belonging to the Society. The northwest bedroom upstairs, designated "a bedroom in the time of the Ealys," is furnished. Mark Baranoski came in to help put the rope bed together. The "crafts room," that is, the northeast bedroom upstairs, is furnished with a treadle sewing machine, a loom, a spinning wheel, and a yarn winder.

--J. E. Saveson

HELEN PESTEL: CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!

The Chamber of Commerce honored Helen Pestel as "Citizen of the Year" during its annual Christmas luncheon at the Royal American Golf Course banquet hall on Thursday, December 13. She was selected because of her many, many contributions to community organizations, including the Lions Club, the United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity, and of course our own Historical Society. We couldn't think of anyone more deserving than Helen, and are proud that she was chosen. It was nice, too, that she was given a plaque for her wall, and a fat check in her honor made out to our Historical Society. Most of the Historical Society Board members attended the lunch, and many members of Helen's family were there as part of the surprise. (We had a hard time prying the honoree away from Habitat for Humanity to even attend the luncheon, & in the end had to give part of the secret away.)

OUR 2007 HOLIDAY DINNER

Our annual Christmas dinner was, as always, a big hit with all those who attended. There were about 30 of us around one long, angled table, brightly decorated with candles & miniature trees & colorful bags of candies (decorations thanks to Sharon Carter and Liz Feichter). Kim had made attractive red programs. The food was unusually good, thanks to Jean Shafer and her young crew. By way of program, we were treated to some music by the Otten family string quartet--Willow on violin, Liam on harmonica & bells, Cath on guitar, and Rick on banjo.

There were some readings, appropriate to the season by Kathy Yager and Liz Feichter. Marty read a poem written for Christmas 70 or 80 years ago by Dr. Alex Doran. And then the members present told of some special memories from Christmases past.

Bob Goodrich's mother fed the prisoners in the local jail even on Christmas. Kathy Yager and Nancy Ferguson told of special Christmas trees. Jim Fodor remembered putting an orange & nuts on the mother's grave, Helen Pestel was impressed long ago by a live nativity scene, but poor Liz recalled that they could not open any presents or even eat breakfast on Christmas morning until the grandparents arrived.

BOMBER CRASH IN 1943

Carl Millhart called the Society a few weeks ago to inquire whether any of our members recalls the bomber crash on January 25, 1943, near the Schleppe farm on Central College Road. If you have any information for him, you may call him at 794-9169.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 10 BOARD MEETING

Over breakfast at Bob Evans, the Board discussed paint colors for the Ealy House rooms and the next major move of furniture. The large loom & the Goodrich bookcase are still posing problems. It was decided to order 200 note cards (50 of each of the 4 designs) and one box of 250 envelopes.

Kim, Liz, Helen Pestel, and Marty Saveson agreed to attend the next Village Council meeting, on Dec. 18, to present our Society as worthy of receiving a grant from the Village for 2008. "Wish lists" for both the Ealy House and the Dryer House were to be mentioned, with emphasis upon our Society's contributions to the community.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 7 BOARD MEETING

Again over breakfast at Bob Evans, the Board discussed details of moving--the security system, the telephone, how to move the loom & the bookcase. Willard Zarley will take back the pantry shelves. A couple of carloads of items still need to be moved.

We discussed the possible "Grand Opening" of the Ealy House, to take place, we hope, on Founders Day (May 17). One idea was a donor chart, showing levels of donations. We must have a major membership drive in connection with the grand opening, and a lot of publicity. We will serve simple refreshments & have our booklets & new notecards available, & possibly a boutique.

Our members of the Founders Day Committee this year are Kim Cathell, Sharon Carter, and Liz Feichter. The parade will be at 11, the Ealy House will be open from 1 to 4, and the bake sale will take place as usual from about 12 to 4. And we will aim to have a float.

We discussed an architect's proposal for tearing off back porch of Ealy House and building a handicap ramp. The landing could come straight out to the parking lot of the park, without a turn. He advises rebuilding the porch & raising it 5" to be on a level with the kitchen floor. The cost of just the drawings would be over \$3000. It was decided to present this to the Society on Jan. 10.

The Board passed the budget for 2008. It was decided that each officer be given a key to the Ealy House. All others will have to sign a key out for temporary use.

MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF JANUARY 10

The meeting was held at the New Albany Library, chaired by Kim Cathell, and began at 7:00 p.m.

Sixteen members and guests were in attendance this evening.

The minutes of the November meeting were read by Marty Saveson, from our newsletter. The motion to accept the minutes was made by David Cline, seconded by Betty Maynard and accepted by everyone present.

There were no minutes for December, since we had our annual Christmas Dinner at the United Methodist Church. That was a wonderful, fellowship enriching, event. We had a scrumptious meal, musical entertainment and a variety of readings to laugh at and think about.

Helen Pestel presented the Treasurer's Report for November and December. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Sharon Carter, seconded by Marty Saveson, and accepted by all.

We all congratulated Helen P. for being named New Albany's Citizen of the Year, by the NA Chamber of Commerce. Hoorayyy!!!!!! There was a nice front page article in the New Albany News paper.

The proposed budget for the year ahead was presented by Kim and Helen. Since we won't do the golf outing this year **WE NEED TO BEAT THE BUSHES TO RAISE FUNDS (\$\$\$\$\$)** at Founders' Day in May and the October Harvest the Arts Festival to raise the necessary dollars to reach the "Total Budgeted Money" for 2008.

The Kern-Harrington House is now emptied and everything has been moved to the Rose Taylor Dryer House or to the Ealy House. At K-H House the milk house is still standing but the other outbuildings have been torn down.

Presently, at the Ealy House, all the plaster repairs have been done and the walls and ceilings of all 8 rooms and hallways have been painted. John Saveson, Helen Pestel, and David Cline are owed gigantic thank yous for all the efforts in seeing this part of the work completed. The plastering team was wonderful too. John then cleaned and oiled all the woodwork and cleaned the floors after the plastering was finished.

Kim C. told us she has Durable Slate's bid to repair/replace the front steps, back porch and handicapped entrance ramp for the Ealy House.

Other bids would be welcomed and in that vein, there was an architect who came to the Ealy House and took photographs and measurements in order to do the necessary architectural drawings of the back porch, front steps, and proposed handicapped ramp, to submit to the village's Architectural Review Board so we can get the permits needed to build these items. The architect is willing to make changes to the drawings to fit whatever the ARB wants, for somewhere between \$2000 and \$3000. John Ayres asked a question or two and then said to the members that that is a fair price to charge for such drawings. Betty Maynard made a motion for us to accept the gentleman's offer, seconded by John Ayres and passed by the members present.

Kim C. then told us that tentatively we will have the "Grand Opening of the Ealy House" NAPTHS Museum on Founders Day 2008.

Debbie Dean told us that the Studebaker Club of Ohio is considering bringing their automobiles to be in the Founders Day Parade and then to be on display for the day. Hopefully, it will fall into place to park the cars in the Church of the Resurrection parking lot across the street from the Ealy House.

Our guest presenters of the evening were 2 ladies representing the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the National Society United States Daughters of 1812. Their members represent descendants of people who participated in the Revolution or the War of 1812 or who aided the participants. Margaret Bobo is the registrar of the local DAR chapter, the Ann Simpson Davis Chapter (her husband was a courier for General Washington) and Susan Van Der Weele is regent of that Chapter. Margaret also belongs to the Lucas Sullivant Chapter of the Daughters of 1812. They spoke to us about genealogy and tracing your family tree.

Our evening ended with delicious goodies brought to us by our hostess of the evening, Kim Cathell. --Kathy Yager, Sec. pro tem

KEEP ON SAVING STUFF

A reminder: Please keep on saving pint & half-pint canning jars, & old candles for the Harvest Fest. Also, collect old caps & hats, long-sleeved button-front shirts, and panty-hose for scarecrow-making.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JAN. 28 BOARD MEETING

Ealy House -- Willard does not want the pantry shelves after all. The Goodrich bookcase will be moved by the Village Service Dept, The Security Systems offered by Brinks & Tyco ADT were compared; the Board will recommend Brinks to the Society. Kim will check again with the Village as to whether we need \$3000 architectural drawings for work done on the back porch. The new Village building inspector does not recommend tearing the porch off, only making repairs and doing handicap access.

Dryer House -- Still no final word from the infamous roof man. Next step: Small Claims Court. Furnace still not working.

Projects pending: 1. Dave Alley's bid on note cards went way up--we are considering other printers.

2. Patty is interested in organizing photos into albums & wants to get a group going. Clipping collection might be included.

3. Joanne Adams is willing to help re-design our Society's brochure. Marty will give material to her.

The Board voted to accept for the collection a framed picture which belonged to the Plain Township Heischmans. The picture will be hung over the mantelpiece in the upstairs NW bedroom.

A NEW PICTURE FOR THE EALY HOUSE

The new picture is a print by Bernhard Plockhorst, a German artist who lived from 1825 to 1905. He was and is the best-known painter world-wide of Biblical subjects. This particular print can still be purchased. Anyone interested can bring it up on the internet. Entitled "Abschied Christi von Seiner Mutter" (Christ's parting from his mother), the picture was a wedding present in 1866 to Nicholas Heischman and Angelina Souder. During the Civil War, Nicholas enlisted in Stonewall Jackson's army corps, was wounded at the Battle of Antietam, and served later in the 18th Virginia Cavalry commanded by General Imboden. At the end of the war, Nicholas and his brother Abraham settled in the countryside between Gahanna and New Albany, in both of which places they had relatives. Nicholas's daughter Nettie married E.W.Clouse, and they lived in Plain Township from 1898 to 1914 and again in the 1930's. Nettie inherited the picture, which passed eventually to her grandson, John Saveson. The print is still in its original Victorian-era frame.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- November/December 2007

	November	December
Income		
Pamphlets	44.00	
Memberships (Yeager, Hess, Farber, Stoia/Gammill)	10.00	50.00
Bazaar (Applebutter & Gordes)		40.00
Donation	8.00	212.50
50/50	8.00	
Plastering Donation to go to NACF	910.00	
Applebutter	60.00	
Rollie Pestel memorial	25.00	
Checking Interest	.56	.50
Chamber of Commerce Donation (Ealy House)		500.00
Christmas Dinner Reservations	<u>162.50</u>	<u>212.50</u>
Total Income	\$1,228.06	\$1,015.50

Expenses

AEP -- (KH\$10.09,\$25.68;RTD\$11.07,\$10.99;Ealy\$67.50,\$151.54)\$	88.66	188.21
Columbia Gas of Ohio	7.79	178.97
AT&T	22.70	22.64
City of Columbus Water & Sewer K-H-	33.87	29.47
Christmas Dinner		375.00
Ace Printing		<u>50.40</u>
Plastering (to date) of Ealy House done except paint & office	<u>1,830.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,983.02	844.69

November 1st Balance	\$ 12,503.29
Income	2,243.56
Expenses	2,452.71
December 31st Balance	\$12,294.14
Hold for Computer	1,800.00
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
Vanguard Fund Balance 9/30/07	19,405.15
Hold for transferred to NACF Ealy Renovation	7,505.00
Transferred to NACF Ealy Sustaining	30,650.00
Transferred to NACF Ealy Renovation	11,139.61

SUSTAINING & RENOVATION FUNDS

Transferred Ealy Sustaining	\$30,650.00
Transferred Ealy Renovation	\$11,139.61
To be transferred	\$7,505.00
In-kind Donations	<u>\$920.00</u>
	\$50,214.61

Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer

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This 1890's pump organ was donated to the Society by Arloia Walton, who inherited it from her aunt Inez Benedict Kershaw (who had gotten it from a storage company, where it was unclaimed). It was called a "Crown" organ, made by the Bent Co. in Chicago. It is in good working order. It is now in the upstairs front hall of the Ealy House, which is where Rolland Campbell says his family kept THEIR organ when he was growing up in the house.

