

Newsletter

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The new front steps of the Ealy House

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 -- BARN POTLUCK MEETING

TIME -- 6:00 p.m.

PLACE -- Savesons' Barn, 8370 Clouse Road

**WHAT TO BRING -- your own table service and
a salad, dessert, or side dish to share**

Baked Ham will be the main entrée

Iced Tea and Hot Coffee will be provided

For FURTHER INFORMATION call 855-9809.

MORE DATES TO REMEMBER

TUES. JUNE 9 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting

TUES. JUNE 23 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting

**THURS. JULY 2 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the
New Albany Library**

TUES. JULY 14 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting

TUES. JULY 21 -- Newsletter Deadline

TUES. JULY 28 -- 7 p.m. Board meeting

**THURS. AUGUST 6 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the
New Albany Library**

MORE ABOUT INDIAN ARTIFACTS

Daniel Thompson, who gave us an interesting program last year about his collection of Indian projectiles and who added some of his collection to our recent display in the gym on Founders Day, has offered to help us catalogue our collection. He will show us the proper way to identify, display, and catalogue points, tools, arrowheads, and so on. Patty Zarley will be happy to organize a group or class for this purpose. Thanks, Daniel.

ILEANE DICKENDESHER (1927-2009)

On Tuesday, May 19, we lost one of the best friends our Society and our members have known. Ileana was special--she made it her personal mission to befriend as many of our members as she could. We will all miss her enthusiastic participation in our Society's projects and events. She particularly enjoyed the Tuesday morning cataloguing group at the Kern-Harrington Museum, which drew together friends who enjoyed each other and enjoyed accomplishing something for the Society.

Ileana grew up as part of a large family in Orange Township north of Westerville. She started to school in Central College, but later, after the family moved, she continued school in New Albany, graduating from New Albany High School in 1945. She worked for a while at the Curtis-Wright plant during the War. She met Bob Dickendeshier through mutual friends and they were married in 1957. She and Bob acquired a building in the center of New Albany, where they lived and ran a hardware/appliance business for some time. Then they turned the store into a pizza shop and made a memorable success of it for quite a few more years.

She and Bob were a great team. They were both proud of their family, who were all pictured in the impressive photo gallery in their living room -- their three children, five grandchildren, with all their spouses, and of course great-grandson Gabriel.

Friends well remember that Ileana liked the idea of the memorial bricks that we plan to install on the grounds of the Ealy House. She looked forward to having one with her name on it, placed "right in the middle," where everyone would walk on it and think of her. We are not going to have to have a brick to remember Ileana, but we won't forget her request. Hers will be one of the first memorial bricks we install, and it will go right in the middle.

--Marty Saveson

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF APRIL 2
at the Firehouse**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by David Cline, Vice-President. The March minutes were read by Sharon Carter in Marilyn Regrut's absence. Corrections needed before acceptance. John Ayres made a motion to accept the minutes after corrections were made, and Betty Maynard seconded. All ayes to accept. The Treasurer's report was read by Helen Pestel. Motion to accept by Kathy Yager, seconded by John Saveson. All ayes.

Video tapes made by Dave Curtis have been reviewed and found to show only the road ahead (no houses), and no audio. Therefore, the tapes are not usable for our purpose.

EALY HOUSE: The issue of the cracks between the stones in the wall under the steps. Kim had spoken to an architect and three stone masons, all of whom have declined to suggest patching or using a product for repair. Repair of this nature becomes a liability issue for them, because the expansion and contraction of the product can cause possible damage to the foundation. Their suggestion was that since the cracks do not go clear through the wall, and are under the porch (not exposed to the elements), it is best to leave them as is. The Board has recommended that the motion made at the last general meeting, to caulk between the stones, be withdrawn. John Ayres moved that we no longer consider caulking, after discussing it with several contractors. Seconded by Helen Pestel. All ayes.

EALY HOUSE UPDATE: John Saveson wants to take the design of the back porch to the ARB -- the next available date is May 11, 2009. To do that, we have to apply 30 days in advance. We have three things that have to go before the ARB Board:

(1) The drawing of the design, which must be by a registered architect; (2) Construction details; and (3) a Site Plan. John's architect has agreed that we do not need steps in addition to a ramp. Also, a

plastic grid would be acceptable for walk at the end of the ramp. Discussion ensued regarding the old stones. Kathy Yager suggested that we could use them as pillars (piers) under the back porch or the stones could be used as filler. John Saveson suggested that a third pier needed to be added under the porch. He also noted that the drawing (A1) was missing a pad at the end of ramp, and windows. Helen Pestel stated that we are charged a fee each time we go before the ARB. Do we need anything else decided on before we go to ARB? What about a path to the ramp, or at the front walk to the bike path (2 walks?). Discussion followed.

We need more bids for drawings. John moved that \$2900. be allowed for a visual drawing by Northpoint Architectural Consultants (sheet A1) with a contingency that the drawing will pass through ARB successfully. (1) Drawing of design has to be by a registered architect of public buildings. (2) Must include construction details. (3) A site plan, and (4) agreement to include any changes that are required by the ARB. John Ayres seconded the motion based on these contingencies. Show of hands revealed 9 in favor, 5 against, of 14 present.

John Saveson moved that as a general concept we accept the drawing (sheet A1) from Northpoint Architectural Consultants, dated 3/31/09, with the addition of the third pier under the porch and wider columns on porch and the possibility of a gate at the second landing. Betty Maynard seconded. In favor, 10. Against, 2, and 1 abstention. John Saveson moved that we authorize \$300. for payment to the ARB if we submit the architectural drawings by that time if contingency is in effect. John Ayres seconded. All ayes.

FRONT WALKWAY: The front walkway was discussed. John Saveson wanted approval for money on this also, but this was tabled until more bids are received.

CISTERN: Should we fill it in? Discussion followed. We will look into this at a later date. John Saveson moved that we fill it in. No second. Motion died.

FOUNDERS DAY: We need volunteers for everything. Marty Saveson has acquired "Cats Meow" bricks of the 1925 school building to sell at our boutique on consignment. Our cost is \$10. each. Sell for \$20. We will accept donations of candy to hand out at the parade. There will be a meeting regarding our float at Kim's barn at 6:30 Wed., April 8, 2009.

FUNDRAISERS: Betty Maynard suggested we do Max & Erma's again in June. We can print fliers in our newsletter. Easton has a Community Booth--she will check into this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: John Ayres researched the EMH&T & found no problems. He would like to see the Cultural Impact report on Rose Run in our Ealy House Library. It is very informative. David Cline mentioned that many state historical sites will be open by appointment only this summer, due to budget restrictions. But the Newark Earth Works will be open at normal summer hours.

The Board is meeting two times per month, one of the meetings for clarifying the By-laws. Thanks to Sine Ayres for refreshments. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

--Sharon Carter,
Secretary pro tem

EALY GROUNDS EMERGE FROM JUNGLE

All spring, several mornings a week, lone groundsman John Saveson has worked on the tangle of underbrush surrounding the Ealy yard, clearing out between trees and bushes, opening up more potential lawn area. Most of the work took place to the east of the driveway, between the driveway and the official boundary of our property. Recently, thanks to Nancy Ferguson, the New Albany Service Dept. carried away the huge piles of brush and dug out some tree stumps. Now they can mow in the newly cleared spots. Incidentally, we have had iris, lilacs, and poppies adding color to the surroundings.

FOUNDERS DAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Thanks to the hard work of a small group of members, we ran a successful bake sale, produced a colorful float, and mounted 8 different displays in the Elementary School gym. We can't begin to name all the bakers who provided our cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, and breads for the bake sale, but you know who you are, and we thank you very much. Helen Pestel, Liz Feichter, John and Sine Ayres, Marty Saveson, and Kim Cathell all helped to keep the table going from about 10 until 4, when we sold out.

The float was designed and constructed by Kim, Sharon Carter, Helen Pestel, Naomi Fodor, and Dave Cline, and pulled by Taylor Cathell on the tractor. The scene was supposed to contrast old and new ways of doing things, but the barn and the kids were the real eyecatchers.



Between the Bake Sale and the Boutique we took in about \$220, so Founders Day, as usual was not a big money-maker for us, but it was definitely a crowd-pleaser in many respects. And further good news--the rain held off until 5 p.m. In fact, the mainly cloudy weather was ideal for Founders Day.



David Cline had a mini-museum of antique toys (contrasted with some modern ones), antique blacksmith tools, and other tools. Marty Saveson spread out our collection of good photos of old Plain Township buildings. She also exhibited a few of her braided rugs. Liz Feichter displayed her pastel-colored Depression glassware. Daniel Thompson added some of his Indian projectile points and tools to the Society's Swickard collection for an impressive display. And Bill Resch had a table of maps and information on the Rose Run project. But for the kids our craft tables were the best place to be.



Our biggest attraction, by far, was the Children's Craft area, where Sharon Carter and some helpers were constantly surrounded by kids making rag dolls and creating sticker art. We did not charge anything for this--it was free and fun and kind of relaxing after the hectic rides and crowds outside.



In the gym, Marilyn Regrut had a fabulous display of all sorts of historic buttons, and she also had created a mannequin dressed in an old-fashioned costume to stand invitingly just inside the door. The Heritage Quilt was a big attraction. Rhonda Anderson was constantly surrounded by a fascinated audience as she explained the features on the quilt and the historical associations. Thanks to Patty Zarley, Lillian Shannon, and JoAnn Wendel for also being there to talk about the quilt. 9

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING of MAY 7
at the Firehouse**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 by David Cline, Vice-President. Minutes of April meeting were not read, because of Marilyn Regrut's absence. Treasurer's report was read by Helen Pestel. We received a grant of \$5000 from the Village of New Albany to be used for Dryer House repairs. Motion to accept by Kathy Yager, 2nd by John Saveson, all ayes.

The front steps at the Ealy House are ready for inspection.

FOUNDERS DAY: The Grand Marshalls have been selected—Wilbur and Janet Kindler. They were awarded a plaque at the Village Council meeting. An ad was put in the paper.

EALY BACK PORCH: The back porch drawings were passed around. The committee decided in favor of brick piers and to eliminate steps at the back door. The steps at the landing are still in the plans. Back doorway has been measured for handicap access. John Saveson stated that they were ready to go to the ARB "tomorrow." Helen Pestel wants to know "what else" needs to be submitted to the ARB. John stated that the walkway falls under the Zoning Committee and is not required by ARB. Neil Kirby stated that he would check into this (sign, walkway, and back porch) & report back. John Saveson moved that the treasurer give him a check for \$300. so they can go to ARB. Neil seconded, with the understanding that all three are checked into, so we don't have to go to the ARB again for these items. Check is to be made out to the New Albany Architectural Review Board. All plans were returned to John Saveson.

WALKWAY: The available bids were passed around—All Ohio Masonry Restoration, Inc. and Inspired Spaces. John Saveson moved to table this topic until some work from both groups can be viewed, according to Patty Zarley's suggestion. Neil Kirby 2nd. All ayes.

Mr. Rousseau, Boy Scout leader, discussed the possibility of having some of his Scouts remove some of the old bricks before work begins on the walkway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be a barn party on Thurs. June 4, at 6 p.m. at the Savesons' barn (our next Society meeting). Ed Holter is very ill--a card was passed around for well wishes.

EILEEN LEUBY, President of the Chamber of Commerce, gave a talk--very informative and interesting. She also passed around some information regarding local businesses. And she showed how home videos & photos can be combined into a DVD or video of family history.

Refreshments were served by Theresa Kempker and Kathy Yager. Theresa used some of her & Neil's wedding gifts as serving pieces, and served spice cake (cake at their wedding). She and Neil Kirby have been married for 24 years. Thank you, Theresa, and congratulations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

--Sharon Carter
Secretary pro tem

CATS MEOWS STILL AVAILABLE

If you missed one of the earlier opportunities to acquire a "Cats Meow" miniature version of the 1925 High School (now known as the Jewish Day School, but not for long), you may still buy one from our Society for \$20.00. Our Society gets to keep \$10.00 from each sale. Think of people who would enjoy receiving one as a gift. Call Marty at 855-9809 if you are interested.

ARB APPLICATION QUASHED

The following is a letter to the New Albany Architectural Review Board, dated May 13, 2009

From: John E. Saveson for the Committee composed of John Ayres, Neil Kirby, and John Saveson

Subject: the Ealy House restoration

(a) On May 8, the Committee, acting for the New Albany Plain Township Historical Society, submitted to the ARB a "certificate of appropriateness" and related architectural drawings specified in the Ohio Building Code. On May 11 the ARB requested a few additional materials (samples, photos, etc.) which are being collected and will be submitted shortly.

On May 11 Kim Cathell, President of the NAPT Historical Society, without notice to the Committee, and without notice from the ARB to the Committee, withdrew the Committee's application and removed from the Community Development Office the 15 sets of architectural drawings the Committee had submitted.

This peremptory act is counter to the authority given the Committee by the Society on Jan. 8, 2009. The Society's motion reads as follows:

"Issues needing to be resolved are: (1) Landscape plans and donor brick walk; (2) Handicap access and parking; (3) Sewer hook-up. Debbie Dean moved that John Ayres, Neil Kirby, and John Saveson be charged with solving these problems. Seconded by Kathy Yager. Motion approved. The three men agreed to take care of these issues." (The original text appears in the enclosed Newsletter of February and March 2009, p. 10.)

(b) On May 7, 2009, the Historical Society, having examined the architectural drawings presented by the Committee, authorized their submittal to the ARB and authorized the Treasurer to issue a check to

cover the ARB fee of \$300. Minutes of this meeting are not yet available. However, this account can be verified by consulting any person present that evening. A list is attached.

(c) The Committee asks the ARB to recover the Committee's materials and, between now and June 8, 2009, to continue its review of the Society's application as scheduled.

(End of letter)

What happened next was that the representative for the ARB in the Community Development Office would not accept a continuation of the review or a resubmission of the application. She gave as reason that the President of our Society had phoned her on Monday May 11 to withdraw the application and no one else was entitled to represent the Society. This impasse caused the Committee to write the following letter, which was sent to Tom Rubey, Director of Development for NACO, with a copy to Craig Mohre, President of the New Albany Community Foundation:

May 20, 2009

From John Saveson for the Committee to Complete the Restoration of the Ealy House (John Ayres, Neil Kirby, John Saveson)

Subject: Dissolution of the Committee

As you will know from materials I sent you recently, the President of the New Albany Plain Township Historical Society, without notifying the Committee, withdrew an application the Committee had submitted to the Architectural Review Board. This action, along with various others, convinced the Committee finally that it was unable to work with the present leadership of the Society. The Committee is apprehensive about financial and legal risks that may be involved. Consequently, the Committee has dissolved itself. It will notify the Society's Board of that fact at the next meeting of the Board on May 26.

All expenses incurred by the Committee have been paid. I mention specifically the Architect's fee of \$2900.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETINGS
of Mar. 24, Apr. 14 & 28, May 12 & 26

1. The **STONE FOUNDATION** under the front steps, in need of tuck-pointing, was reportedly discussed with 3 different masons, all of whom hesitated to recommend a "product" that would be safe to use. This was later brought up at a Society meeting, where the group decided not to pursue the point, since the cracks do not go through to the inside of the house.

2. **"CAT'S MEOW"** decorative replicas of the 1925 High School are being offered to our group at half price. If we would like to sell them for \$20, we would be able to keep \$10 for each one sold. The Board recommended that we do this. Meanwhile, the Alumni Association asked whether they might keep \$5.00 of the \$10. if they sold some at their Alumni Banquet. The Board OK'd this plan. Robert Dean will take them to the banquet. (He did in fact sell 8 of them there & then we sold 5 more at our next Society meeting.)

3. A **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** was formed to take care of issuing membership cards, collecting dues from the "annual" members, and keeping the list up to date. Members of this committee are Helen Pestel, Sharon Carter, and Marilyn Saveson.

4. A report was made on getting work done on the **DRYER HOUSE**. An estimate of about \$2700. was talked about for patching the worst trouble spots. More estimates are needed. Meanwhile, Taylor Cathell & classmates, as part of their "Community Service" requirement, will pick up the fallen branches so they can be chipped & removed. Then the Township can mow again.

5. The Board voted to recommend to the Society that we go with the "Inspired Spaces" company to construct the front walk at the Ealy House.

TREASURER'S REPORT for March/April 2009

	March	April
Income		
Jim Fodor Memorial	\$ 10.00	
Profit from one Cat's Meow		\$ 10.00
Memberships (Hull, J. Adams & R. Mowery)		30.00
Village of New Albany - Dryer House Grant		5,000.00
Postage Donation		5.00
Sale of nails for Postage		35.00
Checking Interest	4.35	2.74
Total Income	\$ 14.35	\$5,082.74

Expenses

AEP - (Ealy \$290.20; \$94.07; RTD \$0.08; \$4.94)	\$ 290.28	\$ 99.01
AT&T	21.43	21.58
New Albany Founders Day	25.00	
Claggett Design/Build (Ealy back porch with ramp)		1,450.00
Founders Day Expense		17.93
US Postal Service - Post Office Box Annual Rental	38.00	
Fifth-Third Bank-Transfer of Memorial Funds to CD	981.90	
Rumpke		52.45
Print Xpress (newsletter)		41.80
Brinks	107.97	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,464.58	\$1,682.74

March 1st Balance	\$ 26,022.49
Income	5,097.09
Expenses	3,147.35
April 30th Balance	\$27,972.23
Hold for Computer	1,800.00
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
18 Month CD Balance 2.47% Annual Int.	5,541.37
Vanguard Fund Balance 03/31/09	13,851.64
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 03/31/08	46,383.52
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 03/31/08	31,995.74
Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer	

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