

# Newsletter

June and July 2010

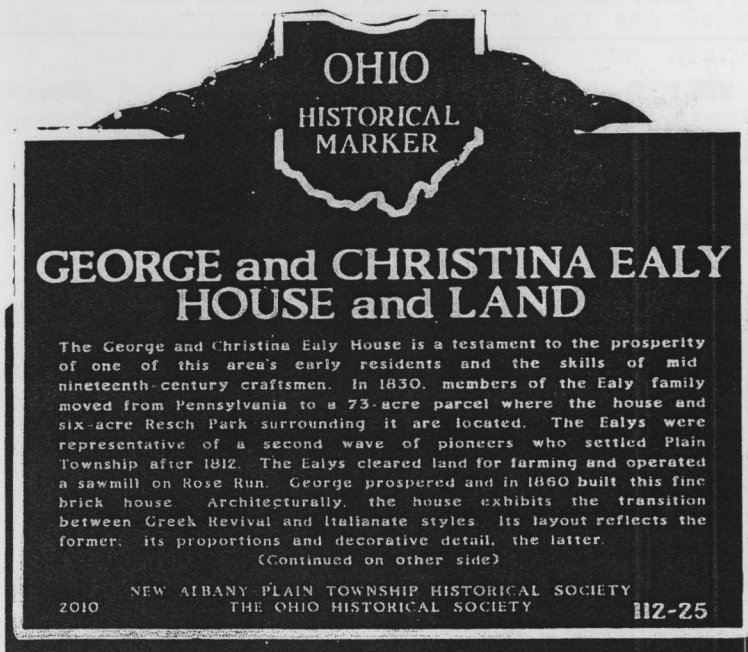
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Side One of our new Historical Marker.

Side Two is on page 5.

(photos by Henry Kempker)

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The next Society meeting will be at 7 p.m.  
Thursday, June 3,  
at the Plain Township Fire Station

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thurs. JUNE 3 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Fire Station**

**Tues. JUNE 22 -- Board Meeting**

**Thurs. JULY 1 -- 6 p.m. POT-LUCK PICNIC at the Savesons' barn (8370 Clouse Road).**

Bring your own table service and a dish to share. We will provide coffee, water, and iced tea.

**Sat. JULY 3 -- 11 a.m. Parade, with our famous float. Open House at the Ealy House following the Parade, until 2 p.m. Fireworks at dusk.**

**Tues. JULY 20 -- Board Meeting & Newsletter Deadline**

**Thurs. AUGUST 5 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Plain Township Fire Station**

**Tues. AUG. 17 -- Board Meeting**

**Thurs. SEPTEMBER 2 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Plain Township Fire Station**

## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members to our Society:

**Cynthia Kutz, a Landon descendant, 240 Woods Road, Kempton, PA 19529**

**Gregory & Ruth Eller, Dryer House neighbors at 7861 Walnut St., New Albany, OH 43054**

## THANKS FOR FOUNDERS DAY EFFORTS

Thanks to all who donated time, hard cash, unflagging effort, and bone-numbing exertion preparing the Ealy House for its grand opening. We also want to thank Naomi Fodor, Sharon Carter, and David Cline for building the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society float for the Founders Day Parade. We greatly appreciate all who prepared and staffed the Society's Founders Day displays of historic wood and stone historic artifacts, crafts, old tools, quilts, etc. We need to thank those who planned the Founders Day event for the Historical Society: Sharon Carter and David Cline. We thank Nancy Ferguson, who did the carpentry work and poured concrete to meet the requirements for the Fire Inspection. We appreciate all the hard work of Theresa Kempker, Neil Kirby, and Henry for managing and staffing the clean-up of the Ealy House prior to the grand opening. Our thanks to Marty and John Saveson for their work and the planning and managing of the Ealy House Historical Marker dedication. We are grateful for all those who helped us with these projects, including a host of members and friends we have not named. Thank you!

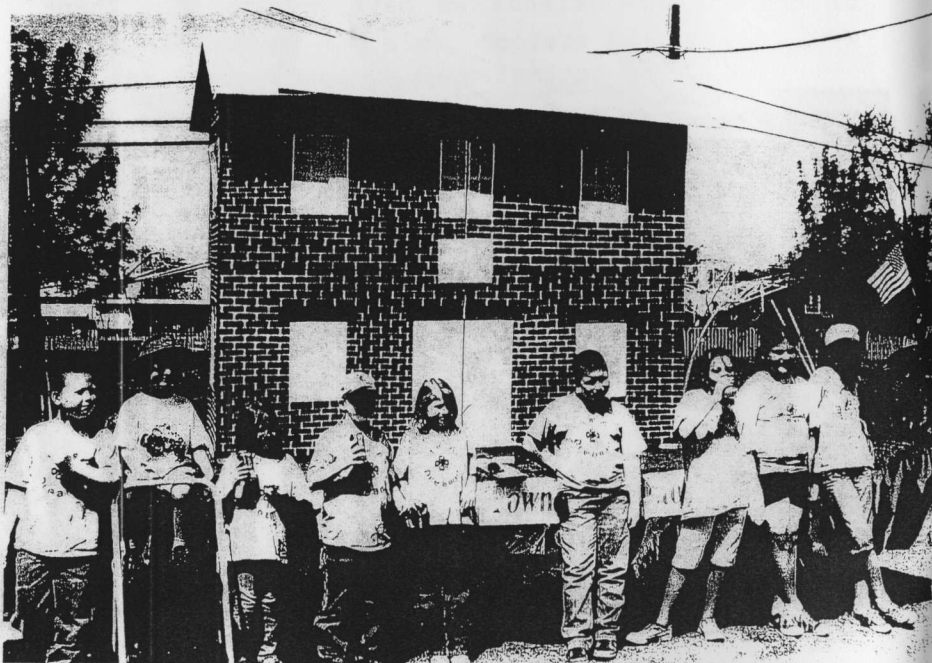


L. to r., Rolland Campbell, Willard Zarley, Andy Verhoff, John & Marilyn Saveson. Mr. Campbell grew up in the Ealy House.

Second only to the Ealy House itself on May 15 was our impressive Float in the Parade. Sharon Carter almost single-handedly created the large replica of the House; it was surrounded by enthusiastic 4-H kids sitting on the wagon pulled by Steve Bevelhymer on his tractor. Three 4-H moms walked alongside and distributed flyers advertising the Ealy open house & Historic Marker dedication.

Meanwhile, in the school gym, another whole crew was setting up displays of old maps and photos, the Heritage Quilt & other quilts, blacksmith tools, Ethel Schleppe's art, and Indian artifacts. Sharon repeated last year's success with a children's craft table. Other members and friends on hand were Willard & Patty Zarley, Ronda & Dave Anderson, David Cline, Daniel Thompson, and Joanne and Dick Windle.

Also in the gym were Ben Collins, Eileen Hull, and Glyde Marsh, displaying old Township maps and photos.



At 2 p.m. on Founders Day, the Ealy House was officially opened to the public. It was an occasion to celebrate its renovation, its 150th anniversary, and the unveiling of an Ohio Historical Marker. Our president, Willard Zarley, welcomed the crowd; Mayor Nancy Ferguson gave a history of our acquisition of the house and the renovation process; Andy Verhoff, of the Ohio Historical Society, congratulated us on our achievement, and then unveiled the Marker; and John Saveson pointed out significant aspects of the layout of the house.

The weather was beautiful, the wild phlox and the locust trees surrounding the property were in full, fragrant bloom, and the crowd was large and enthusiastic. Joey Thomas greeted guests at the front door. (Incidentally, her flower arrangements were a feature of the main rooms.) Sine Ayres was in charge of the dining room & guest book, Sally Hess held sway over the kitchen & boutique, and Naomi Fodor was in charge of lemonade, cookies (thanks to many Society bakers), and Sine's old-fashioned pound cake, on the newly restored back porch.

Various members guided the visitors through the different rooms of the house, including the basement (which was very popular, following John's description of the importance of it to life in the old farm house). Another popular spot was the library upstairs, where Dick Yantis was sharing genealogical information about Plain Township families.

## GEORGE and CHRISTINA EALY HOUSE and LAND

(Continued from other side)

George Ealy recorded the year of the house's construction, 1880, in his own hand in the attic. He also listed the names of the "workmen" who built the house. They include, as mesons, a father and son named Schott, and two Beecher brothers as master carpenters. The Schotts were a German family who moved from Columbus to Plain Township in 1850. The Beechers came from Connecticut and settled in New Albany about the year the town was laid out, in 1837. The New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society acquired the house in 2004. The house along with the Resch Park was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

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## CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The President of our Society has received a very appreciative letter from the New Albany Community Foundation Board of Trustees. The main paragraph reads as follows:

"The Ealy House serves as a wonderful representation of the community's rich history. And thanks to the society, it also serves as a beautiful showplace and an historic museum for the community. The foundation is proud to have played a small role in supporting the society's efforts to restore the Ealy House. We commend you for all the hard work that has been invested in preserving and restoring the home. We look forward to an ongoing role with the society in maintaining the Ealy house through the society's 'sustaining fund' of the foundation so that future generations of New Albany/Plain Township residents may more fully appreciate their community's proud history."

The letter is signed by both Craig Mohre (president of the Foundation) and Carl English (Chairman of the Foundation Board).



Agnes Pauline Morgan was born on Feb. 23, 1922, to William H. and Ota B. Swickard Morgan. They lived at the end of Morgan Lane (now a shortened Morgan Road). I first knew her when we were both toddlers, and we were classmates throughout our school years and good friends always. She was an honor student and musician who played both the piano and the cello. A tall, slender brunette, she was for several years chosen to be the female lead actress in High School class plays.

Agnes learned to be a secretary and held several jobs in Columbus. She often volunteered at church fund-raisers and during World War II at the U.S.O. In fact, she met her husband, Ivor Campbell, at a U.S.O function.

Aggie was an avid gardener. She could start roses using a stem and putting it under a jar. She sewed many of her own clothes. Often she would crochet a beret to match her outfit. But she would take the beret off her head and give it to someone who admired it. She was a great cook, also. Her pie crust was a dream.

Her greatest love was music. She sang in church choirs, including the New Albany Methodist and the Central College Presbyterian. She played the organ at the New Albany and the Broad St. Methodist churches. She was a self-taught guitar player. She often sang solos of songs that she herself had composed. Ivor had her songs, mostly religious ones, published. She also wrote poems based on religion and childhood memories.

Agnes died on April 12, preceded in death by her brother, Rollin, and his wife, Betty Dague Morgan, and by her husband, Ivor. Surviving her are her loving caregiver niece, Monica Morgan, and her greatnieces, Morgan Whitehead and Amanda Fout.

Agnes, we have beautiful memories.

--Arloia Walton

**TWO LETTERS OF GENEALOGICAL INTEREST**  
**to Descendants of Noble Landon**

Jim Ritter  
508 Sundance Lane  
Georgetown, Texas 78533

April 16, 2010

Dear Jim:

The New Albany Plain Township Historical Society does not have information concerning your grandfather Daniel Ritter. However, we can identify your grandmother Viola Robbins as the daughter of Victoria Permelia Landon, daughter of Noble Landon, one of the two founders of New Albany.

A lady by the name of Alexandra Kazan has done exhaustive genealogical research on the Landons and may be able to provide information on your ancestor who was not a Landon. Her address is Woodhaven House, 2014 McNutt Road, Augusta, Georgia 30906.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Kutz  
240 Woods Road  
Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529

Dear Cynthia,

Welcome to the New Albany Plain Township Historical Society.

I regret that we cannot help you to identify two wives of your great-great-grandfather John Robbins as daughters of an Indian chief. Other than to note what you may have discovered already, namely, that a "J.A. Robbins" is listed in the Census of 1840 in Licking County, Liberty Township, p. 323, and that a "J.A. Robbins" is listed in Plain Township, Franklin County, in the Census of 1850. The 1850 Census lists, in addition, James, Thomas, and John Robbins in Plain Township. Is there a possibility of confusing two Robbins named John?

The second wife of your great-grandfather James D. Robbins, Victoria Permelia Landon, was the daughter of Noble Landon, one of the two founders of New Albany. If you wish to pursue the Landon line in your ancestry, we suggest you write to another descendant of James and Permelia, Alexandra Kazan, Woodhaven House, 2014 McNutt Road, Augusta, Georgia 30906.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

John E. Saveson for NAPTHS

**MINUTES OF THE NAPT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**MEETING of APRIL 8, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Willard Zarley at the NA Fire Station. Minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting read, motion to accept by Sharon Carter, second John Ayres, all ayes.

Financial report was circulated and explained by Treasurer Helen Pestel. The March 31 balance was \$22,014.60. Neil Kirby moved to accept the treasurer's report, second Kathy Yager. All ayes.

It was reported that the grant money Helen Pestel applied for has been granted by the Village of NA. The money will be used for landscaping, extra funds to be put toward a sign.

**EALY HOUSE**

Neil Kirby reported that the porch construction is mostly done except for some clean-up work. The grid and ramp are in place and awaiting final inspection by the Village.

Historical Marker: Marty Saveson reported that she received a letter from the Historical Society "downtown" regarding the marker. It will be ready for delivery prior to Founders Days. NA Village service department will inspect and install the sign. Placement on the property was discussed at length. Neil showed pros and cons of various possible locations. The sign must be placed inside the bike path, out of the right-of-way. John Ayres moved that the sign be placed 5 feet south of the bike path and 5 feet east of the grid allowing relocation of approx 1 foot either direction if necessary to avoid underground structures. Second John Saveson. The sign will face to be readable from the bike path.

Landscaping: Two detailed estimates have been submitted. The third by Parish is a dollar amount of \$6087 with no detailed contract information. Two other bids were discussed at length, McCullough \$4269.15 and Oakland for \$4154.60. Both companies' bids include designated tree removal and plantings using plant materials reflective of the era of the house. Landscape plan has been previously approved by the Village. The committee recommends using Oakland Nursery. Motion by Marilyn Regrut that we engage Oakland Nursery to do the landscaping. Second by Dave Maynard. All in favor. Helen Pestel noted that Oakland will want 25% of the fee and that we will need an updated date on the contract. John stated that Oakland

has verbally agreed to honor the estimate although the contract date has expired.

Occupancy permit: Neil stated that it will be available after approval of the porch construction project by the Village.

Willard introduced several issues related to managing Ealy House

House Coordinator, a person to keep the house calendar to assure that events are scheduled properly. Marty Saveson moved that Theresa Kempker be appointed house coordinator. Second by John Ayres. All ayes. Theresa agreed to assume the position.

Interior Committee, this will be a group of people to furnish the rooms, rotate displays etc. Discussion ensued regarding people previously assigned to furnish rooms in the house. Motion by Neil Kirby that an interior committee be formed to to follow the earlier plans if they can be located. Second by John Ayres. The following people volunteered; Nancy Ferguson, Marty Saveson, Sharon Carter, Naomi Fodor, Marilyn Regrut.

Rugs: John Saveson reported on the Rug issue. He has found a dealer in Los Angeles who is interested in selling the Indian motif rug. Sharon Carter moved that we send it to him to sell on condition that no charges (repairs) other than shipping will be involved. Second Nancy Ferguson. All ayes

FOUNDERS DAY. MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> THEME IS "NO LIMITS"

David Cline and Sharon Carter reported on possible areas of involvement, all were discussed at length.

Parade Float, many in favor, no one volunteered to coordinate. Suggested importance of a float as visibility. No charge, form to be submitted.

Gym, share with committee celebrating the 200 year anniversary of the Township with a display. David feels there is plenty of room to share gym. No charge for the gym. Form to be submitted.

David moved that we not have a bake sale at the school, second Helen Pestel. Board to work our details at next Board Meeting.

Discussion of opening Ealy house; it is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the house; a dedication will be appropriate at this time also.

David will inform the Committee of these activities.

It was mentioned that we might have a limited bake sale at the Ealy House with the dedication activities.

Nancy Ferguson offered to do a first draft of a sign, Willard asked if it might be ready for the April 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

## DRYER HOUSE

Theresa Kempker and Bob Dickendesher met with Joe Ciminello and Golf Club staff on the second attempt. Our issues of broken barn siding, tires against the barn, items stored in the barn (chairs, wood) and items leaning against the barn were brought up.

The tires have since been removed, material leaning against the barn relocated to the golf club barn area. They would like to leave the items in the barn that are there, golf club will clean up some dead wood and mow if Township does not have funds to do it.

Mr. Ciminello reminded our members that the agreement called for the Society to keep the house, barn and grounds in good condition and that the property be used for historical events. Since this has not happened, Ciminello offered to break the agreement.

Much discussion ensued regarding how to handle the Dryer house issues given a time consideration reported by Theresa. There are options involved which include sale of the property, possible rent with renovation, keep the same arrangement. Much discussion about the possibility of relaxation or removal of the deed restriction to allow rent to a non-profit entity/ possibly a person who would rehab it.

Nancy Ferguson moved that, consider letting it be known that we would rent the Dryer house if the restrictions can be changed. Second by Sharon Carter.

Bob Dickendescher asked to be removed from the Dryer house committee, Robert Dean agreed to replace him.

Theresa announced that judges are needed for Ohio History Day April 24. Forms passed.

Sharon Carter moved that the meeting be adjourned. 9:PM

A most informative and interesting program on travels in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands was presented by Betty and Dave Maynard. The pictures they shared were wonderful.

Refreshments were provided by Naomi Fodor and enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Marilyn Regrut, secretary



MINUTES OF THE MAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
**MEETING of MAY 6, 2010**

This month's meeting was held at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Willard Zarley, President.

**Secretary minutes:** were read by Sharon Carter. David Cline made a motion to accept as read and Bob Dickendesh seconded.

**Treasurer's report:** none given.

A question came up about the Kern-Harrington House. Nancy Ferguson told us that there are people who are interested in it. NACO owns it, and wants it moved.

**Ealy House Museum:** There were not enough usable stones to use as steps. The museum was inspected by New Albany on Thursday. Tim Schafer signed temporary occupancy permit. We need to have approval, from the Society, for the change order to purchase and install the metal hand railings required by the inspectors. The change order cost \$329.00 and is included in the check written by Helen. (Motion was made by David Cline, seconded by John Ayres, all ayes). The fire department will do their inspection on 5/10/10; we are good on the plumbing inspection (Franklin Co.). Permanent occupancy permit requires us to finish landscaping by November.

Some township people (Ben Collins) will move furniture on Friday. There will also be a work day on 5/7/10, scheduled at 9:00 a.m. until?

**Paver Bricks** should be ready to be picked up at Columbus Art Memorial, Willard will do this.

**Founders Day:** The Grand Marshall was selected – Mike Brown.

The program and dedication of the new sign at the Ealy House Museum is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. and open house will follow. We will have cookies and lemonade on the new back porch, Marty has a list of volunteers to make cookies. We need 3 people on each floor to show and explain the rooms (Marty will have notes for our volunteers) and Neil has volunteered to shuttle workers to the museum. Sine Ayres made some "cupcakes" for us to try. They are made from a recipe from the 1700's using rosewater. She was wondering if we could use these at our dedication.

Marty has made approximately 150 membership flyers, and Catherine and Marty are making handouts for distribution at the parade, regarding Ealy House Museum dedication and open house.

Nancy Ferguson has offered to purchase and install a temporary sign in front of the museum stating OPEN 2 – 4 FOUNDERS DAY. John Ayres made a motion to accept, David Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes.

What about smoking in the Ealy House museum? A receptacle is needed for smoke butts at each door. Nancy Ferguson will take care of this. Patty Zarley has offered to pay for printing of note cards and post cards. Motion was made by Neil Kirby to accept Patty's offer, Marty 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes.

**Rose Taylor Dryer House:** There seem to be a lot of problems with the RTD house, Joe Ciminello thinks we haven't done anything to care about the house; this is not true. Nancy Ferguson wants to have some ceilings removed. Some are really bad. Before removing, they need to be checked if open to the outside. John Saveson moved to accept Nancy's offer to pay for selective ceiling removal, David Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes.

**Float:** We had an emergency board meeting prior to the society meeting this evening to discuss whether we should allow some of our farm implements to be used on the Plain Township's float (Ben Collins would be responsible). A list of the implements is: plow, hay fork, corn shucker (sheller), seed cleaner (larger one), seed broadcaster and a hand drill. A motion was made by Sharon Carter to let Ben Collins borrow these items listed (put together by John Saveson) for use on his float and for display at the gymnasium. Marty 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes with quorum of four.

Our float was explained by Sharon Carter.

**Announcements:** Chad Olinger discovered a John Deere plow in the weeds and bushes on his property. Do we want it? We will check it out, and also check our inventory; we may have one that is similar. Nancy Ferguson has offered to check on these items.

Neil Kirby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sharon Carter. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Carter, Secretary pro tem

**BOARD BUSINESS**

The Board has met five times since the last Society meeting (April 13 & 27, May 6, 11, & 25), generally to deal with the Founders Day and Ealy House events, the paver brick project, and the final Ealy House permits and inspections. Everything discussed by the Board has been or will be reported at the general Society meetings.

**DRYER HOUSE NEWS**

Members of this Society have much to think about, such as what do we wish to DO with the Dryer property? Options include keeping it & hosting farmers' markets, community gardens, picnics, etc.; renting it out to a non-profit organization (feelers put out in the past have led nowhere); or selling it. Meanwhile, there are immediate repairs to be made, most notably rehangng or replacing the big door of the barn, which at the moment is wide open to potential thieves and vandals. On the bright side, however, did you notice the Township float in the Founders Day parade? It was very eye-catching, with its collection of some of our society's old farm implements.

**CORRECTION**

In the last issue of the Newsletter (April/May), on page 4, 3rd paragraph, line 3, the "bundled" warp threads (not woof) are being described.

**FLORENCE BEVELHYMER**

Shortly before going to press, we learned that Florence had died on Easter Sunday, in Illinois. There will be a full obituary in the next Newsletter.

**New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society**

**Treasurer's Report -- March/April 2010**

| <u>Income</u>   | <u>March</u>           | <u>April</u> |
|---|------------------------|--------------|
| New Albany Area Chamber   | \$100.00               |              |
| Copper Recycling  | 13.20                  |              |
| Memberships - New members Cynthia Kutz, 240 Woods Rd. Kempton, PA 19529, Gregory & Ruth Eller, 7861 Walnut St., New Albany, OH 43054- Renewal John Fisher |                        | \$ 40.00     |
| Memorial for Aggie Campbell   |                        | 50.00        |
| Village of New Albany grant for landscaping   |                        | 5,000.00     |
| Paver Project for Sidewalk  |                        | 700.00       |
| Checking Interest   | <u>2.51</u>            | <u>2.21</u>  |
| Total Income  | \$ 115.71              | \$5,792.21   |
| <br><u>Expenses</u>   |                        |              |
| AEP - (Ealy \$335.98 \$108.02, RTD\$5 77,\$5.77)  | \$ 341.75              | \$113.79     |
| Henning Company (Paint Removal & February work)   | 8,467.00               |              |
| Ohio Historical Society (Ealy Marker)   | 1,550.00               |              |
| Columbus-City Treasurer Ealy Water & Sewer  | 25.27                  |              |
| Rumpke  |                        | 58.07        |
| Brink's Security  | 107.97                 |              |
| AT&T  | 22.36                  | 22.45        |
| OAHSM Membership  |                        | 35.00        |
| Print Xpress (newsletter)   |                        | <u>43.70</u> |
| United States Postal Service (PO Box 219)   | <u>40.00</u>           |              |
| Total Expenses  | \$ 10,564.35           | \$ 273.01    |
| <br><u>March 1st Balance</u>  |                        |              |
|   | \$ 32,463.24           |              |
| Income  | 5,907.92               |              |
| Expenses  | 10,837.36              |              |
| <u>April 30th Balance</u>   | <u>\$27,533.80</u>     |              |
| Hold for Computer   | 1,800.00               |              |
| Hold for Quilt  | 1,500.00               |              |
| Hold for Historical Marker  | see March expenditures |              |
| Hold for Landscaping  | 5,000.00               |              |
| Hold for Henning  | ~13,000.00             |              |
| 18 Month CD Balance 2.47% Annual Int.   | 5,541.37               |              |
| Vanguard Fund Balance 3/31/10   | 18,086.53              |              |
| Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 12/31/10  | 62,455.14              |              |
| Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 1/21/10   | closed                 |              |
| Ameriprise 12/31/09 3/31/10 \$42,174.41   | 91,152.07              |              |
| Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer   |                        |              |