

Newsletter

August, September, & October 2013
New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society



An 8th-grade Social Studies class, gathered on the ramp to the back porch of the Ealy House, with their teacher, Mr. Morgan. This is one of 15 classes to visit the historic house as part of their study of American History.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAYS AT THE EALY HOUSE -- 9:30-12:00 -- Come to help sort, catalog, dust, organize, and catch up on our news. Phone one of the officers first to make sure we are going to be there.

Wed. & Thurs. Aug. 21 & 22 -- 8th grade Tours

Wed. & Thurs. Aug. 28 & 29 -- 8th-grade Tours

LABOR DAY WEEKEND --YARD SALE at the Dryer House

Fri. and Sat. Aug. 30 & 31, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 2, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

This will be our last yard sale (famous last words) -- the moment has come to GET RID OF everything stored at the Dryer place, plus all the wrong-period items at the Ealy House. The list includes: **ANTIQUÉ & VINTAGE TOOLS & FARM ITEMS, a HAY WAGON, FURNITURE, ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE, OLD & VINTAGE GLASS, CANNING JARS, ANTIQUES, OIL LAMPS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, & lots of miscellaneous stuff.**

In addition, we will include donations from our members of items in good condition (but not clothing or exercise equipment or old electronics). If you send anything electric, test it first, because the Dryer House has no electricity. You may deliver saleable items to the Dryer House Thursday afternoon, Aug. 29, between 2 and 4 or Friday at 8 a.m. (& stay to help, if you can). We will need lots of help putting stuff out and pricing it. We would also appreciate offers of cookies and cold drinks or hot coffee--depending on the weather.

THURS. SEPTEMBER 5 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the Plain Township Fire Station.

PROGRAM: Final decision on what to do about the Dryer Place.

See May and August minutes on pages 6 to 9 for pros & cons.

Hostesses: Debbie Dean & Betty Maynard

Wed. & Thurs. Sept. 11 & 12 -- 8th Grade Tours

WED. Sept. 18 -- 12 noon, Board Meeting at the Ealy House

THURS. OCTOBER 3 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting, Fire Station

Hostess: Naomi Fodor

Program: Some very interesting old materials found in our archives.

NEW DOCENTS FOR THE 8th GRADE TOURS

Our wish for new docents was granted on Monday, August 5, when five new volunteers joined four experienced volunteers and five of us "old hands" on the back porch of the Ealy House for an orientation session. It was one of those perfect summer days which we have been enjoying lately.

After an informal introductory explanation, we toured the house in a leisurely way, mainly stressing the things to point out to students about living in such a house in the 1860's--the water & bathroom situation, the lack of electricity, the heating and lighting challenges, the chores that would have had to be done, most likely by kids like themselves. In general, we try to convey what life was like in a farmhouse in 19th century America. This experience is meant by the teachers to tie in with the study of American history.

The new docents are Jerry Merritt, John O'Connor, Becky Knore, and students Willow Otten & Meghana Ravi. Tagging along for a refresher course were Diane Goedeking, Sally Hess, and Susie Banchefsky. A second docent orientation for four additional new docents is in the offing.

We are about to give tours of the Ealy House to all of the New Albany 8th-graders, beginning on August 21, ending on September 12. There will be 15 different classes of about 25 students each, and our system is to divide each 25 into 4 small groups. One small group is sent to the upstairs, one to the parlor, one to the kitchen, and one to the basement. After 20 minutes a whistle is blown, and the basement contingent comes up to the ground floor, the kitchen bunch tours the parlors, the parlor people go upstairs, and the upstairs party goes down to the basement. It's quite a production.

It's a challenge, but also it's fun to be a docent. And in case anyone else wants to join the "club," we have plenty of time slots to fill. Just call Marilyn Regrut at 797-4490.

NOTES & NEWS

NEW GIFTS to the Society include torchieres and office lighting from John & Sine Ayres, antique andirons from Robert Dean, and a large collection of old Newsletters from Helen Holter. We are very appreciative.

THINGS WE STILL WANT: We would love to be the recipients of a few more items for the Ealy House, namely a small, narrow antique table that would fit neatly into the front hall, and a vacuum cleaner in good working order for the 2nd floor. Also, we really need a small 1860-ish Victorian dresser for the bedroom (the present dresser is too 1900-ish).

We are very happy to welcome **new member Virginia McVay**, who served as the 2013 Grand Marshal of the Founders Day parade. Virginia's address is 5490 Ulry Road, Westerville, OH 43081. Her phone number is (614) 882-2751.

Our Society has been given a lot of publicity this summer in local magazines. **The Columbus Monthly** devoted a paragraph to us in a major article on New Albany. And the **New Albany Life** featured several of us members on the front cover of its June issue, and included a long, detailed article about our Historical Society, enhanced with quite a few very attractive photos. Learn about our own contributions to the latter Magazine on page 7 in this newsletter.

As announced in the last Newsletter, there will be **NO MORE HARVEST FESTIVAL** in October at Dorans' farm. We are left with about 50 pounds of **CANDLE WAX**, plus wicks & weights. We hope to find another organization that would like to sponsor a candle-dipping event. We could even include a copy of detailed instructions.

Likewise, we have a huge supply of pants, shirts, & hats for making **SCARECROWS** and would pass these on to a worthy cause (for a donation, perhaps?). We could also supply packets of string and instructions. Straw for stuffing is the only thing we do not have.

WANTED: an **ELECTRONIC TYPEWRITER** in good condition. Your old-fashioned Newsletter editor, who is not a computer person, wants to replace her present machine, which still works but has too small a screen and is so old that she fears it could conk out in the middle of a newsletter. She will pay well for a good replacement. Note--it must have a memory function. Phone Marty Saveson at (614) 855-9809.

HERITAGE QUILT AT HARLEM TOWNSHIP DAYS

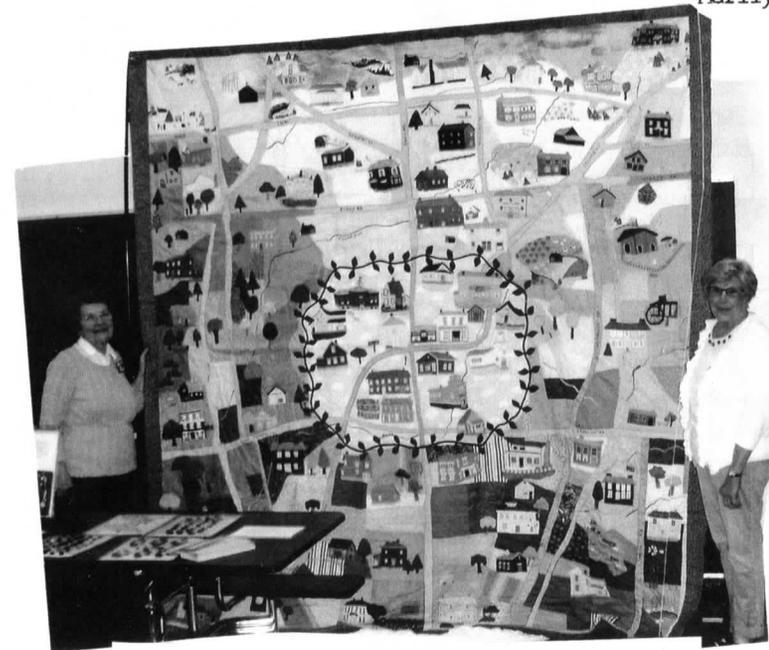
Our Society's Heritage Quilt traveled up Route 605 on Saturday, August 17, to spend the day in Center Village at the Harlem Township Days Festival. The quilt was displayed with more than 50 others in the Fire Station, across the street from the Festival. Joanne Windle, one of the creators of the quilt, was there to answer questions.

Harlem Township Days is a community event organized by Harlem Township Heritage, Inc. Saturday began with a parade of seniors who were honored in a procession featuring convertibles with tops down, and some decorated wagons.

The event lasts two days and is free and fun for the whole family. Antique tractors line one end of the park area. There are lots of kid events and contests and much more, from old-time baseball to tractor pulls, music, story tellers, and a car show. Sunday started with a breakfast and a church service in a tent.

It was a pleasure to be involved with so many nice people who are interested in preserving the heritage of Harlem Township.

-- Marilyn Regrut



Joanne Windle (l.) and Marilyn Regrut (r.)
with Heritage Quilt at Harlem Township Days

**NEW ALBANY-PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MAY 2, 2013 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Regrut at the home of Emily Eby and Mark Baronoski. In the absence of Secretary Liz Feichter, Nancy Ferguson agreed to take the minutes of the May meeting.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL, 2013 MEETING: Kathy Yager read the minutes.

Neil Kirby moved to amend the April minutes to say: "It was moved and seconded that the Historical Society take a vote at its May meeting on whether to turn the Dryer House property over to Joe Ciminello and his partners. The motion passed." Neil's motion to amend the April minutes was seconded and passed.

Neil also moved to add the following sentence to the minutes, "Ciminello would not commit to anything financial that was not in the original agreement." The motion was seconded and passed.

One of our members, Mike Blanchard, has expressed an interest in becoming a caretaker of the property. His intentions would be to make updates to the house and, eventually, live in the house while restoring it. The Historical Society would continue to hold events there and use the barn and out buildings as storage.

Three options were discussed:

- 1) Keeping the Dryer House
- 2) Giving the Dryer House back to Joe Ciminello in the near future
- 3) Negotiating an agreement with a caretaker to live in the property and make repairs to it.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Neil Kirby made the following motion which was seconded by John Ayres:

We would begin negotiations with Joe Ciminello to turn the Dryer House over to Joe and his partners unless:

- 1) We hear a positive response from Mike Blanchard about becoming a caretaker of the property, before the June 6th meeting, and
- 2) Substantial negotiations with Mike Blanchard are completed by July 11th and a detailed written agreement is drafted by that date. The agreement would also need to be consistent with the terms of our deed.
- 3) The Historical Society votes at our August meeting on whether to enter an agreement with Mike Blanchard, extend the deadline, or turn the property over to Joe Ciminello.

This motion was passed.

LIGHTING AT THE EALY HOUSE- John Ayres has ordered six Torchiere Lamps for the Ealy House. The Historical Society will pay for 4 of the lights. John and Sine will be donating 2 additional lights. The cost of the lights is \$85 each. In addition, John has ordered a light fixture for the office. John and Mark Baronoski will pick up the fixtures and they will be installed by an electrical contractor. John has

volunteered to supervise the installation. Nancy Ferguson and John Ayres have volunteered to look for UL certified chandeliers for the hallway, to replace the more contemporary fixtures installed by Durable Slate. They will also continue to look for an exterior fixture for placement near the front door.

Marilyn Regrut thanked the members for the work they have done over the last month.

Marilyn also thanked Mark and Emily for hosting our meeting at their home.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm and the members were offered a tour of Mark and Emily's wonderful house, built by Archibald Smith prior to the Civil War.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Ferguson, Secretary pro tem*

(Note: These minutes have been shortened to avoid repetition of material included in the last Newsletter (June/July). The complete May minutes are on file with the Secretary of the Society.)

MORE NEWS

Congratulations to Eileen Leuby on her exciting new job. Of course, after the many years of our close relationship with her and the New Albany Chamber of Commerce, we will miss her from her former position. However, as the new membership coordinator for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), she will be able to use her leadership skills in a much larger field. She assures us she will still be interested in our Society. Additional news: she has a new home address: 1245 Fawley Court, New Albany, OH 43054, but retains the same home phone number (855-8292).

Theresa Kempker also is to be congratulated on a new job. She will be teaching English as a Second Language to foreign students through the Delaware Area Career Center two days a week. This is in addition to continuing her previous job, also in ESL, at Ohio State University two days a week. We look forward to hearing about her new students and new experiences.

Many thanks to both Theresa and her son, Henry, who together have submitted historical photos and brief articles about New Albany-Plain Township history to the new magazine called New Albany Life. They have chosen the historic photos from our Society's archives. Henry has prepared the copies of the photos, and Theresa has supplied the descriptive paragraphs each month. Those of you who live in the main part of New Albany have been receiving the magazine. We are trying to get it sent to the rest of our local members.

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AUGUST 1, 2013 MEETING
PLAIN TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION

Marilyn Regrut called the meeting to order. There were no formal minutes available from the May meeting and Neil Kirby read from his notes. The June meeting was the annual barn party at the Savesons' and there was no July meeting because of the preparations for the Parade and Open House at Ealy.

Helen Pestel read the Treasurer's report. Neil Kirby made a motion to accept the report as read, John Ayres seconded the motion and it was approved.

Most of the meeting was taken up with discussion of the Dryer House; what to do? The deed does not provide for a three-way agreement...i.e. Joe Ciminello, the Society and Mike Blanchard. (How is he to recover his investment?) Something, a lot, has to be done in order for the Society to comply with the deed requirements of maintaining the property and using it for Society activities and community programs.

What would be the purpose of a caretaker when they would not be able to live on the property because of its condition? Mike wondered about the ^{east} driveway and was informed Joe had it put in before he contacted us for an easement.

Nancy Ferguson made a motion to continue negotiations one more month and to have our attorney, Julia Faist, specify Mike Blanchard's duties. Dr. Glyde Marsh seconded the motion and it passed 10 for and 7 against, extending the discussion to the September meeting.

There has been some surface water at Dryer House, and New Albany checked it out. It was not Columbus water but it could have been from a spring or from drainage tile. It has stopped and we will wait to see if it occurs again.

Marilyn Regrut will take the quilt to Harlem Township Days on August 17 or 18 and will bring it back again. It was decided not to leave it overnight.

We have andirons for the dining room fireplace. Robert Dean donated them and David Cline cleaned them.

We will have 8th grade tours at the Museum from August 21 thru September 12th.

Monday, August 5, was an orientation for Docents. We have 5 new people to present the history of the House.

Liz Feichter volunteered to chair the yard sale and dates were set for the last few days of August and early September. Final dates and times will be in the Newsletter along with other information. Please volunteer to help!

The Spring wagon wheel needs repaired. David will contact the Amish who repaired it previously.

Some kind of maintenance is needed on the front porch of the museum. It may just need to be power washed. Someone will take a look at and let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Feichter, Secretary

JUNE & JULY SOCIETY EVENTS

In lieu of a regular meeting in June, the Society indulged in its annual potluck picnic held in the Saveson barn. "Indulged" is the right word in reference to the delectable foods spread out on the big table and the chance to mingle casually with old and new friends. There was no formal meeting & thus no June Minutes, but we were introduced to Mr. Blanchard and heard his tentative ideas for fixing up the Dryer house.

No meeting and no minutes in July, either, because the first Thursday (our usual meeting date) was July 4th. We again entered our antique spring wagon in the parade (which took place from 10 to 11 a.m.) The wagon was pulled by an excellent horse and ridden in by an excellent passenger (David Cline). Our Ealy House Open House, advertised far & wide as taking place "from 2 to 4 p.m.," was, to our surprise, very busy with visitors from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Next year we must definitely be prepared to open the house right after the parade and figure out how to close it before our docents are exhausted.

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society
Treasurer's Report May/June, 2013

<u>Income</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Memberships (new: Benjamin & Janet Simms, 5375 Snider Loop, New Albany, OH 43054; Student – Chandler Kisiel, PO Box 422, New Albany, OH 43054); Virginia McVay	\$ 24.00	\$ 10.00
Patty Zarley Memorial	400.00	
Marjorie Pestel Brick	50.00	
Founders Day Open House Donation	2.00	
Bricks by Founders Day		<u>100.00</u>
May Interest	2.11	
Pamphlet	<u>4.00</u>	
Total Income	\$ 482.11	\$ 110.00
 <u>Expenses</u>		
AEP – (Ealy \$124.71,\$73.34;RTD\$6.07, \$6.07)	\$ 130.78	\$ 79.41
AT&T	27.26	27.26
ADT Security		107.97
Lighting Unlimited of Columbus	425.00	
Columbus Art Memorial – 10 bricks	135.00	
Ron Davis-Weather Seals on Doors	130.00	
Ron Davis-Pantry renovation		<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Treasurer, State of Ohio, IRS Filing Fee	100.00	
Brian Spangler – Horse Rental Founders Day	450.00	
John & Sein Ayers – Tournier Lamps	340.00	
Columbus-City Treasurer – Water & Sewer Service	<u>32.05</u>	
Total Expenses	\$1770.09	\$5,214.64

<u>May 1st Balance</u>	<u>\$ 31,518.64</u>
Income	592.11
Expenses	6,984.73
<u>Balance June 30th</u>	<u>\$ 25,127.02</u>
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
Hold for Ealy Sign	3,500.00
Vanguard Fund Balance 03/31/13	23,083.06
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 03/31/13	72,794.67
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 1/21/10	closed
Ameriprise (5/31/13)	135,666.85 (includes 9,041.54 (6.66452%) Memorial Money)

Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society
Treasurer's Report July, 2013

<u>Income</u>	<u>July</u>
Income held in cash \$18.00 sale of excess tools \$18.00	
July 4 th donations \$2.00	
Total Income	
 <u>Expenses</u>	
AEP – (Ealy \$70.61;RTD\$6.07)	\$ 76.68
AT&T	27.68
Brian Spangler – Horse Rental 4 th of July	450.00
Total Expenses	\$ 554.36
<u>July 1st Balance</u>	<u>\$ 25,126.02</u>
Income	0.00 (\$20.00 held in cash)
Expenses	554.36
<u>Balance July 31th</u>	<u>\$ 24,571.66</u>
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
Vanguard Fund Balance 06/30/13	23,431.48
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 06/30/13	71,718.10
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 1/21/10	closed
Ameriprise (6/30/13)	134,142.73 (includes 8,914.05 (6.66452%) Memorial Money)
Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer	

NEW BRICKS IN OUR FRONT WALKWAY

The next time you approach the front door of the Ealy House, notice the newly installed bricks in the walkway. The Founders Day Committee's honorees this year include Virginia McVay (Grand Marshal for the Founders Day Parade) and the New Albany Arts Council, recognized as an outstanding community organization. Individuals remembered or memorialized are as follows: John & Diane Goedeking; Marcy, Amy, and Alex Steckman; Jonathan, Suzanne, Robbie, and Owen Lucas; Jim & Mary Heischman; Lillian Shannon; Marjorie Pestel; David Curtis; and Lowell & Donna Parrill.

If you are interested in ordering a brick for the walkway, get in touch with Helen Pestel (614-855-3765) or pick up an order form from the Ealy House. Each brick costs \$50, of which about half goes into our Society's Memorial fund.

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Upcoming:

Fri, Sat., Mon., Aug. 29, 30, Sept. 2 -- Yard Sale

Thurs., Sept. 5 -- Society Meeting at Fire Station

Thurs. Oct. 3 -- Society Meeting at Fire Station

Thurs. Nov. 7 -- Society Meeting at Fire Station