

# Newsletter

December 2011 and January 2012

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society



*Sophia and Alessandra Monte  
Making Scarecrows at the Harvest the Arts Festival*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tues. Nov. 22** -- 1:15-3:15 "Colonial Days Celebration" for 5th-graders in the 1925 Building. We have been invited to participate. Daniel Thompson will display and explain some Indian artifacts; John Saveson & David Cline will display and talk about old logging tools and other tools similar to those used in the Colonial Period.

**Mon. Nov. 28** -- 9-12, Work Day at the Ealy House, decorating for the upcoming Holiday Open House. Bring any suitable decorations.

**Thurs. DECEMBER 1** --Deadline for Holiday Dinner reservations. Call Helen at 855-3765 immediately. (See details below.)  
**NOTE: No Society Meeting tonight.**

**Sun. Dec. 4** -- 1-3 p.m. Open House at the Ealy House.

### Thurs. Dec. 8 -- HOLIDAY DINNER

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** New Albany Methodist Church

**Menu:** Ham Loaf, Chicken, or vegetarian (choose 1), Twice-baked potato, veggie, salad, choice of dessert, choice of beverage

**Price:** \$14.00 (\$7.00 for children)

**Reservations:** Mail check and choice of entrée to Helen Pestel, 8355 New Albany-Condit Rd., Westerville, OH 43081, by Thursday, Dec. 1. Or phone Helen at 855-3765 or Marty Saveson at 855-9809 by Dec. 1. Be sure to indicate choice of entrée.

There will be decorations, music, and good company, in addition to good food. We hope to see you on the 8th.

### OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thurs. JANUARY 5** -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Fire Station

**Tues. Jan. 17** -- Newsletter Deadline

**Wed. Jan. 25** -- Board Meeting

**Thurs., FEBRUARY 2** -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Fire Station

### HARVEST THE ARTS at DORANS' FARM 2011

The annual Harvest Festival once again had perfect weather and a big, enthusiastic crowd. All of our enterprises did well: bake sale, scarecrows, candle-making, gourds, pamphlets, apple butter, and cider. And our new sale table of antique tools attracted a lot of attention and made some satisfying sales.

One very welcome improvement over previous years was having the use of three canopies, thanks to the Dorans. The bake sale, candle, and scarecrow workers enjoyed the very much needed shade. Of course, from time to time we had to nab 4 bystanders to each grab a pole to help move a canopy into better shade, but no one objected.

Thanks once more to our indefatigable friends, the Lehmans and Liptaks for running the show at the candle-making department, and to Catherine Saveson and Willow Otten who anchored the scarecrow department. Kathy Yager, Sine & John Ayres, and Marty Saveson helped wherever needed. Meanwhile, Helen Pestel, Naomi Fodor, Nancy Ferguson, and Marilyn Regrut kept the bake sale, apple butter, and cider going, while John Saveson, David Cline, and John Ayres presided over the antique tools. Behind the scenes, Julie DiIullo, Steve Bevelhymmer, and Sharon Carter had helped get things ready ahead of time. Thanks, all!



John Ayres, John Saveson, & David Cline and some Antique Tools

## HARLEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S IMPRESSIVE AGENDA

Members of our Society were recently invited to attend a meeting of the Harlem Township Historical Society in Center Village. Four of us attended and what a treat we had! The many activities this group has undertaken are no less than amazing. Most of the members presented the areas of their special interest and involvement. All the activities were interesting; however, the Memorial to Benajah Cook seemed special because he was the first white settler in the Township. Many of his descendants are buried in the cemetery, and one of his descendants was present at the meeting.

The long list of historical projects discussed included Military Flag-holders for Veterans' Graves, Archeological Research, Antique Tractors, Harlem Township Cemetery Mapping, U.S. General Webb Tombstone Project, Harlem Cemetery Clean-up, Center Village Cemetery Renovation Work, Cemetery Entrance Markers, Historic Homes Inventory, and Who's Who in Harlem Township of the 20th Century. Vickie Tieche had numerous books and pamphlets she has authored. She willingly suggested which would be of most interest to New Albany-Plain Township and added that in the early days there was little or no differentiation between the two Townships.

Several projects going on in Harlem Township could be appropriate for NAPHS to consider, such as the Historic Homes Inventory.

We enjoyed the meeting and the opportunity to network with people interested in the preservation of local history. We hope that the relationship with our neighbors in Harlem Township continues and grows. We can benefit by what we learn from them and their activities.

-- Marilyn Regrut

### CORRECTION OF ERROR

In the last Newsletter, page 9, School No. 7 is misspelled. It should have been spelled Nafzger, with a Z instead an S.

## THE OLD SCHOOLS OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO

The first school building in old New Albany was a two-room wood structure which stood on E. Main St. near the old Town Hall, a spot just east of the present Wayside Flower Shop. According to tradition, the school was situated on land donated by Noble Landon sometime after 1834 (the year in which he bought the land that he, along with William Yantis, developed into the village of New Albany).

The next school that we know about in New Albany was built in the 1870's. It was two stories high, with one room on each floor, each with a capacity of about 40 pupils. Each room was heated by a stove. This building was razed in 1901-1902 and replaced by a new one with 4 classrooms, a library, and a cloakroom. It was named The New Albany School of Plain Township. In 1910 an additional classroom was added on the first floor and another was finished in the basement. All grades, 1 through 12, were housed in this building. In 1914, it became the Plain Township High School and a new elementary school was built next to it.

In 1925, both these buildings were torn down, and what we now call the 1925 building was constructed in roughly the same place, on N. High Street. This was named the Plain Township High School, but it housed grades 1 through 12 to begin with. Meanwhile, the eleven old one-room Township schools (see the last Newsletter) were all closed and sold. School busses transported students from the outlying farms to the newly consolidated school.

To finish the story, in 1956 a new elementary school was built next to the 1925 building, and in 1971 a new high school was built, just behind (south of) the 1925 building, which now became a middle school. In the 1990's the high school and the elementary school were demolished and replaced by the new buildings now spread out on a spacious campus. But the 1925 building remained. From the fall of 1999 through the spring of 2009 it served as the Columbus Jewish Day School. It then became the "2-5 Annex" of the New Albany-Plain Township Elementary School. As of the 2011-2012 school year it is housing 11 fifth-grade classes and obviously still going strong.

(Thanks to Arloia Walton and the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society's booklet "The History of New Albany: A Framework" for the information in this article.)

NEW ALBANY - PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Minutes from the Society meeting of October 6, 2011 at  
the fire station

*Before the formal meeting, we introduced the three 8th-grade teachers who had brought their 300 Social Studies students to tour the Faly House last month: Gabe Heselton, Erin Farley, and Jim Morgan. Also presented were Sandra Willmore (school "outdoor coordinator"), Superintendent April Domine, and four students. The students and the teachers gave us good feed-back on the tours--they especially appreciated the "hands-on" items to touch, and learning what life was like in the 1800's. We took a break for refreshments, and the guests departed before our business meeting.*  
-- M. Saveson

President Marilyn Regrut called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Secretary's minutes were read by Sharon Carter. John Ayres made motion to accept as read, David Cline seconded.

Treasurer's report given by Helen Pestel. David Cline made motion to accept as presented, Kathy Yager seconded.

**Old Business:** Bees are actually yellow jackets at Ealy house museum. Mr. Latshaw says they will die on their own. It is too wet to move the wagons into the garage now. They will be moved as soon as possible.

**Harvest the Arts:** John Saveson will man a table (farm equipment), Helen will man bake sale (all items to be marked homemade), David horseshoes for sale, Naomi in charge of apple butter (\$4.00 half-pints, \$6.00 pints); other items for sale include T-shirts, buckeyes in rustic jars, apple cider by the gallon (\$3.50 to us, \$6.50 to public), Kathy Yager may have spider plants to sell, Marty Saveson in charge of scarecrows and candle making. Marty has given notice that she cannot do candle making next year. Students have been asked to help with Harvest the Arts.

**New Business:** Dryer House--dumpster; Nancy Ferguson toured Rumpke facilities (we do recycle in Columbus!), met and spoke to Andrew Rumpke (Vice President, office #551-7596) and he will donate a dumpster to us, free of charge.

We will need to hire someone to do heavy demolition to remove moldy carpet and clean floors underneath. Plaster may need to be tested for asbestos. 3 bids are needed, and this can be done on a weekday morning the last week in October or first week in November.

Ealy House--Attic cleaning (bats), per Nancy, Downspout does not drain, per John Saveson. We have \$3,000.00 allowed for this.

Nominations for Slate of Officers will be taken from the floor, this year, instead of a nominating committee.

Secretary:

Board Member: (Naomi cannot continue) David Cline

Board Member: (Willard cannot continue) Robert Dean

Alternate: Marty Saveson

Neil Kirby moved to accept, Helen Pestel seconded, all ayes.

**Any Other Business?** Nancy Ferguson put reaper on Craig's List for \$125.00. There are 3 canvases in pump room made to go on reaper. David Cline will talk to an interested person.

Thanks to Robert Dean for fixing the barn door.

David Cline found a chimney for one of the hurricane lamps.

Almost everything is out of the Dryer house.

Cancel workdays on Monday 10/10 and 10/17.

Nancy Ferguson has told us The Mill has been purchased by 2 women (interior designers) selling rustic items - could they purchase some of our items?

Grant Application has been moved up; deadline is 3 weeks away. We also need to give them a report on what money was used for. We also need ideas on what to use new grant money on. Ealy House:

Pantry, plumbing, light fixtures in ceiling, masonry and mortar on walls and ceiling (basement), steps to basement, electrical outlets (basement), utility sink. Publicity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**NEW ALBANY-PLAINTOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Minutes from the Meeting of November 3, 2011  
at the Fire Station**

The evening began with a fascinating presentation by Daniel Thompson on "The Arrowheads and Such" collection made by Naomi Fodor's Dad, Jesse Swickard. Light refreshments were served.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 Pm at the NA Fire Station by Marilyn Regrut.

The October Minutes were read by Kathy Yager, motion to accept by John Ayres, second by David Cline.

The Treasurer's report was presented and passed out by Helen Pestel, motion to accept by Kathy Yager, second by Marty Saveson.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dryer house clean-up, no progress at this time.

Grant Application finished and submitted to NA City Council. Major focus is on electrical needs in the basement and upstairs, decontamination of the attic, pantry restoration, and rear downspout repair.

Marilyn is obtaining estimates for the attic work. David reported that the yellow jackets are now dead & gone.

Reaper reported on by David Cline. He has met with an interested party from Kentucky; no sale at this time. David also reported that the Spring Wagon is in a Dryer shed, chained to a post. Many thanks to Steve Bevelhmyer for his help with the wagon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Christmas party, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church at 6:30. Meal is \$14.00, choice of ham loaf or Chicken Parmesan. The party is the second Thursday; there will be no meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday.

Ealy Open House Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM. Docents needed. Nancy, David, Helen, Marty & John and John & Sine Marie will be there. Suggested we ask Neil Kirby to act as crossing guard.

Ealy workdays will occur on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> to clean, arrange and decorate.

Marty announced that the Out of Ordinary store is closing. The Board recently voted to buy 29 Cat's Meow 1925 School Building wood blocks for \$5.00 each. We will sell them. Marty is writing a commentary to be placed in the packaging, about the school's history.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM the Harlem Township Historical Society has invited us to a meeting at Center Village in the Fire Station. Show of hands of those interested in attending.

Celebration of Colonial Times will be held Nov. 22, 1:15-3:15, by the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We have been asked to participate; Marty has some suggestions for the teachers; Daniel Thompson will bring arrow heads.

Discussion of offering Daniel Thompson complementary NAPTHS membership, Naomi Fodor offered to pay for a life membership. The offer was acceptable to all present.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12PM.

-- Kathy Yager, Sec. pro tem

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**MORE CAT'S MEOWS**

Thanks to Leslie Wright, owner of the former "Out of the Ordinary" gift shop, our Society has about 20 Cat's Meow wood models of the 1925 school for sale. We have added a mini history of the building that may be pasted to the back of each one. The price will be \$10 each and they will be available at both the Ealy Open House (Dec. 4) and the Christmas dinner (Dec. 8).

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society  
Treasurer's Report September/October, 2011

<u>Income</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Yard Sale (including \$25.00 canning jars)	1,507.30	
Membership (Linda Martin, Rolland & Louise Campbell, C & S Buzza)	30.00	\$ 20.00
Donation for Harvest of the Arts	10.00	190.00
Harvest of the Arts		1,257.75
Checking Interest	<u>1.17</u>	<u>1.43</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,548.47	\$1,469.18
 <u>Expenses</u>		
AEP - (Ealy \$34.53;\$41.85;RTD\$5.53;\$5.53)	\$ 39.80	\$ 47.38
AT&T	24.24	24.29
ADT Security	<u>107.97</u>	
Print Xpress (\$57.50 newsletter; \$26.00 Flyers)		83.50
Harvest of the Arts Applebutter expense		<u>60.79</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 172.01	\$ 215.96

Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> Balance	\$ 14,736.06
Income	3,017.65
Expenses	387.97
Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> Balance	<u>\$ 17,365.74</u>
Hold for Computer Software	600.00
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
Hold for Ealy Sign	3,500.00
Vanguard Fund Balance 9/30/11	18,315.07
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 9/30/11	61,661.69
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 1/21/10	closed
Ameriprise (9/30/11)	100,466.37 (includes \$6,695.60

Memorial Money)

Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer

**FOUNDERS DAY MARSHALS**

The Founders Day Committee is planning to honor each and every Founders Day Parade marshal from 1976 to the present with an engraved brick for our Ealy House front walkway. What a great idea!

Harvest of the Arts receipts 10/8/11

Bake Sale	\$210.00
Bake Sale cash donations	140.00
Buckeyes	7.75
Gourds	24.00
T-Shirts	35.00
Pamphlets	21.00
Cider (Profit)	18.00
Antiques	125.00
Applebutter	175.00
Scarecrows	170.00
Candles	464.00
Total deposit	\$1,397.00

**START SAVING**  
for next year:

3-lb. Coffee Cans  
Old candles  
Hats (any kind)  
Long-sleeved shirts  
Old pantyhose  
1-pint & 1/2-pint  
Canning Jars

**NEW MEMBER**

**Daniel Thompson**, our Indian artifact authority

189 Granville Street  
Alexandria, OH 43001

(740) 924-9284

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS**

**Edgar and Robin Lampert**

15A  
239 Central Park W  
New York, NY 10024-6038

**Norma Massie**

264 Blooming Laurel Drive  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

**MEMBERS OF THE NEW BOARD**

Since the election in October, the Board now is made up of the following members:

President: Marilyn Regrut  
Vice-President: Neil Kirby  
Treasurer: Helen Pestel  
Secretary: (still vacant)  
Board member, 3-year term: David Cline  
Board member, 2-yr. term: Robert Dean  
Board member, 1-yr. term: Sharon Carter  
Alternate Board member: Marty Saveson

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*The Ealy House will be open to the public  
on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 3 p.m.*

*The NAPTHS annual Holiday Dinner will be  
on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Make  
your reservations now. (Details inside)*