

# Newsletter

December 2010 and January 2011  
New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society



Old tools found in the sheds behind the Dryer House, some dating from the mid-19th century. There are already three tables full, all rescued and cleaned by John Saveson. The original purpose of some of the tools has yet to be identified. They will be displayed in a "Farm Museum Room" in the Ealy House. (See page 5.)

**HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY, Thursday, Dec. 2**

**Thurs. DECEMBER 2, 6:30 p.m. -- Holiday Dinner at  
the New Albany United Methodist Church**

**Menu:** Ham Loaf or Chicken Parmesan (choose 1),  
Twice-baked potato, green beans, salad,  
choice of dessert, choice of beverage.

**Price: \$14.00**

**Reservations:** Mail check and choice of entrée  
to Helen Pestel, 8355 New Albany-Condit Rd.,  
Westerville, OH 43081, by Monday, Nov. 29. Or phone  
Helen at 855-3765 or Marty Saveson at 855-9809 by  
Nov. 29. Be sure to indicate ham loaf or chicken.

There will be decorations, music, and a surprise  
program, so come one, come all.

**OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mon. Nov. 22 -- 9-11:30, Work Day at the Ealy House**

**Mon., Nov. 29 -- 9-11:30, Work Day -- Decorating the  
Ealy House for the Christmas Open House.  
Bring any suitable items.**

**Sun. Dec. 5 -- 1:00-3:00, Open House at the  
Ealy House.**

**Sun. Dec. 12 -- 1:30 p.m., Tour of Ealy House for  
Cub Scouts**

**Thurs. Jan. 6 -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at the  
Plain Township Fire Station**

**Tues. Jan. 18 -- Newsletter Deadline**

**Tues. Jan. 25 -- Board Meeting**

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

**NOTE: \* More work days will be scheduled when they  
are needed.**

**HARVEST THE ARTS FESTIVAL 2010**

Harvest the Arts this year seemed to be the biggest and most  
successful within recent memory. The crowds were huge. There  
seemed to never be a breathing space between customers at the  
Scarecrow-making or at the Candle-dipping activities. We had more  
helpers than of yore, but not nearly enough. None of us ever got  
a break. Not that we complained very much, for the children (&  
grownups) were so enthusiastic and so much fun to watch that it  
was a treat (or almost) to get down on the grass to help build  
scarecrows or to carry hot wax & cold water back & forth and tie  
wicks to sticks as fast as possible.

Many thanks to Cath Saveson, Kathy Yager, and Joanne Adams  
for doing yeoman service with the Scarecrows, with help from Rick  
Otten, Willow Otten, and Alaina Stout. Thanks to Rick for the  
much-needed canopy in the afternoon--and large umbrella for the  
candlewick table.

Ann and John Liptak, ever the loyal and dedicated candle  
people, were helped by Rae & Joseph Lehman and Brett Challacombe  
and his daughter during the morning. Then Marty Saveson pitched  
in with wick-tying and candle-straightening; and in the afternoon,  
John & Sine Ayres took over some of the tasks, as did LuAnne  
Stoia. But John and Ann never took a break. Thanks to all,  
including Julie DiIullo and Steve Bevelhymmer, who set up the  
fireplaces and got the boilers ready (Steve even soldered holes in  
2 of the boilers). Sharon Carter & Marty S. also should be  
mentioned for melting down dozens of discarded old candles for  
re-cycling by kids into new little masterpieces.

Our Bake Sale was also very popular and busy, with Helen  
Pestel in charge, helped by Marilyn Regrut, new member Colleen  
Buzza, and her twin daughters. Next to them Naomi Fodor & Patty  
Zarley managed the apple butter sales. They and Sharon C. had  
spent hours ahead of time making the apple butter. John Saveson  
contributed his interesting dried gourds for sale, and of course  
some of his historical pamphlets. Thanks to all who contributed  
baked goods. Making those pesky labels really paid off, for--get  
this--we were actually INSPECTED by a Health Department official,  
and luckily we DID pass inspection. There was one minor  
complaint: we forgot to put "Home-Made" on the labels, but we  
passed anyway. We made about \$1600 on our various activities  
(including some donations sent in later).

## NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

At our October and November Society meetings we elected some new officers and re-elected others. Since our former secretary is now our new president, we have no regular secretary, but will get by temporarily with volunteer minute-takers. The new Board is as follows:

President -- Marilyn Regrut	797-4490
Vice-President -- Neil Kirby	855-2623
Treasurer -- Helen Pestel	855-3765
Trustee (3 yrs) -- Willard Zarley	855-7749
Trustee (2 yrs) -- Sharon Carter	939-5292
Trustee (1 yr.) -- Naomi Fodor	855-7739
Alternate Trustee -- Marilyn Saveson	855-9809
Curator -- Nancy Ferguson	939-0590

## OPENING WORDS FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

I appreciate the fact that you trust me to lead this organization. I agreed to do so only because there are so many hard workers who willingly share their time, talent, and treasure. I respect you because you respect each other and have accomplished so much. We must preserve the integrity of the Society and the vibrant heritage of this community.

A major goal for us has to be increasing our membership and participation in our meetings and events. Let us all work together to achieve this.

Marilyn Regrut

(With the above words, Marilyn opened the first meeting of her presidency, on November 4, 2010. We look forward to accomplishing much under her leadership. She deserves to have us pitch in and do our share.)

## THANKS TO OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

We are grateful to Willard Zarley for being willing to fill out the term of Kim Cathell when she resigned so suddenly last year. He has helped and encouraged us at all of our events and activities and has fixed a number of problems. It is good to have him remaining on the Board of Trustees.

## BOARD MEETINGS of Oct. 19 and Nov. 16

**"Farm Museum"** -- It was decided to develop a "farm museum" in the former "storage room" next to the big future "meeting room" of the Ealy basement. Many, many antique farm implements have been turning up in the Dryer sheds. Quite a few come from the Swickard family. (An ox yoke, for example, must date back to the 1820's when the Swickards first arrived here as pioneers.) John Saveson has been sorting them and cleaning them for display. He has also been working on cleaning plaster from the brick walls of the museum room, and has offered to pay for some needed professional work to complete the restoration of the walls. Board accepted his offer with thanks.

**Open House on Sunday, Dec. 5** -- Planned for 1 to 3 p.m., with Christmas decorations appropriate to the 1860's. Christmas carolers if possible. Two work days have been planned to get ready for this: Mon., Nov. 22, and Mon., Nov. 29, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Let Marilyn R. know if people can help. December work days will be set if needed. Again, people should call Marilyn if they want to be involved either in work days or at the Open House, or in any other way (614-797-4490).

**Cub Scouts**— 2 dens of Cub Scouts will be touring the Ealy House on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1:30 to about 2:30. We would welcome volunteers to be docents. (Call Marty Saveson about the Cub Scout event, 855-9809.)

## NO REST FOR THE WEARY

Just because it is ten months until the next Harvest Festival is no reason to forget to save the following items for next year:

- old candles of all colors
- large, 3-lb coffee cans (or similar cans)
- old pantyhose (for scarecrow structure)
- old long-sleeved button-front shirts
- old hats of any type
- pint and half-pint canning jars

**MINUTES OF THE NAPT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2010**

Meeting opened by President Willard Zarley at 7:10PM, held at the NA Fire Station.

Minutes read by Marilyn Regrut, change in September 2, 2010 to read "Foundation stones tuck pointing paid for by John Saveson." Motion to accept by John Ayres, second John Saveson.

Treasurer's report: Helen Pestel reported a balance of \$16,852.86 on 9/30/2010.

**OLD BUSINESS**

RTD house roof leak, we have three estimates. Mr. Zarley discussed and explained the differences in each. Newman Roofing, \$700.00, detailed description of the process to be used, 5-year warranty, and pay on completion

Another \$700.00 bid, no details, no warranty

Third estimate \$1200.00

Question raised regarding the use of rubber to repair roof; reason is because that area of the roof is flat. Motion to accept the \$700 Newman estimate by Helen Pestel, second John Ayres. Vote by show of hands, all in favor.

Barn door; Robert Dean stated that he can repair the door with a helper. Will ask Steve Bevelhymmer to help. Willard will also help.

Ciminello negotiations; no report. Mr. Ciminello and his partners did not come to the scheduled meeting.

John Saveson presented information he has obtained by talking to three area real estate agents. They presented sale price estimates ranging from \$150,000-\$349,000.

Question raised by John Saveson regarding what the members want to do with the RTD House. Do we want to sell it? Where would we store items presently in it?

Patty Zarley stated that they own a vacant house that the Society could use for storage, would have to pay electric and fuel.

John Ayres moved that we agree to sell the RTD House, listing it with Mr. Kindle (realtor with ReMax). Second by Helen Pestel. Vote by show of hands, 10 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain.

**EALY HOUSE**

Computer issue tabled at last meeting; the old computer is at Ealy House, no additional information. \$1200 was paid for new computer, will sell extra monitor, \$600 left on grant for soft ware.

Landscaping: Helen Pestel has received the bill; one stump still needs to be removed. Helen moved that we pay the \$4754.60 bill after the remaining stump is removed. Second, John Saveson. All present in favor. The majority of the landscaping funds came from the NA Village grant.

Willard Zarley is concerned about the grading problem. He stated that the wood needs to be removed, holes filled with clay and graded so water flows away from the house. The holes around the foundation and behind the front porch steps, against the house need to be filled in. He offered to have Zarley Inc, take care of the problem at no cost to the Society. John Saveson stated that more information is needed; John Ayres said his only concern would be the level of the fill coming too high on the basement window sills. He will ask a Landscape Architect contact he has to give advice on the matter.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Willard asked if fire wood is needed; Marty Saveson reported that she has plenty. She discussed tables needed for bake and apple butter sales. Bake sale help is needed. Signage indicating proceeds to NAPTHS. Question rose regarding NAPTHS not being recognized as a sponsor of the event; Patty explained it is because we do not contribute financially to the Arts Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sharon Carter reported that Bob Dickendesh is looking for a quilt he has lost. He told her he brought it to Founders day and did not get it back. Discussion ensued; no one involved with the event remembered it being on display. Willard will contact Bob to get details, of who he gave it to.

John Saveson mentioned recent discussion among some members to dedicate a basement room at Ealy House to the farming history of the property. Farm implements could be displayed.

**NEW OFFICERS**

Sharon Carter presented a slate of officers for 2-year terms.

President- Marilyn Regrut

Vice-President- Neil Kirby

Treasurer- Helen Pestel

Secretary

Trustee- Willard Zarley



Floor opened to nominations or volunteers.

No one is willing to serve as secretary.

John Ayers moved to accept the slate as presented, second by Sharon Carter.

All present in favor.

Sharon Carter offered to serve temporarily as secretary.

Motion to Adjourn by John Saveson, second Sharon Carter

Submitted by Marilyn Regrut

Marty Saveson introduced Jeff Warner, Communications Director for the NAPT School District. He answered questions and shared information including the fact that enrollment is up 65% since 2003 and that space is very short.

Refreshments were provided by the Zarleys and Naomi Fodor.

### **MINUTES OF THE NAPT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

#### **MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2010**

This month's meeting was held at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Marilyn Regrut, President.

**Secretary minutes:** were read by Sharon Carter. Willard Zarley made a motion to accept as read, with changes, and John Ayres seconded. Vote taken, all in favor.

**Treasurer's report:** read by Helen Pestel. Eileen Hull has requested to be dropped from membership. Dryer house yard sale yielded \$1222.15. Neil Kirby made a motion to approve and Marty Saveson seconded.

**Ealy House Museum:** Grading of the property was discussed, along with filling the holes around the foundation of the house. These holes need to be filled as soon as possible. Willard Zarley offered to do this previously, now we do it.

Tree lighting on Market Square will be on 12/5/2010; do we want to do an open house on that day? (yes), but not after dark – safety issue. Items can be sold at that time. Hours of open house will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Work days to get ready will be Mondays from 9 – 11 am.

Boy Scouts want to come to tour on a Sunday in November.

The old dinner bell will be transplanted to the Ealy House Museum by John and Marty's son-in-law, Rick Otten.

**Rose Taylor Dryer House:** Thank you to Robert Dean and his son for fixing the barn door; it is now up and working. Thank you to Willard Zarley for overseeing the repairs to the roof. The work is finished. Marty Saveson told us at a recent yard sale that one large piece of furniture (oak breakfront, side board and buffet) was sold to a young man from Granville, to be used in a Bed and Breakfast, for \$550.00

Marilyn Regrut found an ad in the paper looking for canning jars – we sold quite a few.

Ciminello negotiations – John Saveson told us that Joe Ciminello had a definite proposal how to dispose of the property. He wants the barn and ¼ acre of ground, and then we (he and Historical Society) could sell the house and small area of land around the house. We share the cost and proceeds equally. If he takes the barn (1/4 acre and the land east of driveway, that would leave us 2.2 acres with the house. No money is to change hands for the barn and property. Discussion ensued. The cost involved would be survey fees, real estate commission, etc. (Ciminello gave us the property in the first place, so anything we get is a plus, per Robert Dean). The next steps would be: 1. Zoning, 2. Something in writing (contract) from Ciminello, and 3. Someone to look over all – legal advice. Neil Kirby will negotiate with all parties.

If we get any money from a sale, we need to use those funds as an endowment to keep the society going. Is there anything else we need to consider?

Proposal – Ciminello will keep the barn and ¼ acres of ground, and property east of driveway. Society and Ciminello sell the house and 2.2 acres of ground around the house – split cost and proceeds 50/50.

Neil Kirby made a motion to begin negotiations in good faith with the verbal proposal that we have with Mr. Ciminello, and to get a written contract from Mr. Ciminello. Robert Dean and John Ayres seconded. A show of hands all approved.

**New Business:** Sharon Carter made a motion to name Nancy Ferguson as our new museum Curator, seconded by John Ayres, vote taken – all present in favor.

Motion was made to name Marty Saveson as alternate board member, seconded by John Ayres, vote taken – all present in favor.

Members of board time remaining: Naomi – 1 year, Sharon – 2 years, Willard – 3 years.

*Refreshments were served by Naomi Fodor. Thanks, Naomi, delicious*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Carter, Secretary pro tem*

**YARD SALES, CONTINUED**

The Yard Sales at the Dryer House continued for 2 more Saturdays after Harvest the Arts, bringing in more money and ridding us of more stuff. As before, the following people turned out to help, some at 8:00 in the morning, some all day, and some in the afternoon to help deal with the leftovers: Robert Dean, Nancy Ferguson, Naomi Fodor, Henry Kempker, Helen Pestel, Marilyn Regrut, Cath Saveson & Rick Otten & Willow, Marty & John Saveson, John Wolfe, and Willard Zarley. Thanks to all for a mighty effort (but it was fun, too). The total income from the six sales was over \$2100. Thank you, Marilyn Regrut, for the newspaper ads (so this cost did not have to be subtracted from our income) and to John Saveson for keeping our offerings updated on Craig's List. All the ads helped.

**GOOD NEWS DEPARTMENT**

**The Ranney Casebooks** — Perhaps the most valuable source of information for our local New Albany history in the 19th century is the set of Casebooks written by Dr. Sylvester Ranney during his 40 years as the chief doctor of New Albany. Along with patients' names and ailments, he records their payments of chickens and cabbages. We have long coveted a copy of these handwritten notebooks, and now a copy is in our library, thanks to the Franklin County Genealogical Society.

**The Encyclopedia Americana** -- Sally Hess has donated a complete set of this reliable source of information. The opposite of the Ranney Casebooks, this will give us the whole spread of American History (to 1958) and will be very convenient to have in our library.

**The Dryer Barn** -- Thanks to Robert Dean for fixing the broken sliding door of the big Dryer barn. The mere thought of facing that task fazed everyone else in the Society, but Robert managed, with the help of his son, to do what no one else could do.

**Canning Jars** -- Mr. John Kovach of Gahanna ran an ad asking for canning jars, and we answered with alacrity. He has bought 14 dozen quart jars and 17 half-gallon jars, thus opening up about 6 shelves of storage space for us. He himself and his many Amish friends will make good use of the jars, and we are \$45. the richer.

**NAPT Historical Society  
Treasurer's Report -- September/October 2010**

<u>Income</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Memorials to Edwin Holter	\$ 50.00	50.00
Dues (Regrut)		10.00
Yard Sales	\$ 885.17	1,222.15
Bricks for Sidewalk		50.00
Newsletter & Postage Donation		8.00
Donations		30.00
Harvest of the Arts		1,567.00
Cash Donations to the HOTA Bake Sale		55.00
Applebutter		63.00
T-Shirt		5.00
Memorials CD		\$ 5,750.72
Checking Interest	1.26	1.53
Total Income	\$ 936.43	\$ 8,812.40

<u>Expenses</u>		
AEP -- (Ealy \$17.21,\$57.97; RTD\$6.08,\$5.77)	\$ 23.29	\$ 63.74
AT&T	22.24	22.16
Brink's Security	107.97	
Rumpke		58.13
Neil Kirby for Dell Computer		\$ 1,199.99
Oakland Nursery		4,754.60
Ameriprise Financial (transfer of Memorial money)		6,826.00
Sharon Carter for HOTA expense		27.99
Print Xpress	43.70	
Total Expenses	\$ 197.20	\$12,952.61

September 1st Balance	\$ 16,113.63
Income	9,748.83
Expenses	13,149.81
October 18 <sup>th</sup> Balance	\$12,712.65
Hold for Computer Software	600.00
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00

<u>Harvest of the Arts</u>	
Bake Sale	\$ 214.00
Applebutter	167.00
Scarecrows	430.00
Candles	693.00
Shirts, Hats & Pamphlets	46.00
Gourds	15.00
Banked 10/11/10	\$ 1,565.00

Vanguard Fund Balance 9/30/10	18,257.19
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 09/30/10	65,353.17
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 1/21/10	closed
Ameriprise (9/30/10)	95,612.42

(Memorial funds not deposited until October)

--Respectfully submitted by  
Helen Pestel, Treasurer