

Newsletter

April and May 2011

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society



Old Plain Township sleigh bells, leather razor strops, and a carpet-beater, all on display in the Ealy House

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. APRIL 5 -- 6:00 p.m. New Albany City Council Meeting at the Village Hall (soon to be known as the City Hall).

Thurs. April 7 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Plain Township Fire Station. Special visitor: April Domine, new Superintendent of the New Albany-Plain Local School District.

Fri. April 8 -- 5 p.m. A Celebration of the Life of Cecil Walton to be held at the New Albany United Methodist Church, followed by a gathering of friends and a reception.

Sun. April 10 -- 2-3 p.m. Tour of Ealy House for Cub Scouts.

Tues. Apr. 26 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting

Mon. MAY 2 -- 5:30-7:00 p.m. -- Tour of Ealy House for Girl Scouts (3rd-graders)

Thurs. MAY 5 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Plain Township Fire Station

Tues. May 17 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting & Newsletter Deadline

Sat. May 21 -- **FOUNDERS DAY**
Ealy House open from 1-3 p.m.

Sat. May 28 -- 9-3, **YARD SALE** at Dryer place

Thurs. JUNE 2 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Plain Township Fire Station

NOTE: Every Monday, from 9:30 till noon, a group will be working at the Ealy House. Come join us to sort stuff and spiff up the house for upcoming tours. (Call first to make sure, 797-4490 or 939-0590.)

Memorial Service for Cecil Walton

Please note on the "Dates" page the time and place of the memorial service for Cecil Walton, who died in Georgia last December. Arloia and members of her family are traveling north to hold this service in the community where Cecil grew up and lived for many years. Arloia looks forward to meeting with many of her good friends.



An antique mold
for making 12
candles.
On display in
the Ealy House.

A Gift for our Toy Collection

Pauline Resch has donated some doll clothes made for her sixty-some years ago by a good friend of her family--a Home Ec teacher named Janet Healea. We now have a muslin dress with tucks at the waist, a red coat and a green coat, both with Peter Pan collars and both of velveteen, and also a green coat with faux fur trim on the collar and sleeves--all made specially for a doll named Blondie. The green velveteen coat looks as though it may have been mended by a child, perhaps Pauline. Just as appealing as the clothes is the little suitcase they were kept in, with a scene on the front showing a sailing ship with pigs, ducks, rabbits, bears, fish, a swan, and many bluebirds cavorting about the ship and in the waves. Thanks, Pauline!

HENRY L. REEB (1930-2011)

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Henry Reeb on March 7, 2011. He was a long-time member of our Society, and generously helped us out on a number of occasions with his expertise on antiques. For example, he refinished the handsome curved-glass china cabinet which came from the Kern family. And most of us remember the big auction sale we held on the Dryer House grounds, with his help and with him as auctioneer.

Henry was appreciated in the community for his many years as a Plain Township Trustee and for his service in the Columbus Fire Department and his years as a Trustee on the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Board.

We send our condolences to his wife, Margaret, their children and their families, and his sisters and brother.



Old crocks in the Ealy House collection

PLANS FOR FOUNDERS DAY, MAY 21

So far, there are two main plans for our Society for Founders Day, and 2 tentative additional plans:

1. The Ealy House will be open for tours from 1 to 3 p.m. Special attractions will include the first ringing of the by-then-newly-installed antique **DINNER BELL** and the opening of the new **FARM MUSEUM** room in the basement of the Ealy House.
2. There will be a modest display table in the Elementary School Gym, including scrapbooks, pamphlets, some crafts for sale, and several paintings by Ethel Schleppi. And of course the **Heritage Quilt** will be a big attraction.
3. There may be a **BAKE SALE**. If so, you will be called.
4. Possibly we will have an antique horse-drawn wagon in the parade. You will hear more about this at the April 7 meeting.



Antique
Spice
Cabinet
at the
Ealy House

(see p. 7)

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED DURING 2010

In memory of Wallace House: John & Marilyn Saveson

In memory of Agnes Campbell: Arloia & Cecil Walton, Helen Pestel, and John & Marilyn Saveson

In memory of Edwin Holter: Willard & Patty Zarley, Helen Pestel, John & Marilyn Saveson

In memory of Bob Goodrich: John & Marilyn Saveson and Helen Pestel

In memory of Walter Daily: Helen Pestel and John & Marilyn Saveson

In memory of Cecil Walton: Helen Pestel and John & Marilyn Saveson

Note: More donations have already been received in 2011; these will be recognized early in 2012. Note also that the Historical Society itself has always made a contribution to the Memorial Fund in honor of each member who has died. Anyone who wishes to make a donation should send a check to the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society at P.O. Box 219, New Albany, OH 43054, indicating the person(s) to be honored. The family will be notified of the gift (not the amount).

Volunteers Wanted

We are now in a position to advertise for volunteers at the Ealy House--either on a regular basis (every Monday morning) or an ad hoc basis (for tours, special events, or special projects). Call President Marilyn Regrut or Curator Nancy Ferguson if you are interested or know of someone who is.

EALY HOUSE UPDATE

Much has been going on at the Ealy House, especially since the weather started to improve a few weeks ago. The Minutes of the March 3rd Society meeting describe the bat and bee problems, the furnace and moisture problems. These have been tackled and, by the time you receive this Newsletter, mainly resolved.

The basement room which is destined to become the Farm Museum has had necessary carpentry work and painting done (by John Saveson, painter, and Ron Davis, carpenter)-- wait till you see it! John hopes to start moving in the antique farm tools from the Dryer sheds in time for Founders Day.

Meanwhile, Nancy Ferguson, Helen Pestel, Marilyn Regrut, and Marty Saveson have been enjoying Christmas in March, so to speak, by unpacking boxes which have been stored for 7 years (witness the newspapers used for wrapping) in the Dryer House. We have been discovering many lost treasures, including crocks, china, doll clothes, photographs, and our very special spice cabinet.

Old iron
corn bread
baking pans
at the Ealy
House



New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society

Minutes- March 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Marilyn Regrut.

Ms. Regrut gave a brief report of activities at the Ealy House. Five to 10 members are meeting there on Monday mornings at 9:00 to organize and properly store materials and artifacts moved to the house over the last 2 years.

A thermostat was recently replaced at the Ealy House and a problem with the furnace was repaired by Best Service Company, which did the original installation. Best Service also gave us information about moving some of the cold air returns in the basement to enhance its use as a display space.

The security system at the Ealy House reset itself two times during February after it had been turned off, causing the alarm to sound and the police and fire departments to come. Since the people at the house at the time did not know the security code, quite a bit of scrambling occurred. ADT security system made a service call to explain the use of the security system and to change the security code. ADT also transferred contact information to the current president's name.

Three companies were interviewed about eliminating the bats in the Ealy House attic and the carpenter ants which have infested the overhangs during the last year.

Moisture has been accumulating on the walls of the northeast room of the basement. John has been attempting to determine a source of the water. An exterior drain which connected to a downspout on the northeast corner of the house has been replaced, but a small amount of moisture continues. Since the members hope to use this room for a new display of farm implements, the group is continuing to look for other sources of the moisture.

Ms. Regrut reported that she submitted an application for a grant from the Village of New Albany. Included in the grant application is a request for money to assist in creating the farm implement display as a part of the commemoration of the Ealy House's 150th birthday. The Village Council will review the application on April 5th at 6:00 pm.

Helen Pestel read the minutes of the January, 2011 meeting. John Saveson moved to approve the minutes. Kathy Yager seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Several members reported inquiring of the Founder's Day Committee how the Society could become a sponsor of Founder's Day. They were informed it would take an \$800 donation to be a sponsor. Because of the Society's limited resources, it was the consensus of the group not to be a sponsor of Founder's Day.

David Cline reported that the theme of this year's Founder's Day celebration is "Flash". The Founder's Day Committee is asking people to nominate residents of our area for the honor of being Grand Marshal of the Founder's Day parade. Nancy Ferguson moved and Kathy Yager seconded that the Historical Society nominate Bill Resch for the honor. The motion passed unanimously and his name will be submitted to the Founder's Day committee for consideration.

The Board of the Society prepared and recommended a proposed budget for 2011. The budget was submitted to the membership for consideration. Marilyn Saveson moved and David Cline seconded the motion that the budget be approved as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for January and February were read by Helen Pestel. David Cline moved approval of the treasurer's reports. Nancy Ferguson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The group decided to have another yard sale at the Dryer House on May 28th.

The Historical Society is the owner of an antique reaper originally purchased by Ralph Parrill for possible donation to the Society. When Mr. Parrill passed away, Willard Zarley purchased the reaper from his estate and donated it to the society. It is currently located in the Dryer House barn. David Cline has been doing research on the reaper and has learned it was made by Deering sometime between 1880 and 1905. Deering is the predecessor company of International Harvester.

A Restoration Committee was formed several years ago to help coordinate the restoration of the Ealy House. Since the committee's services are no longer required, President Marilyn Regrut formally dissolved the committee and thanked the members for their service. The members were John Saveson, Neil Kirby and John Ayres.

Several members of the Historical Society felt that the Constitution and By-laws of the organization should be updated to reflect current needs and to make sure the final copy contains the most current amendments. John has gone through all the minutes of the previous meetings to collect information about by-law changes through the years. John and Marty Saveson have been working to incorporate the amendments into one cohesive document. During their study of the documents, they learned that Amendments 5,6 &7 were passed by the membership but not reprinted in the minutes of the meetings. Mr. Saveson moved that the draft of the bylaws circulated this evening be accepted as the current version of the by-laws, so that it could be used as a starting point for future revisions. Kathy Yager seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

It was reported that Sharon Carter was recently admitted to the hospital and has been experiencing significant health issues. Patty Zarley is also recovering from a significant illness. Cards were circulated at the meeting for the members to sign, wishing them a speedy recovery.

Kathy Yager asked the group if the Historical Society would loan her daughter, Kristy, some antique canning jars for use at Kristy's wedding reception. The membership voted unanimously to loan the jars to Kristy and Kathy.

Robert Dean reported that he has attempted to contact Joe Ciminello about the Dryer House. Mr. Ciminello had not returned his call as of that time.

The Historical Society has received an inquiry from a local resident who is seeking more information about "Carson's Corners" which was located at the intersection of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road and Morse Road. The resident wanted to know if there was a gas station there. The group suggested she contact Glyde Marsh, Sr. who has been a long time resident of the area and has a good recollection of New Albany history.

Pauline Resch recently donated handmade doll clothes she played with in her youth, as well as a doll suitcase from the 1930s. The membership gratefully accepted the donation and decided to put the items in the 1940's decade box.

Joe Latshaw recently exterminated the honey bees from the eaves of the Ealy House, and graciously donated the materials for the extermination and his time. The membership is very grateful for his donation since the honey bee problem has been a recurring one for the last 5 years.

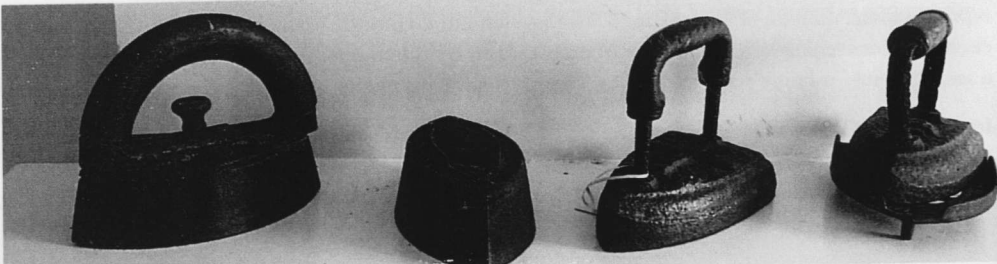
Several of the members reported on the three estimates they had obtained for removing bats and carpenter bees from the Ealy House. John Saveson moved the Society accept Critter Control's estimate which included a 3-year warranty. Kathy Yager seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Saveson suggested that we ask Critter Control to check the gutters and the chimney caps when they are on the Ealy House roof doing the extermination.

At the conclusion of the meeting John Saveson gave a very informative history of the life of Mark Twain/Samuel Clemens. Mark Twain evidently wrote an autobiography and directed it not be published for 100 years. The book was recently published, and Mr. Saveson shared it with the membership.

Helen Pestel generously furnished the delicious refreshments.

--Nancy Ferguson, Sec. pro tem.

Note: There are no minutes for February because the February 3rd Society meeting was canceled due to very bad weather.



Antique irons in the Ealy House collection

<u>Income</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Memberships (Mowery/Adams, Fisher, Stoia, Bobo, 2 Thomas)		70.00
Paver	50.00	\$ 50.00
Applebutter	5.00	
Pamphlets	18.00	
Walton Memorial		75.00
Newsletter Donation		25.00
Checking Interest	1.23	1.07
Total Income	\$ 74.23	\$ 221.07

<u>Expenses</u>		
AEP - (Ealy \$418.13,\$331.38; RTD\$5.68,\$5.68)	\$ 423.81	\$ 337.06
AT&T	24.65	24.21
Columbus Art Memorial (brick pavers)	\$ 175.00	
John Saveson- Ealy House Drain Pipe Repair	355.00	
Print Xpress (newsletter)	47.50	
Sharon Carter (Christmas Party favors)	15.00	
Checking Account-New Checks	24.80	
Westfield Insurance		994.00
Columbus Water & Sewer		24.63
Best Service (Ealy Heating repair)		264.95
Rumpke	64.03	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,129.79	\$ 1,644.85

<u>January 1st Balance</u>	<u>\$ 13,814.60</u>
Income	295.30
Expenses	2,774.64
<u>February 28th Balance</u>	<u>\$ 11,335.26</u>
Hold for Computer Software	600.00
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
Vanguard Fund Balance 12/31/10	19,495.89
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 12/31/10	68,092.39
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 1/21/10	closed
Ameriprise (1/31/11)	107,720.22 (includes \$7,179.04 (6.66452%) Memorial Money)

Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer