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RAFFLE

And the Winner is!!

Nancy Haag

A special thank you to Bill & Gretchen Hamann who sponsored the Raffle

We were able to sell all of tickets for a net gain of \$25,000!

Memorial Gifts

A gift in Memory of
**Ann and Kermit
Greeneisen**

from
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This months item is a
Harness Clamp—
successfully identified by
Steve King



What is this?

The board supporting this item is about 24" x 6". The
spikes in the center are sharp and stand about 6".

What was it used for?



Curator's Corner

Katie Martin Honored at Consortium

Katie Martin, past president of the Moreland Hills Historical Society, was honored at our recent Spring meeting. In 2000, Katie founded the Chagrin Valley Historical Society Consortium with six Historical Societies in attendance. Since then we have met twice a year to discuss and share ideas that are mutually beneficial. The Consortium has grown to now having 23 Historical Societies represented at our meetings. Thank you Katie for following up on your idea and bringing us together.

Pat Zalba

The Collections Committee Has Accepted The Following Chagrin Falls Related Accessions:

Pictorial History of the Old Testament Print, circa 1847, framed under glass. It was found by Tom Luckay at the home of Cassius Clay on High Street.

Donor, Margaret T. Luckay

C.F. Advertising: Nall Drug Store Calendar

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Chagrin "Falls Theatre" (movie house originally on E. Washington St.) memorabilia, many C.F. postcards and photographs, 2 American Flags—45 and 49 stars which had belonged to Leonard Murphy, C.F. attorney.

Donor, Mike Solether

Photographs and slides of Blossom Time and Memorial Day, etc., a commemorative paper program "1855-1955" of the "IOOF Lodge " 290"

Donor Beth Felger Ryan

Two Mary Ann Boysen, C.F. artist, sketches: "Triangle Park-The Band Stand" and "The Natural Falls".

Donor, Ken Kvacek

Handsewn quilt-piecework by Gini Woodward Fast-36 patches showing flowers, birds and fruit. There is a special memorial patch on the back remembering Gini.

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Have a wonderful relaxed summer!

Pat Zalba

Gone Fishing



Calendar

June 2017

- 10 VAC Art by the Falls 10-7
- 11 CFHS Museum Open 11 am - 3 pm
- 11 VAC Art by the Falls 10-5
- 11 Clock Program 12-4
- 13 American Legion 7 pm
- 15 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 17 CFHS Museum Open 11 am -3 pm
- 17 Class of '57 tour
- 19 Jaycees Foundation 6:30 pm
- 21 Know Your Antiques
- 22 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 24 CFHS Museum Open 11 am -3 pm
- 27 Gretchen Hamann, Bo Burr Com. Rm
- 27 Special Events Committee Meeting
- 29 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm

JULY

- 1 CFHS Museum Open 11 am - 3 pm
- 6 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 8 CFHS Museum Open 11 am - 3 pm
- 13 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 15 CFHS Museum Open 11 am - 3 pm
- 15 Genealogy Workshop 3-5 pm Bo Burr Comm. Rm.
- 19 Know Your Antiques
- 20 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
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August

- 4 Movie Night 7:30 PM A good Ship and Crew Well Seasoned: The Fitzgerald and her Legacy. Bo Burr Community Room and Gallery

Sponsorships, Sponsorships, Sponsorships! Our next major fundraiser (after the raffle) will be September 16th. If you know of someone who would be willing to be a sponsor at some level, call John or Carolyn at 440-247-4695.



Upcoming Programs

Sunday June 11, 12-4 pm

Bo Burr Community Room

Tick, Tock, Clock and Watch Appraisals!

Bring your antique clock or watch for evaluation on repairs, etc. \$5 donation

Tuesday, July 4th, 10 am-2 pm

Community 4th of July Celebration

Triangle Park

Saturday July 15th 3-5 pm

Getting Started on Genealogy Workshop

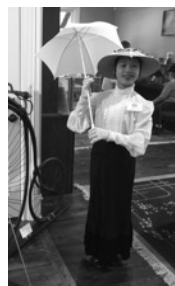
Our presenter is **Elizabeth (Liz) Plummer** the Outreach Reference Archivist of the Ohio History Connection Archives/ Library. In her new position, she reaches out to local genealogical societies, local history societies and local history department of libraries to share with them the resources of the Ohio History Connection and to learn about their work. Prior to this position, she was Manager of Reference Services, the Ohio History Connection's library from 2011-2016. Liz will give you all of the information that you will need to begin your genealogy search. You can bring your laptops and tablets, but if you don't have one Liz will be using hers on the big screen. She will also provide handouts for all participants. This is a Free workshop, so please call us at (440) 247-4695 and let us know if you plan to attend! The workshop will be held in the Bo Burr Gallery and Community Room, 87 East Washington Street.

Friday August 4th, 7:30 pm *Movie Night—A Good Ship and Crew Well-Seasoned: The Fitzgerald and her Legacy*

This documentary film is about the ship, Edmond Fitzgerald, and her legacy on the Great Lakes. The film was shown last year at the film festival. Come, grab a bag of popcorn, and enjoy a great film! *Donations collected will go to the Chagrin Documentary Film Fest. Movie Night will be in the Bo Burr Gallery and Community Room, 87 East Washington Street.

Home Tour

This year the museum was part of the Home Tour. Over 500 people came through the museum and were given an explanation of the renovation by John, and a short history of Chagrin by Pat and Laura. The tour generated great interest in the museum and fostered a number of new memberships.



Violet, Pat & Sally dressed up to greet people who were on the Home Tour. Great Fun!





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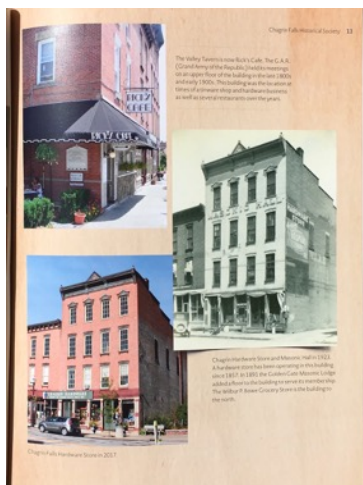
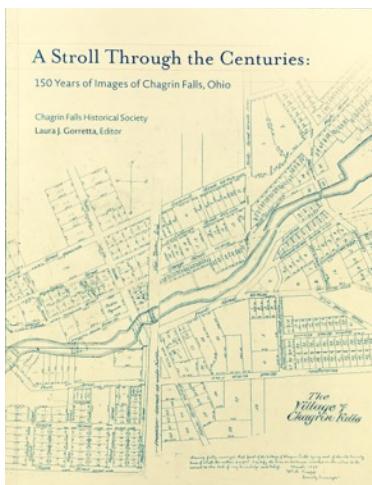
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It's Here!

NEW FROM THE CHAGRIN FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESS—Buy at the museum or online at www.chagrinhistorical.org

Chagrin Falls: A Stroll Through the Centuries \$29.95

Featuring a selection of photos from our extensive photograph collection illustrating how much we have changed—and how much we have stayed the same.



It's Official!!

**Our 4th Annual
Fall Event**

**Saturday September 16,
2017**

Save the Date!



We give the ‘**Above and Beyond Award**’ this month to **Phil Koepf**, for designing, and to **Perry Clark** for Building—our beautiful new doll case platform. The platform gives the dolls in the upper hallway case increased height, making them much easier to view. It also provides wonderful doll storage underneath. Many, many thanks!! Stop by and take a look.

Also, we want to thank Jill Welsh and Nina Reagh for giving us dolls we did not have in our collection. From Jill we received an early Shirley Temple doll (in very good condition), two Skookum Indian dolls, a Kley and Hahn bisque toddler boy doll and others. Nina Reagh gave us an early fabric doll dating from c.1899 which may have come as pieces of fabric to be sewn by the new owner. The clothes, handmade, are remarkable. Many thanks to you both.

Marnie Albers

Exponent Treasures

Frequently while researching for something in the old **Exponents**, one comes across some interesting information that has been forgotten by many.

While looking through 1929, 1930 and 1931 Exponents, I began seeing references to Oscar Horn Hill. It turns out that this was a section of West Orange Street that was mostly a viscous unstable clay that was constantly causing the road in and out of town to slide into the river.

It was determined that they needed to remove over 600,000 cubic feet of this clay to stabilize the road. They worked during the Winter of 1931, utilizing 3 steam shovels. Here is an article from the April 30, 1931 Exponent.

Chagrin’s Blue Clay Goes to Cleveland’s Stadium

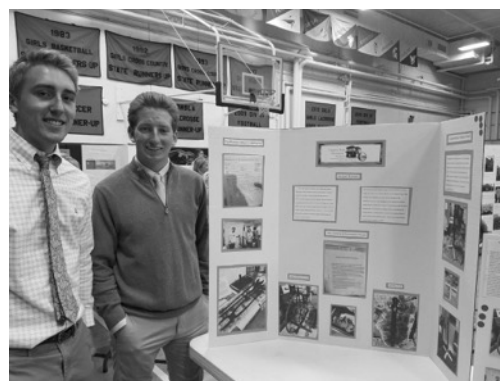
About twenty truck loads of blue clay from the Oscar Horn hill was trucked to Cleveland the first of the week, which will be used to build the home plate on the Cleveland Indians’ baseball diamond at Cleveland’s new stadium on the lake front. There is something about the blue clay found in the Chagrin Falls section, which makes it just right for this use.



CFHS Scholarship award winners L-R **Colin Briggs, Michael Weimann** and ‘**Trout**’ **Westbrook** with scholarship committee members **Don Raker** and **Gretchen**



‘**Trout**’ **Westbrook** and **Michael Weimann** with our Penny Farthing bicycle that they restored during their Senior project.



‘**Trout**’ and **Michael** with a display board demonstrating their senior project at the High School.

Notes from the Museum Director

The Month of May was a busy month for the Historical Society. John Bourisseau presented a wonderful program on our local artists for the Arts Hop on May 5th. The paintings of our prominent early artists will be hanging in the Bo Burr Gallery and Community Room throughout the summer. Duncan Jameson, Jean Hood's cousin, presented a great program 'Growing Up Wright' on May 11th. Duncan is the great-grandnephew of Wilbur and Orville Wright. We ended the month with *Blossom on the Front Porch* and pulled the winner for the Trip Raffle. The winner is Nancy Haag. Congrats to Nancy and thank you to all of you who sold and bought tickets!

Kudos to the Garden Committee! Despite the rain, the committee members were able to transform our front and west side into beautiful gardens. The "garden gnomes" can be seen watering, weeding and "dead-heading" the flowers on a daily basis. The Garden Committee Chair, Frank Kanzinger, can be seen mowing weekly. Thank you to all for working so hard!

Please attend our June 11th program, which is a Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Jeff Ringer will be here with several other watch and clock experts. Bring a clock or watch in for an evaluation, a \$5.00 donation per family is suggested. Also on June 10th & 11th the Historical Society will have a booth at **Art by the**

Falls. We will be selling our books, notecards, posters, mugs, other gift items and our new t-shirts! The t-shirts will have our CFHS logo on the front and a special art design of Chagrin Falls by Marnie Albers on the back.

Are you interested in genealogy, but don't know how to get started? Come to our *Getting Started in Genealogy Workshop* on Saturday, July 15th 3:00 – 5:00 pm. The workshop is free and will be presented by an expert from the Ohio History Connection. Please RSVP for this workshop at (440)247-4695.

We had Michael Weimann and Trout Westbrook, seniors from Chagrin Falls High School, do their senior project May 15 – May 26 here at the Historical Society. They learned how to clean and do conservation of metal objects as well as catalog the objects and prepare them for display. Three of the large objects can be seen in our new 1890s exhibit. The 1890s exhibit will officially open on June 22nd and will be up through December.

We will be selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle, 6 tickets for \$5.00. The tickets will be available throughout the summer at the Historical Society and the drawing will be at our Dinner/Dance fund raiser on Saturday, September 16th. The more we sell, the bigger the purse! (Cash or check only)

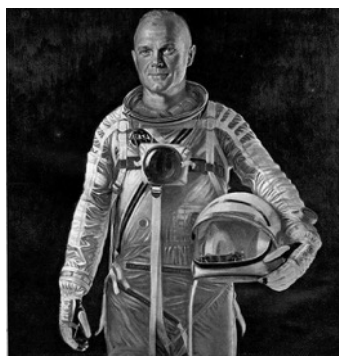
Jane Babinsky, Museum Director

Honoring Chagrin's Artists

In the **Bo Burr Community Room and Gallery**, the Historical Society is displaying art work that represents some of the artists who lived and worked in Chagrin. Featured are Jehu Brainerd, Henry Church, Jr., Max Barnard, David Phillip Wilson, Alfred Howell, Florian Lawton and Bob Takatch. The exhibit will be in place throughout the summer. The exhibit includes biographies of the artists.



Jehu Brainerd 1808-1878 illustrated the Farmer's Mechanics Journal which was published in Chagrin beginning in 1842. His woodcut of Chagrin Falls in 1846 the earliest depiction of the Village



David Phillip Wilson 1902-1981 was a portrait artist who painted the portraits of 6 Ohio Governors, many Governors from other states, John Glenn, Neil Armstrong and Lyndon Johnson



Lead the Parade winners L-R Joshua Baraona, Matt Gallin and Eveleen Malley get a tour of the museum before they get to Lead the Parade.



Jean Hood with her cousin Duncan Jameson. Duncan gave a very interesting program about the exploits of the Wright brothers.