



# The Exponent

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**Curators Corner**

**What's Happening In the Merry Month of May?**

May is a busy month in Chagrin Falls! Be sure to check out our calendar for "happenings". I'm suggesting that you not miss the ArTs HoP program here at the museum on Friday, May 5th, 6-8 pm. It sounds very interesting. Work by Chagrin Falls artists, such as Bob Takatch, Alfred Howell, David Philip Wilson, Max Barnard, Henry Church Jr. and others, will be exhibited on our walls. There will also be a Power Point program about their lives. Hope to see you there!

**Pat Zalba**

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

Three items from a former Chagrin Falls Business, Rowe and Giles (a milling and lumber company) - a wooden pulley, a measuring device to determine how many boards could be cut from a log and a Stanley Planer and clamp #55, circa 1890s.

*Donor, Paul Koepf*

A rare small book published in Chagrin Falls in 1846. "The ABC Book with Pictures of Birds," by D. Birchard.

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A miniature Christmas tree scene, under glass, done by artist Ann Goss, a wooden log cabin style doll house circa 1920s, a Lionel Racing Cars and Tracks toy in original box, circa 1912-1916.

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20 kitchen tools, circa 1890s, includes cutters, pounders and mashers, butter paddles and wooden spoons, egg beater, cookie cutter and Ice Cream Scoop. (last months mystery photo)

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"Pencil Points of Chagrin Falls by Robert Takatch", notecards featuring sketches by Bob, C. F. advertising ruler for "Thomas Reap Realty"

*Donor, Joyce Gorretta*

Horse hoof cleaning tool and a rare Civil war tweezerlike tool with ivory handle.

*Donor, Marie Hobart*

Clear glass rectangular paperweight commemorating "Cuyahoga Savings—100 years strong-1892-1992" (once in business on W. Washington St.

*Donor Pat Mitchell*

**What is it?**



Last month's item is an ice cream scoop—you could rotate the thumbwheel on the top and the metal band inside would turn and release the ice cream



Have a wonderful Blossom Time!

**Pat Zalba**



**Calendar**

**May 2017**

- 1 Intermediate School students 2:45-3:15 pm
- 2 Garden Club Bo Burr Room 11 am
- 3 Special Events Committee, 3 pm
- 3 Chagrin Valley Jaycees Board Mtg. 6:30-8:30
- 4 Canyon Lakes Tour 11 am
- 4 CFHS Museum Open 2 pm - 7 pm
- 5 ArTs HoP 10 am- 8 pm
- 5 ArTs HoP Wine & Cheese, Program, Bo Burr Room
- 6 ArTs HoP 10am - 5 pm Museum Open
- 8 Intermediate School students 2:45-3:15 pm
- 9 American Legion Bo Burr Room 7:30 pm
- 11 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 11 Wright Brothers Program, Bo Burr Com. Rm 7:30 pm
- 13 CFHS Museum Open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 15 Intermediate School students 2:45-3:15 pm
- 18 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 20 Molly Chittenden DAR Mtg. 9:30-12 Bo Burr Room
- 20 CFHS Museum Open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 21 Private Rental Bo Burr Community Room 10 am- 4pm
- 22 Intermediate School students 2:45-3:15 pm
- 23 Education Committee Meeting Bo Burr Room 1 pm
- 24 Jaycees Foundation, Bo Burr Room 6:30 pm
- 25 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 27 CFHS Museum Open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 28 Blossom On the Porch 12-4 pm (by invitation)

**Board of Trustee Notes**

The Board of Trustees met April 12th. Laura Gorretta gave a report on the actions of the development committee. They are in the process of writing two grant proposals.

Ken Kvacek reported on the work that he and Phil Koepf have done to develop an operations manual for the Historical Society. It is a large task due to the complexity of our organizational structure—but they are making headway.

**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.

Our next meeting will be June 7.



**Upcoming Programs**

**Thursday May 11, 2017, 7:30 PM**

**Bo Burr Community Room**

**Growing Up Wright**

**Duncan Jameson**, great-grandnephew of Wilbur and Orville Wright, will speak about the Wright brothers, their impact, and personal experiences of the Wright family.

Duncan is an advertising professional and teaches at Point Park University. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Sarah. Duncan spoke on behalf of the Wright family at the 112<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Powered Flight at Kitty Hawk on December 17, 2015.

**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**

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**Honoring Chagrin's Artists**

Friday May 5th and Saturday May 6th the Chamber of Commerce Sponsors an ArTs HoP. Participating organizations and Galleries have special events. People will get a passport to be stamped at the various places throughout the Village and will be eligible for prizes. Many organizations will have special events.

In the Bo Burr Community Room and Gallery, the Historical Society will be displaying art work that represent some of the artists that lived and worked in Chagrin. Those that will be featured will be Jehu Brainerd, Henry Church, Jr., Max Barnard, David Philip Wilson, Alfred Howell, Florian Lawton and Bob Takatch.

On Friday from 6-8 pm we will have wine and cheese for those in attendance and a special program on the featured artists.

On display will be a never exhibited watercolor by Henry Church, Jr. The painting is from about 1857 and is the earliest known painting of Chagrin Falls. It is a view from the 'slide', very similar to the view shown in Brainerd's 1843 woodcut. It depicts many of the dams and manufacturers along the river, as well as the Eggleston House, Congregational Church and Asbury Seminary.



Brainerd woodcut showing Bayard's Tavern with Noah Graves home in the background. circa 1842



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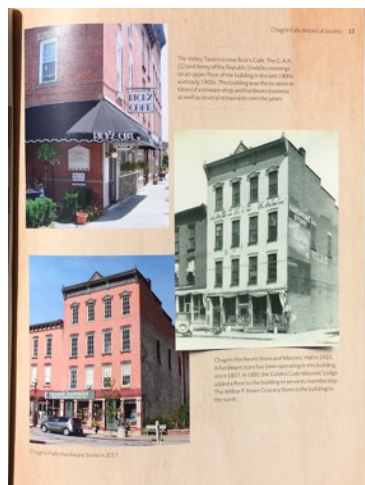
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### It's Here!

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## 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!**





John Bourisseau presenting the lesson on economic vocabulary using the history of Chagrin Falls



### Civil War Memorial

We are close to having the funds necessary to refurbish the Civil War Memorial. Just as 150 years ago, the community has stepped up to provide the necessary support.

Should you wish to contribute, you can send a check to the Historical Society, PO Box 515, CF 44022. Mark it for the Civil War Memorial Fund.

If you have any questions, call John Bourisseau,



Each face of the monument lists the dead and missing from a specific branch of the service.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE INFORMATION

John Bourisseau and I worked on developing a history of Chagrin Falls lesson while introducing economic vocabulary from their Social Studies Core Curriculum. A lesson was developed using PowerPoint to show Chagrin Falls from the 1840s -1880s. A tax record of Chagrin Falls was used to apply their vocabulary to the Mills and Manufacturing during that time period. The lesson given to them was an introduction to their economic unit of study. The children were enthusiastic and the teachers thought this was a great introduction to their economics unit and for their upcoming tests. They felt they now have John's presentation to refer back to when studying the vocabulary. The children were able to briefly tour the Museum, and they asked many good questions, thought it was "cool" and want to come back!

All third graders received a lesson and "kit" on their study of Chagrin Falls, we are hearing good reviews from students and teachers. All third graders are currently involved in Lead the Parade. Three children will be chosen to ride in the 1957 Chevy Police Car to lead the Blossom Parade. They write about their favorite fact or historical landmark and why. I've recruited Lynn Reboul to take over Lead the Parade.

Fourth Grade finished their unit of study on the Underground Railroad that we introduced. We left "kits" for them to work through at their leisure. Teachers and students enjoyed the "kits".

We provided the 5th grade teacher with information for each month of the school year on the theme of "100 years ago today in Chagrin Falls". He wanted to open his classes with a historical fact and to be able to incorporate Chagrin Falls history as an option. He said the research information we provided him was very good.

Gary Dole is finishing up his research with the students from 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. The QR Codes will be placed on some of the buildings shortly. Be sure to look for them. He will continue this project next school year as well.

The committee met to review what has been done through the summer. We are hoping to rename our containers/kits; we are open to suggestions. The "kits" contain extension activities and books pertaining to our classroom lesson. We are currently considering "Traveling History", "Exploring History", "Discovering History" or "Artifact Adventure" kits. We'll decide the new name for the containers. We will also review our work and chose some new projects. We will be planning the next school year. Once our plans are set for next year, I'll set up a meeting with potential substitutes for classroom lessons and I'll tap some volunteers to work on other determined projects. I've been building a list of volunteers who have been positive about working with the Education Committee.

We are a busy and enthusiastic committee. We are proud of our accomplishments to date. Don't hesitate to volunteer if you'd like to be involved.

**Gretchen Hamann** Education Chair

## Notes from the Museum Director

We have finally moved out of the Shute Building! A special thank you goes out to Sally Hawkins, Frank and Kim Kanzinger, Laurie Loveman, Pat Zalba and our four volunteers from Holy Angels! Frank Ventiniglia, George and Carole Morris and Carole Usaj were our volunteers from Holy Angels, who had signed up for Holy Angels annual service day. It was amazing how quickly the old Shute Building was emptied and the Bo Burr Community Room was full!! Sally, Laurie, Laura, Pat, Zo, Ken and myself have been working since Tuesday to clear the community room. Not an easy task considering our storage areas are already full!

Some of our members have expressed interest in starting a book club at the Historical Society. Meetings would probably be every other month, day and time to be determined. It was suggested that biographies and historical novels would be the types of books the group would choose. If anyone is interested please call or email the Historical Society!

I would like to thank everyone who loaned us items for the Girl Scout exhibit. The exhibit was a hit with young and old! We had seven troops visit the exhibit. We are now in the process of changing our exhibit to Chagrin in the 1890s. The 1890s exhibit should be complete by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Forest Citys Base Ball Club

The Forest Citys was the inspiration of **Bo Burr** and was an active part of the Society for many years. **Scrap Zalba's** somewhat flamboyant personality was brought to life by his role as the 'crank'. Participation with the Forest Citys is what brought me to the Historical Society.

We still have an account for the team so that funds can be raised to support them. Mark 'Marker' Cammock has finally retired from the team—he was the last of the first generation.

The team is now managed by Jeremy 'Grindstone' Feador and they have a full schedule for the season. The problem is, they are still wearing the uniforms that we created over 20 years ago. Jeremy has told me that because they look so shoddy, they have been overlooked for some of the better tournaments.

We would like to fill the coffers again so that they can purchase new uniforms—Help us keep the legacy alive. They are going to need between \$2500 & \$3000

You can send a check to the Historical Society with "Forest Citys" in the memo box, or donate online at [www.chagrinhistorical.org](http://www.chagrinhistorical.org).

Jeremy has a degree in museum studies and runs the museum at Progressive Field that is out in the center field area. Next time you are at the Ball Park stop in and see their exhibits.

May 20-21. @ Columbus. Ohio vs Michigan, May 28: @ Chagrin Falls, Blossom Time Parade vs Canal Fulton Mules Vintage Base Ball Club, June, 17 @ Sylvania. Sylvania Cup, June 25 @ Lakewood. Western Reserve Cup Cleveland Blues Base Ball Club July 9 @ Stan Hywet Hall. Akron Cup Akron Black Stockings, July 23: TBD August 13 @ Alliance. Alliance Cup, August 27 @ Mansfield.

Just a reminder: if you haven't bought your raffle ticket yet to win one of those wonderful trips, you might lose out! The tickets are selling fast and the winner will be pulled on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (winner does not need to be present). Contact us if you would like to buy one. Your \$100 raffle ticket provides needed support for the Historical Society—and you might win!!

Have any of you driven through the South Chagrin Metroparks lately? You may be shocked to find the signs that used to read **Squaw Rock** now read **Henry Church Rock**. The Metroparks Historian, Judy MacKeigan, (who did give a very informative and entertaining program here in April) stated that the use of "squaw" was not appropriate and that it was never known as "Squaw Rock" by Henry Church, Jr. The rock in question was always known by my family as **Squaw Rock** and was called that during Henry's lifetime. Henry signed the rock in 1885, even though he never actually finished the carvings he planned for the rock. I don't know about you, but I will always refer to it as **Squaw Rock** and I'm sure my family in spirit still calls it that (including Henry)!

**Jane Babinsky, Museum Director**



Volunteers from Holy Angels taking a break after moving items from our old museum to our new one.

'Hairless' Bo and Scrap engaging in their pregame ritual of proclaiming the honesty of the 'crank' while slipping him a bribe.

They did it so well!!

