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Margi O'Brien '18, **Perry Clark** '18

Upcoming Programs

Saturday, December 9, 2:00 – 4:00 pm *Christmas Open House at the Museum* – Come enjoy Jody Roliff on the Hammered Dulcimer, decorate a gingerbread cookie, sing with the carolers and celebrate an 1890s Christmas! Chagrin Falls Historical Society, 87 E. Washington Street.

Volunteer of the Year **Sally Hawkins**

I am so honored to have received the Pat Zalba Volunteer of the Year Award. It is such a privilege to share this award in its second year with such a great "first lady". Thank you to everyone who has helped me with projects, learning experiences and friendship. I am proud to be part of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society. It is a wonderful organization.

"Now, back to work Cinderella".

Sally Hawkins



Curator's Corner

**Our Condolences to
The friends and family of
Karl Church Kuivinen
and to the friends and family of
Harry Guenther**



Curator, Pat Zalba

Deckin' the Halls

All hands were on deck to begin decorating the museum for our Christmas Open House Dec. 9th from 2-4. Thank you **Pat Zalba, Jean Hood, Marnie Albers, Janice Hill** and the tireless **Sally Hawkins**. Also, thanks to **Frank and Kim Kanzinger** and the garden committee for their work this year keeping our gardens and flower boxes looking beautiful.



Sally Hawkins



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Sally Hawkins** upon receiving the Pat Zalba Volunteer Recognition Award for 2017! It is a well deserved award for Sally as she spends hours, days and weeks here and helps wherever needed.

Christmas Open House

Our Museum is ready for the holidays and our Christmas Open House. The mannequins are wearing their beautiful Victorian cloaks and the parlor is bedecked in greenery and ready for a party! Please come on Saturday Dec. 9th 2-4 pm for refreshments, music and friendly conversation. You might also find something special in the Gift Shop. We need cookies and tea sandwiches for the open house. If you can provide us with refreshments, please contact Patti Widmar at 219-409-1455 or email pwidmar@roadrunner.com

New Years Eve Party! Come join us New Years Eve from 9-12:30. Bring a snack to share. RSVP to 440-247-4695

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

30 digital images have been scanned by Zo (from a photo collection and newspaper articles "on loan" to the Historical Society) of the Chagrin Falls Park Community.

Donor, Harriet Bolden

Interurban R. R. tie (partial) with spike embedded, a "speaker" from the Chagrin Falls Drive In Movie that once stood on E. Washington Street, and some 1950s objects for an exhibit.

Donor, Chris Gilbert

Artworks: Two paintings by C. F. Primitive Artist Max Barnard entitled, "Country Cross Roads" and "Sunday at Grandma's". These were given in memory of James A. and Audrey S. Nordine, the original owners.

*Donor, Kristen Nordine-Uebersax
and Mark Uebersax*

For the Education Traveling Box: An Ober cast iron "stand" or trivet.

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A May 1970 Political Survey from William E. Menshall, House of Representatives. Found in a 1968 Zenith Yearbook and given in Memory of Gayle Roeder-Ehrenbeit.

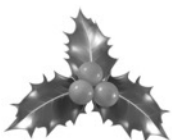
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2 Derby hats, perhaps worn by funeral staff at the Stroud Funeral Home, a Kiwanis Club photograph, 12 C. F. High School Yearbooks.

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Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Pat Zalba



Calendar

December

- 1 Intermediate School Students 1-2 pm
- 2 Special Board Meeting 10:30-3
- 2 CFHS Museum Open 11-3 pm
- 2 Dad’s Club Poker Night 5 pm -12 am
- 6 Village Employees Christmas Party
- 7 Jill Welch Aerobics 8:15-9:45
- 7 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 7 Brd of Education Informational Open House 6-8 pm
- 8 Intermediate School Students 1-2 pm
- 9 CFHS Christmas Open House 2-4 pm
- 12 American Legion 7pm Bo Burr Room
- 14 Aerobics Class 8:15-9:45 am
- 14 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 15 Intermediate School Students 1-2 pm
- 16 CFHS Museum Open 11-3 pm
- 18 Jaycees Foundation 6:30-7:30 pm
- 21 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 23 CFHS Museum Open 11-3 pm
- 28 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 30 CFHS Museum Open 11-3 pm
- 31 New Years Eve Party 9 pm-12:30am

January

- 4 CFHS Museum Open 2-7 pm
- 6 CFHS Museum Open 11-3 pm
- 7 Intermediate School Students 1-2 pm
- 9 American Legion 7pm Bo Burr Room

Welcome to New Members

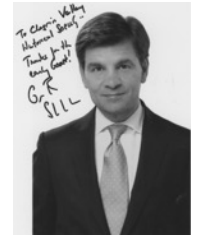
Ralph Razinger Family, Jill Welch, Verle Barriball, Craig Roeper, Wynn Jeter, Julie Hanahan, Thomas Perotti, Gary Dole, Maxine Fadale and a new business membership Kathy’s Art, Etc.

Legacy Circle

This past year, the Society benefited from the estates of individuals who felt strongly enough about the mission of the Historical Society that they included us in their estate planning. This is an important part of sustaining the Society into the future. Please consider joining our Legacy Circle. For further information, contact Carolyn Sihler or John Bourisseau at 440-247-4695 or email cjsihler1@gmail.com, or jbourisseau@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Volunteers

The Tuesday morning volunteers came across a newspaper article about the Chagrin Valley Women’s Club scholarship winners for 1978. Orange High School senior George Stephanopoulos was one of the recipients. **Joyce Teeft, Beth Van Lente, Parnell Tillotson, and Shelley Turf** decided to send George a copy of the article with the photo of him and the other recipients. A few months later they received a signed photo from Mr. Stepanopoulos with a note saying “Thanks for the early boost.”



Submitted by.

Beth, Joyce, Parnell and Shelley

We Answer Questions

Our Society receives many requests for information. We get questions in person, over the phone, in email and in texts. Some of these questions can be answered quickly but occasionally we become involved with a person who is seeking information and we develop a friendship. This past June a young man named Matt Delsander emailed us. He came to the Society twice last summer and we have shared 23 emails since June. Matt is a railroad enthusiast and is writing an article on the Chagrin Falls & Southern Railroad for the Nickel Plate Road Historical & Technical Society’s magazine. We have exchanged photographs and biographical materials. When Matt visited with us he was able to question **Ken Kvacek, Don Barriball and John Bourisseau**. He has also worked with the Solon Historical Society. Matt is an amazing photographer (mostly trains) and a meticulous researcher. We look forward to seeing his article this coming January. Getting to work with and getting to know such interesting people is a pleasure and it makes all the effort we put into caring for and cataloging our collections meaningful.

Zo Sykora

Memorial Gifts

Gifts in memory of
Karl Church Kuivinen

were given by
Thomas H. Norris
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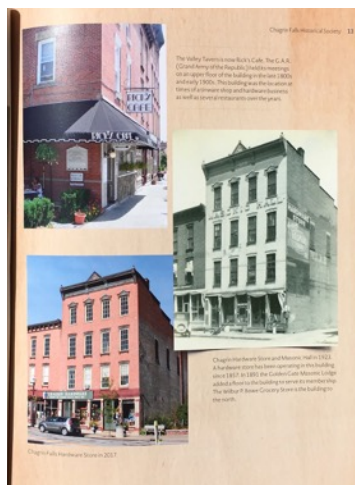
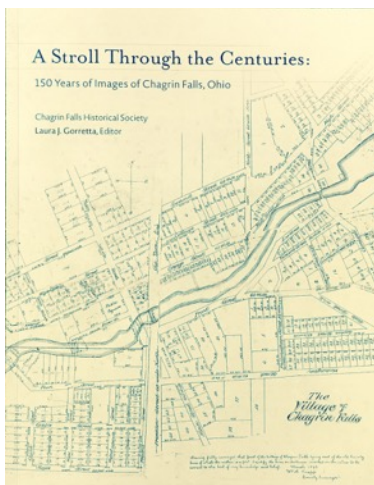
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It's Here!

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.



New in the **Museum Store** is this interesting puzzle created from the work of **John Corrigan**. It is a view of the Village looking towards Grove Hill. We will be offering a number of new items for your Christmas Shopping this year. Sweatshirts, Tote Bags and Christmas Cards featuring the works of Henry Church Jr.

Don Barriball Celebrated

On Saturday November 18th the family of Don Barriball held a 'surprise' birthday party for Don in the Bo Burr Community Room and Gallery. It was really a nice affair. The Historical Society presented Don with a proclamation penned by Society member Marnie Albers. It reads as follows:

Whereas Don Barriball met the challenge in 2004 of becoming a vital part of the vibrant, somewhat chaotic, enterprise known as the Chagrin Falls Historical Society, and

Whereas in the years since he has authored fine works on Chagrin Falls, its mills and foundries including the Interurban Railroad, the Ober Manufacturing Company and the Chagrin Falls Hardware Store, and

Whereas he possesses an encyclopedic knowledge of all things Chagrin—people, places, things and embarrassing escapades, and

Whereas he rivals the finest blood hound when on the trail of a visitor's lost relative, the identification of a mystery photograph or the actual location of a long lost building, and

Whereas he has illustrated with a sure hand that which he writes and has drawn maps that no man has seen drawn before, and

Whereas his dry wit, warm down-home manner and insatiable curiosity enlivens us all,

We hereby declare **Don Barriball** on his 90th birthday, to be an official **Chagrin Falls Historical Treasure**, with all the rights and honors thereto attending.



The Historical Society then installed a paver in the walkway in Don's honor, while his family installed a paver in memory of his wife Donna. It was a wonderful evening!

John Bourisseau



Architects rendering for 1939 renovation

Special Meeting

A special meeting will be held in the Bo Burr Community Room and Gallery Thursday, December 7 from 6-8 pm. They have begun work on the Intermediate School and this will be an opportunity to see the exterior features of the new building including sample building materials and components, as well as review the updated design and renderings. You will be able to meet the Stantec Design team, ask questions, and provide input and feedback.

Parking will be at the Historical Society and at the rear of the neighboring lot-95 E Washington St. with entrance on the shared drive for the Historical Society. The Historical Society has also received permission for people to park behind the Falls Office Building at 57 E. Washington St.

John Bourisseau



Grove Hill 1897



Adams Bag 1895



Squaw Rock 1890

What's New Is Old

The October 2017 edition of the Smithsonian magazine includes an article called The Illusion of Reality. I almost didn't read it but then I saw a photograph of a stereograph that caught my attention. The article is about 3 D virtual reality and its uses in education, medicine, gaming, etc. Why are we so fascinated by 3 D ? The upshot is that this isn't new. The stereograph was invented in 1838 by Charles Wheatstone who placed 2 drawings taken from slightly different perspectives and then viewed each one through a different eye to create a 3 D view. In 1848 David Brewster created a hand-held device into which you inserted a card with stereo images. Since photography had been recently invented photographs could be used instead of drawings. Stereoscopes were touted as being valuable educational tools and continued to be popular both in homes and in schools until about 1910. The stereoscopes of the past are today's virtual reality devices.

The article mentions the Victorians' fascination with photographic calling cards. These sound like today's Facebook profile photos. Victorians also watched spinning kinetoscopes of animations. Sounds like today's animated GIFS.

By 1910 postcards had become the new photo item to share and collect. Hmm...sounds like Facebook to me. Instead of posting photos of your trip on Facebook you sent a postcard – perhaps from beautiful downtown Chagrin Falls. Postcards were also used as greeting cards for birthdays and holidays. Today we send birthday greetings to our friends on Facebook.

This is a great article and a good read. It is available online. Hmm.....magazines now available online.

Zo Sykora



OUR GIFT SHOP HAS MANY NEW ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS

We have added many new and interesting items to our gift shop this year. Chief among them is our 2017 Christmas card showing 2 views from the Henry Church Jr. painting *Old Man Winter*. Also new this year are 5 puzzles. One is a photo of our doll collection and the other four are of paintings in our collection: the newly acquired painting of looking toward Grove Hill by John Corrigan, Nancy Martt's painting of the barns of Chagrin and Max Barnard's painting of Grove Hill in the 1930s.

We now have sweatshirts, t-shirts and a tote bag silk-screened with the interesting art of Marnie Albers which depicts Chagrin History along with some of its present day activities.

And of course, we have many of our books that tell the history of Chagrin, including the newest addition, *A Stroll Through the Centuries: 150 Years of Images of Chagrin Falls, Ohio*, which is a photographic tour of the Village, then and now.

All of these items can also be purchased on line at www.chagrinhistorical.org

Christmas Cards—detail from *Old Man Winter*



All items are in color!



T-Shirt is Navy Blue