



MUSEUM MESSAGE

Ohio's Oldest Museum December 2016
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Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a most wonderful fun-filled New Year. For the past fourteen years I have had the honor and privilege of serving as a trustee and president of the Firelands Historical Society. During these years, working to preserve the history of the Firelands area, I have met and worked with so many wonderful and dedicated board members and volunteers.

I love to show off our museum complex to our visitors and guests. It is a great place to relive the past as we focus on the future with new ideas for displaying our artifacts.

This coming year the city of Norwalk is celebrating its bicentennial, 200 years of progress. We commemorate our founders, industry and the perseverance of those who have come before us. It has always and will continue to be a great place to raise and educate children and enjoy the many blessings of family life.

We too, this past year are proud of our own accomplishments. The outside of the museum has been painted and replacement windows installed in the attic. Our main parking lot has been completely resurfaced and the Lanning-Young parking lot has been sealed. The building on the Midway property has been demolished, giving us endless possibilities for the use of available space. Outreach has always been a vital part of our society and we have several new events this year. We have new ideas for next year and some are already in the planning stages.

We of the historical society wish our members and your family and friends the happiest of Holidays.

We are ever so grateful for the support of our board members, volunteers and our membership. It is you who make this organization what it is today.

Pat Mak,
President

**"The generous financial support by the members and friends of the Firelands Historical Society has made it possible for the Society to operate for nearly 160 years. You still have time to make a contribution for 2016 and your donation qualifies as a tax deduction for income tax purposes. Your check payable to the "Firelands Historical Society" can be mailed to
"P.O.Box 572, Norwalk Ohio 44857"**

Thank you for your support!



Spirits of the Museum

The Firelands Historical Society on October 27th, held a fund raising event called "Spirits of the Museum". Event chairpersons Kathleen Schaffer and Chris Harlan came up with the idea while working at the museum on an early Sunday in August. This first time event was very successful, with the help of volunteers: John Schumm, Anna Bristol, Eric Ebinger, Sally Jenkins, Chris Harlan, Kathleen Schaffer, DeEtte Zimmerman and Pat Mak.



Over 40 people visited the museum to hear history of artifacts and storytelling by early prominent Norwalkians. The volunteers are already looking forward to next year's event.



Light Up Norwalk

The Firelands Historical Society recently did its part in helping with "Light Up Norwalk". Both the museum and the research center were opened from 3 to 6 on Saturday, November 26th.

Mary Carabin, Pat Mak, Matt Burr,

Kathleen Schaffer, Gill King and Margaret Weisenberger volunteered their time at the buildings, while Chris Harlan helped people off the horse draw carriages, as they stopped near the museum.



Photos courtesy of Chris Harlan and Mary Carabin

The Parking Lot Project Is Finally A Reality!

Our parking lot for several years has needed re-surfacing with new asphalt. We finally were able to obtain the amount of funding needed to complete this expensive project. We wish to thank all who helped with their donations.



Finally no more pot-holes.



Demolishing the Midway Parts Co. Building

The final structure of Mid-Way Parts Co. has come down. A Firelands Historical Society Project that started back in

November of 2011, with the demolishing of several buildings at 51 Hester Street, will soon be completed. The building is down and Jenkins Excavating of Norwalk is working on removing the thick concrete flooring and will soon resod the area.



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Firelands Historical Society Officers:

Pat Mak, President
Dan Rood, Huron Co. Vice President
Kathy Olak, Erie Co. Vice President
Mary Carabin, Secretary
John Elmlinger, Treasurer

The Firelands Historical is proud to be a member of these fine organizations:

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Huron County Chamber of Commerce
Lake Erie Firelands Tourist Council
Norwalk Economic Development Corporation
Ohio Association of Historical Societies & Museums
Ohio Genealogical Society
Ohio Historical Society

Annual Membership dues:

Individual - \$20
Husband and Wife - \$35
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Life Membership dues:

Individual - \$500 (or \$50 annually for 10 years)
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Museum Hours

May, September and October - Saturday 10-3 and Sunday 12-4.

June thru August - Tuesday thru Saturday 10-3 and Sunday 12-4.

Closed on Monday's.

**For group tours and other special arrangements call 419-668-6038
or E-mail: curator@firelandsmuseum.com.**