



MUSEUM MESSAGE

Ohio's Oldest Museum February 2016
www.firelandsmuseum.com

Upcoming Programs

We invite you to come and bring a friend. Non members are always welcome.

All meetings are held in the Society Meeting Room in the Laning-Young Building
9 Case Street, Norwalk, Ohio at 7 p.m., unless specified otherwise.

February 17, 2016

The **"Norwalk Story"**. This presentation narrates the 1959 taped story of what was happening in Norwalk at that time. You will view a visit with the mayor, businesses, factories and schools. Were you a student in the Norwalk Schools in that year? If so, you may find yourself in one of the pictures.

March 16, 2016

Elizabeth Burr Marquard who lives in Chardon, Ohio and is the sister of our Trustee, Matt Burr will present the program: **"The Seibel Family of Lyme Township"**. The history spans 100 years in the lives of the family. Starting with a young man's journey down the Mississippi River in the 1880's, to the backbreaking labor of a small strawberry farm, the lingering agony of the Spanish Influenza pandemic, and the Great Depression. For the eight Seibel siblings, all choices, opportunities, and hopes for the future were complicated by the shadow of their mother's mental illness.

April 20, 2016

The April program will feature the EWTN original movie, **"Kateri"** which is the story of America's first Native American saint. Kateri Tekakwitha was the daughter of a Huron mother and Mohawk father. The 90 minute film shows the life of a young girl who was born in New York State but who has strong ties to the native tribes of northern Ohio and the French Jesuits who established missions in this area. The evening will be a joint effort of the Firelands Historical Society and the St. Paul liturgy committee and will take place in the Joan Camp auditorium at the St. Paul Convocation Center on Wooster Street at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20. The short FHS DVD on our own Native American collection will be shown and a reception will follow.

Saturday, February 27, 2016

15th Annual Home and Business Show

The Firelands Historical Society will again this year have a booth at the show.

The event is being held at the Norwalk Middle School on Christie Avenue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come and Visit !!

Please remember to send us your change of mailing address and E-mail. Also, if you would like to have your newsletter sent by E-mail, please let us know.

Send information of change to curator@firelandsmuseum.com.

2015 Accessions

Sandra Johnson, Monroeville
Mary Carabin, Norwalk

Connie Beebe, Huron
Toby Thomas, Maple Hts, OH

Henry Timman, Norwalk

Terri Randall, Norwalk
William Knadler, Norwalk
Cheryl Baker, Maryville, TN

Sally Jenkins, Wakeman

Linda Markel, Norwalk
Huron Co. Genealogy Soc.
David Sprau, Warren, OH
DAR, Sally DeForest, Norwalk
Walter Baughman, Vermilion
Ruth Ann Emerick, Wakeman

Kenneth Conway, Norwalk

Norwalk Air Port
Richard Probert

David Doss, Michigan

Roger Knight, Norwalk

John D. Davis, Florida
Huron Co. Genealogy Soc.
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Elizabeth Kennedy, Columbus
Richard Black, Florida
Lee Denney

Leather Horse Whip made by an Ohio Native American
Mother's wedding gown, mink fur stole, baby shoes, chemise
tatted clothing top, file camera. Books: Atlas of Crawford Co.,
OH, Lake Shore Electric by Harry Christiansen, and Ships of
our Ancestors by Michael Anuta.

Book: "York Co., PA, Church Records of the 18th century"
Booklet – History of the Olena Presbyterian Church – 1835-
1951

Book: Vol VIII – Just Like Old Times – 1993-1995 written by
donor

Lapel pins – owned by James A. Ford an early Norwalk Doctor
3 Fisher Body Ohio Co. cancelled stock certificates

Book: "Affectionately Yours, the Civil War Letters of William R.
Jackson and wife Julia of Monroeville, Ohio", written by donor
Copy of original book "Forgotten Ohioan, Elisha Whittlesey"
by Kenneth Davison - 1953

Ashtray - Poppy Festival, Norwalk, Ohio

Bound Book - 2014 Norwalk Reflector Obituaries

Family History of the Sprau family – 1651 – 2007

Book: "America's Women in the Rev War Era" – 1760-1790

Photo – West Main looking west from State Street

Rocking chair - black with painted design, dating to the mid
1800's

2 Wire Recorders and several small local area advertising
items.

Junior ROTC – camouflage & dress uniform, pair shoes & hats

From the estate of Ellen Little Probert Williamson Kingston, TN

Reed & Barton condiment set, 2 tin cookie cutters, brass tray &
scissors, can opener, spatula and animal curry comb

Picture - Jonas Roe – 90th birthday celebration with family

Picture – unmarked Confirmation picture

Presbyterian Church, Olena, Ohio several church organization
notebooks

Assemblage of Native American artifacts of approx. 525 pieces

Book: "History of the Murray Family of Wakeman"

Book: "History of the Seibel Family" by Elizabeth Burr Marquard

DVD - 1959 Norwalk Story (reproduction)

Books: Native American, Military & other various topics

Family Documents

2015 – Firelands Historical Society Stewards

On behalf of the Firelands Historical Society I would like to sincerely THANK and recognize the following members who generously donated a total of \$14,345.00 in 2015 to the fund. Your continued tax deductible contributions to the STEWARDS program allow us to operate our SOCIETY with financial success.

Frederick F. Downey, Steward Chairman

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Bishop, Ralph & Leslie
Brennan, Daniel
Bristol, Anna
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Rood, Dan & Sharon
Savage, Justin
Schaffer, John & Patricia
Schumm, John
Spettel, Robert & Maureen
Stark, James & Reta
Stewart, Marilyn
Stewart, Mary
Truesdell, Wm & Katherine
White, Dudley & S. Ronai
Williams, Rebecca
Wood, Bourdette

Charitable Donations
Warren Ruggles

Happenings at the Museum

School Presentation

In November, a Native American presentation was given to the 4th graders at the New London, Grade School. Artifacts from our collection were taken to the school where the children were instructed on their origin, use, and were given time to examine them.

Christmas Open House

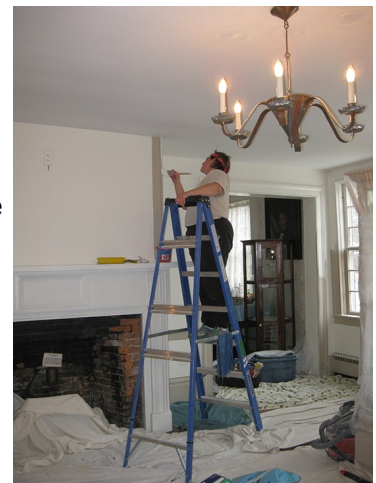
In cooperation with Uptown Christmas Celebration, the museum and Laning- Young building were opened free to the public from 3 – 6 on Saturday, November 28. Volunteers, Mary Carabin, Chris Harlan and Margaret Weisenberger welcomed 125 visitors at the museum, while Pat Mak, Carol Kocher, and Matt Burr welcomed visitors at the Laning-Young Building. DeEtte Zimmerman played Christmas Music on our A.B. Chase Reed Organ.



Museum

The dining room in the museum is receiving a cosmetic upgrade with new paint. An unusable outside door and water fountain have been removed and the areas dry walled. A new stair carpeting will replace the old one which dates to the 1950's.

New displays are being made in our upstairs area. In the large case in the costume room area, you will be able to view the old recording equipment used by Kenneth Conway to record a Norwalk radio program in the early 1960's. A display featuring how communication has changed through time can be viewed in the main upstairs middle room area. The museum which needs a new paint job will be done this summer. The cost of \$12,750.05 will be covered by a generous grant.



Laning-Young Building

A new area is being built to accommodate additional Native American Artifacts in what was part of the storage area. We will still maintain some storage area in the building. We recently received from John D. Davis who is now living in Florida, an assemblage of approximately 525 Native American artifacts with the assistance of Richard Black. Mr. Black's generous monetary donation is covering the expense of building the addition.

New Surveillance Camera Protection

A new surveillance camera protection system has been installed in the Laning-Young building by members, Dan Rood and Chris Harlan. It particularly covers the Native American collection and all the doors of the building. This spring two more camera's will be installed outside the building.

Board Position Openings

The yearly election of officers and three trustees will take place at our May banquet. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions please send a letter with your area of interest to the Firelands Historical Society, P.O. Box 572, Norwalk, Ohio 44857.

Volunteers Needed

Are you perhaps a recent retiree or someone who might have extra time on our hands? How about becoming a docent and help to greet the museum visitors during our spring, summer and fall hours. If you are not interested in greeting people there are other ways you can help out, such as computer work, helping with projects, and many other avenues. As they say, many people make work easier. If you cannot volunteer yourself, perhaps you know of someone that might be interested. If interested, call the museum and leave a message. We will call you back and arrange a meeting.

Firelands Historical Society Five Year Plan

At our January trustee meeting, a 5 Year Plan for the organization was discussed. The following lists a few items that we feel are being done well and others that need to be changed to continue to operate a vibrant organization.

Plans For The Coming Five Years

Painting the museum this summer
Resurfacing the Monroe Street parking lot
Replace the two attic windows
Replace the outside railing to the basement steps
Sealing the parking lot in front of the Laning-Young building
Consider possibilities for the Midway Building
Painting the Laning-Young Building

Our current strengths:

Dedicated board members. Appreciation of volunteers
Pride in our buildings and property.

Our weaknesses:

We need to increase our efforts to enlarge our membership.

We need to outreach to our members and students to encourage participation in projects and events.

Long Term:

Continue to pair with the city and local civic organizations.

Encourage participation in an Endowment Fund.

Seek assistance from people with expertise in fields in which we lack knowledge.

Outreach:

Expand our operations by using Social Media.

BUSINESS NAME

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Firelands Historical Society Officers:

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

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

Firelands Council of Historical Societies
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
Business - \$100

Life Membership dues:

Individual - \$500 (or \$50 annually for 10 years)
Business - \$1000 (or \$100 annually for 10 years)

Send Correspondence to:

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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.