



MUSEUM MESSAGE

Ohio's Oldest Museum February 2019
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A familiar Norwalk landmark that once rested atop the old Huron County jail has found a new home. The serpent that looked over the city had to be removed because of damage inside that caused it to lean. It was removed for safety reasons and now resides in the Laning building at the Firelands Museum.

Built in 1887 by Ashland architect Vernon Redding, this serpent stands nearly 11 feet tall and is made entirely of sheet cooper. The top portion was supported by a wooden pole that eventually gave way and resulted in its removal. It will be on display at the Laning for public viewing.



Photo courtesy Cary Ashby

Firelands Historical Society Elections

The Nominating Committee of the Firelands Historical Society is accepting applications for positions as trustees of the Society. The following positions are open: three positions as a Trustee of the Firelands Historical Society. Please submit your name and the position that you are seeking in writing and mail it to Matthew Burr, 6656 Young Road, Bellevue, Ohio 44811 or send it online to Matt at burrma@thewavz.com by Monday, April 15, 2019. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Matt Burr, Bill Knadler, Roger Dickman and DeEtte Zimmerman. Please feel free to contact any of these members if you have questions. It is an honor and privilege to serve Ohio's oldest historical society.

**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.**

Upcoming Spring 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.

March 20

Kyle von Kamp

From an early age, Kyle von Kamp loved history and could not get enough. In his teens, he took a 4-H genealogy project that taught him about his own background and how to research using primary sources. After winning the genealogy contest at the Ohio State Fair, history became more than a lifelong hobby and led Kyle to pursue a BA in History from Ohio University and a master's degree in education from Ashland University. His eclectic experiences in 4-H in the US and abroad, at historic sites, in the Peace Corps, as well as in schools in Texas and Ohio, have shaped how Kyle instructs students. Currently, Kyle is the eighth grade American History teacher at Willard Middle School. With the help of his colleagues and students, he is organizing the 14th annual Revolutionary War Reenactment and Encampment scheduled for May 10-11, 2019. Students reenact famous events and battles, including the Battles of Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, and Yorktown. Throughout the event adult volunteers teach students period crafts and activities and students demonstrate these for the public. Friday evening a select group of students, who completed a research project using primary sources, will participate in a military dinner and ball followed by a night in the encampment.



(Photo: Sheri Trusty/Correspondent)

April 17

"Sandusky's Photographer, The Real Photo Postcards of Ernst Niebergall".

Jim Semon Sr. was born in Detroit, Michigan and moved with his family at an early age to Sandusky, Ohio. He is a 1958 graduate of Sandusky High School and studied Industrial Design at Kent State University and Graphic Design/Typography at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Now retired from American Greetings Corporation (biggest claim to fame, the creation of Strawberry Shortcake dolls w/General Mills) and Henkel Consumer Products, Jim is an avid photographer of a wide range of transportation subjects and enjoys collecting related memorabilia. He is co-author of three books on the Nickel Plate and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads and a recent book on Clydesdale Motor Trucks. His photos have been published in transportation books, calendars, magazines, and postcards. Jim is currently President of the Firelands Postcard Club and a Trustee with the Erie County Historical Society

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

The FHS Board and Trustees many not be known to everyone by sight.

Each newsletter issue will introduce a few of them to you.

Here are two of our long-standing members.

If you have questions or concerns about the FHS, feel free to contact us at: 419-668-6038.

President Dan Rood's email is: drood1@neo.rr.com.



MARY CARABIN

I am a Norwalk area native and a graduate of St. Paul Catholic School, Norwalk and St. John's Hospital School of Nursing, Cleveland. I worked as a registered nurse at St. John's for about 4 years and then most of 35 years at Fisher Titus Hospital, Norwalk in the Pediatric Department as the Head Nurse.

After retiring from nursing, I cared for my father until his death, baby sat for a cousin and then started as a volunteer at Firelands Historical Society in 1996. Then-curator, Marilou was a wonderful teacher as I had no archive experience. I have served as FHS Board secretary, trustee, helped with displays, archiving items, and between curators as acting curator. In about 2014, I became the curator until my recent retirement.



MATT BURR

Matt Burr has been on the board of the Firelands Historical Society since the mid 1980's, serving as President, Vice President for Huron County, and currently as Trustee. He lives in Bellevue with his wife, Diane. He retired as Quality Assurance Specialist with Church & Dwight Co., Inc. (Arm & Hammer Baking Soda) in 2015 after 35 years of service. Matt is involved with the Society's gun collection and military artifacts, and oversees the Archaeological Research Room and collection.

2018 Accessions

The following are gifts received during the year 2018

Accessions

Didion, David	Antique Scoop, seed grader, measuring wheel, horse shoe
Carabin, Mary	Glass melon shaped covered candy dish - pat 1878, antique platter
Knadler, Bill	Large framed Norwalk Truck Line Terminal, Chicago, architect drawing
Monroeville Library	Large framed picture of the Octagon House, Monroeville

Library and Archive Donations

Baldwin, Shelia	Photo of Henry and Carl Lais, Norwalk Business Men
Black, Richard	14 Native American Publications, 12 fossils, MacArthur at War book, Whitcomb Family record of reunions in Wakeman, 1911-1915
Bristol, Anna	Patrick & Hiss, Norwalk - ledger of approval sales, 1924 -1926
Bristol, Anna	Bronson-Norwalk, Elmer Bell teacher records 1946-47, 1949, 1952-54
Carabin, Mary	Family History - Peter and Catherin Schaeffer, Peter and Margaret (Schonacker) Schaffer, Antique Ice Skates by Russell Herner.
Doss, David	1891 NHS commencement program, Bellevue flood picture
Doughty, Eugene	Henry Ford 1934 Trade School Book, used by his father who attended the school.
HC Genealogy	Norwalk Reflector 2017 Obituaries
HC Genealogy	Seibel Family History - 1930-1985, Book 2
HC Genealogy	Sullivan Twp., Ashland Co. Research Aid #14 by Tom Neel
Hite, Don	Family History - Book of Ruth Bentley
Knoll, Sue	1878 Centennial Exposition boxed book by Frank Leslie
Meehan, Judy	Family Documents of the Henry & Stella (Salsbury) Mason, Monroeville
Meyer, Diane	Monroeville Bicentennial Book - 2018
Olak, Kathy	1931 Norwalk Sanborn Map, Book of Ohio, Monroeville Annuals 1946-1952, Bellevue HS Annual 1924-25, DVD's Milan Canal, Robin Swoboda visits Norwalk, Norwalk Press Newspaper Supplement, 1893.
Poss, John	B.F.Stewart envelope sent from Wakeman, Ohio.
Reed, Nancy	Autographed Sandusky HS jacket
Worcester, Roberta	3 Fair Premium Cards, Queen Harvest Separator Information- 1876

2018 Stewards Fund

On behalf of the Firelands Historical Society, I would like to sincerely THANK and recognize the following members who so generously donated a total of \$15,586 in 2018 to the fund. Your continued tax deduction contributions to the STEWARDS program allow us to operate our SOCIETY with financial success.

Frederick F. Downey

Steward Chairman

Berchmueller, David & Martha
Berry, Shirley
Bersche, Jim and Linda
Bleile, Robin
Bristol, Anna
Brown, Herbert & Beverly
Burr, Matt & Diane
Caprara, David & Rita
Carabin, Mary
Colvin, Jeffrey
Cook, John E.
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Doughty, Eugene & Shirley
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Hipp, Gerard & Patricia
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Norwalk Concrete Industries
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Schaffer, Kathleen
Shultz, Charles & Marie
Sibbersen, Michael
Spettel, Maureen
Stark, Jim & Reta
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Stewart, Mary L.
Timman, Henry & Marty
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White, Beverly B.
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Zimmerman, DeEtte

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Firelands Historical Society Officers:

Dan Rood, President
Chris Hipp, 1st Vice President
Diane Meyer, 2nd Vice President
Chris Harlan, Secretary
Kathleen Schafer, 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)

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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 Mondays.

For group tours and other special arrangements call 419.668.6038

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