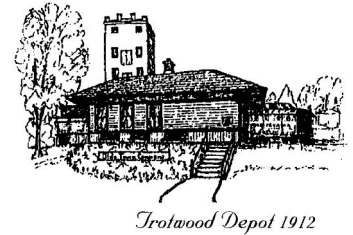




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Presidents Message

Another month has past and the year seems to be moving faster these days than before...”back in the olden days”....can you remember back then? Today we are caught up in the hustle and bustle of new technology, daily activities with our children and grandchildren and just family stuff. And of course many of us try fitting volunteer activities into this mix. So, do we ever take time to stop and smell the roses? Guess we are just dedicated in all perspectives and deserve time to ourselves just sometimes. Coming up this month we have a couple days that have meaning to each. First we have Mothers Day on May 9th. This celebration is to honor our mothers and motherhood. It was nationally recognized in 1914 after a campaign by Anna Jarvis. And all countries have different celebrations regarding this day each year. So take a moment this month to thank our mothers for being there when we needed them. Next we have Memorial Day a federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 31 in 2010). It was formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War (it is celebrated near the day of reunification after the Civil War), it was expanded after World War I. Each of our National Cemeteries display American flags and it represents a proud moment each year, so take time and visit those that served for our fine Republic and give respect to those that have given their lives. We hosted the City Academy class and I gave a Presentation on April 8th, it went well, took a tour of the bur oak and Iams house. They will be receiving our newsletter for 1 year. The only other thing I can add is achieving the goal of finding a permanent President for the society. My energies are being taxed and I am certain that I will not be able to do this long term. So I ask again...will somebody consider?

Thanks

Ralph

MEMBERSHIP

The following have renewed their membership:

George & Linda Ford
Paul & Betty Rike

Donald & Rosalie Derringer
Jim Barnhart

Bernice Saul
Kenneth & Marjorie Pohly

TROTWOOD-MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2010				

DATE	TIME	DAY	EVENT	LOCATION
May 4	7:00 PM	Tue	Harvest Fest Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
May 6-8	9:00 AM – 5 PM	Thur, Fri, Sat	Garage Sale	Iams Homestead
May 17	7:00 PM	Mon	Preservation Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
May 24	7:00 PM	Mon	Membership Meeting	Iams Homestead
May 26	7:00 PM	Wed	Executive Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead
Jun 1	7:00 PM	Tue	Harvest Fest Committee Meeting	Iams Homestead

To succeed....you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire.

Tony Dorsett

Get motivated—get involved—get inspired and get out and volunteer! Help make the Society and Trotwood a place people will “want to discover”.

DID YOU KNOW?

A high school for Trotwood and Madison Township was proposed as early as 1875 but not approved because of the increased taxation needed to support it. This issue was brought up numerous years and finally passed in 1894. The original plans for the high school consisted of a two-story, four room brick building. The location was to be a two acre tract from the Jacob Whitmore farm (originally the Eli Iams property - Jacob Whitmore married Eli's daughter, Martha) on the west side of Union Rd., approximately across from the old Trotwood school building. The cost of the new facility was to be \$10,000 but was voted down by the board. A compromise was finally approved which was a single-room addition to the existing building. The high school was begun. The first class of five students graduated in 1897. In 1913 a new building was finally constructed and it is still in use today as the Board of Education offices. (Regina Kleinhenz 854-4505)

BOY SCOUT ASSISTANCE

On April 26th there was a party in the Iams woods, a weed pulling party. Boy Scout Troop 44 spent part of their Monday meeting time helping to eradicate the overabundant garlic mustard growing in the woods. (Garlic mustard is that white flowering plant that is often everywhere this time of year.) We have made progress the last couple of years but if we don't keep after it, it will take over again. Thanks to the scouts and the troop adults who also lent a hand ! The job is not quite done so if anyone else is interested in spending a little quiet time in the woods you're welcome to help. It's important that we finish this in the next week or so – before it goes to seed.

We had a good showing of wild flowers this spring – quite a change from the honeysuckle choked thicket we started with. The honeysuckle has almost been completely removed but that just left open ground for other opportunistic plants. That's why the garlic mustard took over. Other “weeds” that are problems for us are bedstraw and euonymous. Eventually, we hope it won't need so much attention once wildflowers and native plants are re-established. (Regina K. 854-4505)

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NEWS

Our membership meeting on May 24th will be interesting. It will be something for education, reminiscing, and socializing, plus we always have something to snack on, as we all like to eat, ya know. Our May Membership

meeting on 24th at 7 PM will be Titled “Trotwood Trailers” from early history to its closing, and presented by Curt Flora. We are planning to set up our recently restored 1929 Trotwood trailer also. If you know of other Trotwood trailers in the area that we could display with the permission from owners, of course, that would be a big plus. Let me know. So please mark your calendars now. Ralph

SOCIAL TRIP FOR T-MHS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The visit to the Garst House Museum in Greenville is still our first target for our next trip. Below is the information for signing up:

Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, and \$2.00 for youth 6-18, and 5 and younger are free. Or another option is if we want a guided tour it would be \$5.00 each and you receive a cookie, water, coffee and a return pass. When: Saturday June 26th. How many: (no minimum, but let’s try to have a good group), volunteer drivers will be utilized, let us know if you can drive. Hours are 10:00 to 4:00 Tuesday thru Saturday and 1:00 to 4:00 on Sundays. Depart from Iams Homestead at 9:00 AM. Arrive at 10:00. Dress is casual. Bring money and cameras as usual. Come to just relax and be with friends. You can bring a neighbor if you want. Please call Ralph at 837-0355 or cell 344-5714 NLT June 19 at 6PM.

“IAMS HOMESTEAD STATUS”

MAY 2010

RALPH J. KUESTER, PRESERVATION CHAIRMAN

Did you notice that spring has sprung? That means the normal chores with grass cutting, weeding the flower beds, and trimming all around the edges, planting the garden, doing spring cleaning, and just sitting on the porch. I am in favor of the latter, of course. Next I’ll bring you up to date on the beginnings of our next major project. We are currently looking for bids to paint our facilities because, we the members, are beginning to show more gray around the edges and some have some restrictions now that we didn’t have back in 1999. So, if you know of any reputable and potentially good painters that can help in any manner let me know. We need to do this in 2010 before they get worse. Anyone wanting to help with the expense, it would help with the budget. The 2010 City Academy is currently looking for a community project but no commitment as of this date. A self-inspection checklist is in draft form to begin our duties in getting ready for a fire department inspection in October. Many things must be reviewed for compliance. Thanks to the fire department each item contains the referenced paragraph.

Below is our summary of happenings for the last month:

Iams House /Museum In the evaluation of doing the paint job in 2010 we must first do some repairs to the fascia and underside of the north porch. With the major assistance of the Sheriffs work detail we moved the burning bush from the east side of the legacy brick walkway to the entrance to the nature trail. They also picked up many limbs, cut the grass and got rid of trash throughout the property. We have a volunteer to repair the roof but he is waiting for a slack day to do the work.

Nature Trail / Open Field The brush pile was moved east into the middle of the field. We plan to burn it in small recreational fires in the near future. Our corn is selling fast this year but plenty is still available. The ears are a good size...so give us a call or come and get your squirrel or animal corn. The price is still \$7.00 for a large bag. Call Ralph at 837-0355 if you need some. Thanks to the boy scouts many weeds were pulled throughout the nature trail. Again our nature trail is in full bloom with wild flowers and it currently is home to a nesting owl with young and wood peckers going in and out of their nest, so babies probably also exist. It’s a great spot to just relax. Bring a sandwich and have a picnic. The corn planting should be completed within the next week or so.

Barn The north loft is under construction with work schedules on Tuesdays between 6-8 and Saturdays between 8 - 12. Anyone wanting to join in please give me a call.

Studio Is now been transformed into our first garage sale for 2010. The team is busy as beavers checking, pricing, washing and displaying. That's why our sales are such a great success. They are always organized as best can be expected. So thank you team one.

In summary; remember we cannot do it without your great volunteer time and donations. Thanks! Ralph

LEGACY BRICK PROJECT

Group #8 begins taking orders. 17 each bricks from Group #7 brick order are now on display in the house until warmer weather, when we can get them installed. Remember... "A gift brick for a friend, relative or family" is a good idea... Say yes!! Please note: As a memory to your families, a brick is provided by the society if a member passes, but special bricks are important too to preserve people's legacy. Remember we want YOU to be a part of our "Trotwood Legacy". Call Ralph Kuester 837-0355 if you need a Legacy Brick application or assistance in creating your unique special legacy brick. Do not forget, that our applications are available on our web site linked through the City of Trotwood web site. Remember this project can also be a benefit by placing a brick in the sidewalk to remember members who pass on to the pearly gates, and purchased by the society if person was a member. Here is a list of new bricks since last month:

#184 IN MEMORY OF MARY FIFE BY T-MHS 2010

ALUMINUM CAN AND METAL COLLECTING

Another trip to recycle brought in \$156 for our operations. Every little bit helps. The verbage never changes...but it keeps coming in! NOTE: If you want to help us by crushing what you have it would save a little time, but if you are unable that's okay also. Thanks for all the efforts in recycling. It is really benefiting our fundraising efforts. NOTE: If you want to assist a little, crushing the cans helps but if you care not too that is okay. Seems like each day we receive deliveries to help our recycling efforts and we thank each of you. REMEMBER... PLEASE REMOVE ALL ALUMINUM FOIL, PLASTIC AND GLASS BOTTLES FROM YOUR BAGS... THANKS. Keep bringing the scrap metal to us or call me at 837-0355 or Claude Keeling at 837-5387 for pickup. We are receiving a lot of stuff, so please continue the help in collecting your aluminum cans or just aluminum items and just any kind of metal for recycling. If you bag the cans, just drop them off at the south end of the barn. This is one of our great successes for a fundraiser and it really helps, just wish the price was better. If everyone helped save the cans, we would be able to take them more often. A fact is, we are saving our natural resources and helping clean up the environment at the same time. If you might have any large amount of metal that needs hauled away let me know so we can make collection arrangements. This fundraiser is used for our operations and barn renovation efforts.

"HISTORIC GLIMPSES OF TROTWOOD, OHIO" BOOK STATUS

EXCELLENT GIFT IDEA! We have sold 230 books to date from our second printing. Only 70 books remain and then "no more books", so get yours today. Applications are still available on our web site, at the Trotwood Barber Shop and Trotwood Florist (they have books also) here in town, and in the north door of the Iams house and by the front door of the studio. Books are also available at the Iams House, from Claude Keeling 837-5387, Regina Kleinhenz 854-4505, or Ralph Kuester 837-0355. Send your applications to P.O. Box 26434, Trotwood OH 45426. In addition, we are still collecting pictures for future use and Regina can scan any pictures at your house so contact her so we have things archived.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th at Ralph's house. Anyone interested in joining us just give Ralph a call 837-0355.

ADOPT-A-ROAD NEWS

We completed our volunteer policing of trash on S. Broadway from Main Street to Post Towne on April 24th. The city sent us a thank you. It rained when the weatherman said it wasn't supposed too. No more pickups in the rain, I promise. Thank you to all that helped.

GARAGE SALE TIME AGAIN!!!

May 6, 7, 8 from 9-5, will be the first great bargain bonanza for this year. And this year we plan for two additional tents to be loaded. Seems like we have more stuff each year, but I know this year must be considered colossal with all the donations we have received over the winter. So we know you will find something that you just must have or provide as a gift or just something to cherish for the rest of your life. Remember somebody's trash is somebody else's treasure. A main point that we must address is we attempt to only sell items that work or are in good condition. To date we have met most of those goals and we try to maintain our great customers each and every year. So mark your calendars and tell your friends, neighbors and countrymen that our sale is around the corner.

DEPOT VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!!

We currently have five names for the list to get the depot open between Memorial Day and Labor Day on each weekend. People really miss it being open, and furthermore we owe it to the community. Two hour shifts are easy. For the past two years I requested people to call me to assist with the openings....no phone calls! This year I will do my best to make calls to you, so if you get a call, please consider. Shifts will be on Saturdays and Sundays 10-12 noon and 12-2 PM. You can take a book, crochet, write a letter or just bask in the sun. I'll provide instruction materials and answer any questions that anyone might have. We've scheduled a cleaning date for May 15th at 09:00 AM to have it ready. So talk at you soon. Give me a call if you are interested. Ralph at 837-0355.

So if capable, put on your grubby's and join us to spruce up the place. We'll probably plant some flowers also. If you have any spares bring them. Hope to see you!

Here are the names to date: Mert Mendenhall, Fran Friedlander, Pete and Bonnie Cummings, and Joyce Sutton let's make the list longer so we can rotate. I am planning to make a scheduling list for the whole time.

Madison Park Elementary Garden Plot

A 10 x10 garden plot was approved as requested at the Iams Homestead by the Madison Park Elementary School by teachers Mr. Ivory Kennedy and Pete Hering. The plot is tilled and ready to plant. Frost has slowed the planting date. It will provide the opportunity for a few students to learn caring in growing vegetables...they're excited!

COMMUNITY CREW FOR PAINTING IAMS FACILITIES

A discussion at the April 7 Board meeting and the Executive committee on April 28 requests a special plea for community support to help us paint our facilities at the Iams Homestead. We talked about school involvement, Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts, and just a neighborly group of people wanting to help. Many of our members are suffering from ailments preventing the efforts at hand to be participants, but addressed the board they'd help to do what they could.. So if you read this, get an idea or know somebody to contact we need something to happen soon. The Sheriffs work detail is becoming limited, but they are helping when they can.

MEMORABILIA

We are now in the 21st century with new equipment to enhance our presentations, video taping and computer operations. Our new equipment includes: legal size flatbed scanner, laptop, digital camera, LCD projector, camcorder, external drive, and two travel drives. All are secured in a locked storage area with sign-out logs. Regina Kleinhenz and Ralph Kuester went to Elkhart Indiana on April 9th to the RV/MH Museum and obtained 74 new items for our files. We must thank Al Hesselbart, museum historian We found many great pieces of information. Our files have probably tripled in the last month for Trotwood Trailer information alone. All in preparation for our membership meeting in May.