

Newsletter

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D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

THURS. AUGUST 2 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the New Albany Library
Program: Betty & Dave Maynard's trip to Sicily

MARKET DAYS -- Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m: August 4 & 18,
Sept. 1 & 15, and Oct. 6.

THURS. AUGUST 23 -- Board Meeting

THURS. SEPTEMBER 6 -- 6:00 p.m., Pot-luck Wiener Roast at Cathells' ranch, "Serenity Chase," 8393 Schleppe Rd. (1 mile north of Walnut St.). **RAIN OR SHINE!** Hotdogs, buns, & condiments will be provided. Bring your own table service, beverage, and a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. A short meeting will follow.

TUES. SEPT. 18 -- Newsletter Deadline

THURS. SEPT. 27 -- Board Meeting

THURS. OCTOBER 4 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Fire Station

SAT. OCTOBER 6 -- Ealy House Open House

SAT. OCTOBER 13-- Harvest the Arts Festival at Dorans' farm

NOTE: Most Tuesday and Saturday mornings, 9-12, are work days at the Ealy House. Help is needed! Call 855-3765 or 855-9809 for more information.

FALL PROSPECTS AND PROJECTS

The July newsletter means that we are in the midst of summer and that fall is quickly approaching. We are diligently working on the wallpaper removal at the Ealy house and would love to see some new faces on a Saturday or Tuesday morning. Market Days are coming and going.

Durable Slate has completed their phase of the Ealy house restoration and now we need to begin thinking about the next steps. Things such as the removal of the rear porch, replacing the front steps, and grading the yard and sidewalks, should be the next issues. If you know someone that may be interested in these projects, get a bid from them, bring it to a meeting or have it sent to us.

The situation with the Dryer House roof should be resolved by the next meeting. This situation is beyond reasonable and requires quick resolution. The roof was in a bad state of disrepair, more than most, but the excuses and excessive absences of the contractor are ridiculous. It is impossible to operate a successful business with that type of work ethic.

As many of you may already know Jim Fodor was recently hospitalized and now goes for dialysis treatments, Bob Dickendeshier was also in the hospital for a stay. Hopefully both of these guys will be feeling better soon.

We should be beginning to think about the Harvest the Arts Festival , it will be here before we know it. If you have any ideas for something new or different, bring them to the next meeting. If you know a group that would like to help with the Scarecrows for community service project, that always is a huge help. Other than that helping with the bake sale or the food items is always appreciated.

Just a reminder, the September weiner roast will be at our farm on Schleppe Road. We have lots of space for a camp fire, even if it rains! So don't let the weather be a deterrent, bring your side dish and enjoy the evening.
(See page 1 for details)

Kim Cathell, President

OUR EALY OPEN-HOUSE ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

The Ealy House was open after the parade and immediately was filled with eager and interested people. Helen Pestel estimated that there were fifty guests in the house at one time, and, although 60 signed the guest register, many more did not sign it.

As the crowd from the first rush dwindled, Kathy Yager sat on the front steps wearing her patriotic outfit, letting those driving by know that the house was indeed open. A steady stream of people came through during the afternoon and were escorted around by Kathy, Helen, Nancy Ferguson, and myself. The visitors asked many questions; most

were interested in the time frame for the completion of the restoration. Many told us of growing up in "old houses" that have the same kind of door knobs or locks. Much enthusiasm was expressed.

A surprise visitor was Rolland ("Racky") Campbell, who was born in the front bedroom. He came with his wife, daughter, and other family members. He told numerous stories about growing up in the home and the activities of the farm; the information was often expanded by other family members. Nancy took many pages of notes (see p. 6).

Refreshments of lemonade and cookies were available in the front parlor. Theresa Kempker arrived with husband Neil and son Henry, who made repairs on the bottom basement step (thanks, Neil and Henry!). It had indeed been a productive day.

--Marilyn Regrut

FOUNDERS DAY WRAP-UP MEETING, June 30

Sharon Carter & Marty Saveson attended a meeting of the Founders Day Commission, at which the successes and weaknesses of the 2007 Founders Day were analyzed. Commission members attending were Linda Honaker, Becky Knorr, Jeff Steckman, and Jennie Stacy. We mainly discussed the misunderstandings between the Commission and our Society. The Historical Society, for example, had not been listed as a "sponsor" of the event, even though we founded Founders Day in 1976 and our insurance has always covered the event. We found out too late that a \$75. donation was expected for "Sponsor" status, & also that a member of our Society had quietly paid this for many years, but not for 2007.

The Ethel Schleppe Art Show was the biggest problem, because we thought WE "owned" that name and that it belonged to our own Society's art show. Over the years, however, our old kind of art show faded out, the school's came in, and, under the Commission's rules, whatever fees were charged had to go to them. The Commission expressed great dismay over our not having had the quilt display this year and they sincerely hope that we will have it next year. If we have an art show, however, our art chairman must work through Pam McDowell in the schools.

Our Society is entitled to three seats at the Founders Day meetings, and we should use them.

*MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2007
at the Village Maintenance Garage*

The 19 members present were given a tour of the facility. It is a lot more than a place to put a bunch of trucks and snowplows. Offices and meeting rooms, a kitchen and supply room are a few of the amenities. There is ample parking and a nice landscaped green space. The community is fortunate to have this facility.

Following the tour, Kim Cathell called the meeting to order. Both the minutes and the Treasurer's report were read and approved.

The question of what funds will be matched came up and Nancy Ferguson said she would bring and review the contract at the next meeting, August 2nd.

The Vanguard investment will remain separate because the fees are less than NACF and NACF does not review (provide) quarterly reports on both the sustaining and renovation funds.

A motion was approved to let the Village borrow our wagon for their float.

The Society will repeat the Open House for the Ealy House on the 4th of July. A paper was sent around for volunteers to help with this.

The Society needs to empty the shed and garage at the Kern Harrington House. We need to keep records for where things are taken/placed and also a record of items taken from the museum for display, etc.

It was reported the roof on the Dryer House is being worked on.

Joe Ciminello and Romanelli will put water to the Dryer House within 90 days. The fence will be fixed and painted by Rocky Fork (area where the fence was damaged by them).

Thanks to Nancy Ferguson for elegant refreshments afterwards and to Florence Bevelhymer for an interesting display of old Bevelhymer family photographs.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Feichter, Secretary*

The June 22 BOARD MEETING

Members present: Kim Cathell, Helen Pestel, Jim Fodor, David Cline, Sharon Carter, & Marilyn Saveson

DRYER HOUSE ROOF -- Duane Glass, our non-hard-working roofer, wants \$1300 more for purchase of materials. We have already paid him \$4500 of the \$7100 of the contract, which was dated June 2006. Kim will ask Joe Ciminello to speak to Glass. (Note: she asked him a few days later, but he declined to do this.)

THE MUCH-PUBLICIZED ANTIQUE DISC TILLER unearthed in Hampsted Village is not something the Society should accept. Board voted to take pictures of it (Kim already has pictures) and then let the gas company dig it up.

EALY HOUSE -- A new man, Grant, now is higher up than Charlie at Durable Slate and will see that everything on the punch list is done by next week. David Cline reported that the screens in the gable ends of the attic are broken. There is an opening as wide as a brick, an obvious entrance for the bats that have returned.

WALLPAPER REMOVAL -- Nancy Ferguson is offering to pay for \$500 worth of wallpaper removal work in the Ealy House, especially in difficult spots such as ceilings and the high walls of the entrance hall. "Marilyn's Wallpaper" in Newark has given estimates of \$160 for stairway & hall ceiling & walls, \$500 for parlor walls & ceiling, and \$500 for the dining room ceiling. (Of course, in the workdays since the Board meeting, John Saveson, Helen Pestel, David Cline, & others have finished some of those same walls). Sharon Carter moved we get specific estimates from "Marilyn's W." and a written offer from Nancy.

MOVING DAYS -- On a recent Saturday a group of people removed small and easy stuff from the "Block Building" behind the KH house to the Dryer House. Tomorrow, June 23, Nancy has arranged for a moving truck and 10 people to move big items from the K-H storage buildings to the Dryer place. (Thanks to members of the Presbyterian Church, this move actually did take place and was quite an accomplishment!)

OTHER: Theresa Kempker's suggestion to **rent an Ealy House room to a piano teacher** was discussed & rejected on grounds that rentals would hurt our non-profit status and that we would not want a lot of people coming & going in the museum. **The July 4th open house:** Jim & Naomi's flags will be arranged & the house will be cleaned on July 3. **Market Days:** Sharon suggested pricing her handmade greeting cards at \$1.50 to \$2.00. Liz Feichter's idea of having actual Bake Sales at several of the Market Days was brought up but not acted on.

--M. Saveson, Sec. pro tem.

ANNUAL SOCIETY POTLUCK PICNIC, JULY 12, 2007

Thirty-five people attended the annual picnic held at Savesons' barn on Thursday, July 12, and enjoyed a table full of delicious ham, sloppy joes, salads, veggies, baked beans, desserts, you name it. The weather really cooperated, so very few left early. Although no formal meeting had been prepared, and no officers remained, twenty-three people lingered on, including two trustees. A few announcements were made: David Cline described the general progress of the de-wallpapering of the Ealy House, & John Saveson estimated that roughly 75% of the paper had been removed. Theresa Kempker announced that Market Days were going well, but more volunteers were needed. Nancy Ferguson & Marilyn Regrut offered to work on July 21.

Next, questions were raised about the Dryer House roof, and a serious discussion ensued, ending up with a motion that the Society, or the Board or the President send a registered letter to Duane Glass giving him a deadline (30 days was suggested) to finish the roof or else face (1) repaying all the money we have paid to him thus far or (2) court action. The motion passed. The group was very critical of his negligence and also suggested reporting him to the Better Business Bureau and to Angie's List.

On the subject of the Ealy House, the group wanted to get finished with the Durable Slate walk-throughs. The group reminded each other of the vote at the April meeting to not pay Durable Slate until members of the Society had had the opportunity to walk through also and be satisfied that everything had been done that should be done. (See minutes of the April meeting in the June-July Newsletter, p. 8.)

John Ayres moved (Nancy Ferguson seconded) that the Board meet with Kim, John Ayres, Nancy Ferguson, and anyone else interested, preferably at 10 a.m. on the following Tuesday, July 17, to deal with these problems as soon as possible. The motion passed.

THE EALY HOUSE IN THE 1930's: Racky's Memories

Following the above business, Nancy Ferguson shared with us some of what Rolland Campbell had told her during the Ealy Open House on July 4th: Upstairs in the front hall by the window there was a small organ. The pantry contained a sink with a pitcher pump. The front steps were wooden at that time, not stone. The parlor was sometimes used for funerals. These tantalizing details are only a small sample of the abundance of information provided by "Racky." We look forward to the fuller account which Nancy has promised us for a future Newsletter.

--M. Saveson, Sec. pro tem.

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Treasurer's Report – May/June, 2007

Income	May	June
Memberships (Evelyn Swickard, Connie Folk, Mr. & Mrs. Hinson)	10.00	\$ 30.00
Pamphlets	21.00	
Founders Day Insurance Reimbursement	272.00	
Founders Day Bake Sale (plus two pamphlets)	303.35	10.00
Ealy Open House (Donations, plus pamphlet sales)	101.50	
50/50		3.50
Postage Donation		3.50
Donation		100.00
Battery Recycling		6.00
Checking Interest	<u>1.52</u>	<u>1.67</u>
Total Income	\$709.37	\$ 154.67
Expenses		
AEP – (KH\$38.28,\$8.27;RTD\$33.88,\$20.66;Ealy\$233.50,\$8.88)	\$305.66	\$ 37.81
Columbia Gas of Ohio	46.18	17.95
AT&T (3 months)	46.80	23.17
Ace Printing (newsletter)		<u>50.40</u>
Treasurer State of Ohio (VFIRS)	100.00	
City of Columbus – Water & Sewer Services K-H	<u>33.87</u>	
Total Expenses	\$532.51	\$129.33
May 1st Balance	\$19,074.51	
Income	864.04	
Expenses	661.84	
End of June Balance	\$19,276.71	
Hold for Durable Slate	8,311.00	
Hold for Dryer Roof	2,600.00	
Hold for Computer	1,800.00	
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00	
Vanguard Fund Balance 3/31/07	18,492.01	
Transferred to NACF Ealy Sustaining	30,650.00	
Transferred to NACF Ealy Renovation	11,139.61	

7 Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer

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*FOUNDERS DAY,
May 19, 2007*

*Historical Society
Bake Sale*

*Some of the staff,
left to right:*

*Joanne Adams
Marlene Thomas
Marty Saveson
Junior Thomas
and Taylor Cathell
behind*

