

Newsletter

June and July 2007

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

THURS. JUNE 7 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the village Service Department on Bevelhymer Rd. just north of Walnut St.
(see p. 2 for details)

MARKET DAYS -- Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m: June 16, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18, Sept. 1 & 15, and Oct. 6.

THURS. JUNE 28 -- Board Meeting

WED. FOURTH of JULY -- Ealy House open in the afternoon

THURS. JULY 12 -- 6:00 p.m., Pot-luck Picnic at Savesons' barn
8370 Clouse Rd. (see p. 2 for details)

TUES. JULY 17 -- Newsletter Deadline

THURS. JULY 26 -- Board Meeting

THURS. AUGUST 2 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Library

THURS. Sept. 6 -- 6:00 p.m. Wiener Roast at Cathells' farm

SAT. OCTOBER 13 -- Harvest the Arts Festival

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & GET-TOGETHERS

OUR JUNE MEETING -- 7 p.m., Thurs., June 7, at the new New Albany Service Department on Bevelhymer Road just north of Walnut Street. Go to the big main building with the silo. We will be shown around the new facility before the business meeting. Nancy is planning elegant refreshments for afterwards.

OUR ANNUAL POT-LUCK PICNIC -- 6 p.m., Thurs. July 12 (notice that this is the **SECOND THURSDAY** of the month) at Savesons' barn. Bring a dish to pass of your own choosing -- a true pot-luck. Also, bring your own table service (but we will have extras) and a drink if you want something besides iced tea or hot coffee, which will be furnished. Guests & visitors are welcome!

NATIONAL REGISTER UPDATE

The New Albany Village Council recently voted to permit the 6-acre park site around the Ealy House to be included with the house in our application to have the property listed in the National Register of Historic Places. These 6 acres were part of the original 73-acre Ealy farm of 1830. Our application is still in the running, but it will be several more months before we have a decision.

RECENT GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

1. Dennis Keesee has given us a copy of his book **Too Young to Die**, about the boy soldiers in the Civil War. We are very happy to have this excellent addition to our Society library.
2. Julie Rogers has sent us a copy of her play about the history of New Albany, **De-Fencing Hope**. This, too, will go into our Library in the Ealy House, along with clippings of the newspaper articles about it, a program from the April 5 presentation, and some photographs.
3. The family of Dorothy Wickiser Back Overfield has donated to the Society a very historic **abstract** of a piece of property in the southwest corner of Plain Township. The abstract starts in 1800, President John Adams to Dudley Woodbridge, then to John Huffman (for 4000 gallons of whisky), then to Huffman's daughter Priscilla Baughman in 1816, and so on, down to Fred H. Ballard in 1929, and on.
4. Several weeks ago a grocery bag full of fine old **PHOTOGRAPHS** of members of the Bevelhymer and Tippet families was found hanging on the doorknob of the Kern-Harrington museum. We do not know who left them there, nor does Florence, but she is able to identify most of the people and places shown. Thanks, kind stranger.

REPORTING GOOD NEWS

Another Founder's Day has come and gone, another load of baked goods baked and sold. We actually did pretty well at our bake sale. The Ealy House also pulled in some funds from donations at an open house. It was fairly profitable Saturday. I would like to say "Thank you" to all those that gave their time and energy toward the success of this event.

Another fast approaching event is Market Days. There are opportunities for everyone to share the load. At the June Society meeting we will have a sign-up sheet, so check your calendar and think about your possibilities. We will also be appreciative of donations for Market Days. Bake Sale items, candies and handicrafts all seem to sell at these events.

There has been loads of progress at the Ealy House. Removing wall paper is becoming an area of expertise for some of our volunteers. We will be busy with this house for awhile and could use all the volunteers' effort that we can muster.

We are going to begin moving the contents of the garage and shed. These items will be going to the Dryer House. Saturday morning work days will be our time for this. So those of you with strong backs and trucks or vans will really be appreciated. Help will also be needed to list what is going and where it is relocated to once it is there.

We still need to find a fundraiser to replace the golf outing. The golf outing really supported our organization and provided a large part of the operating budget. Without this outing we will be pretty strapped to get our properties improved and may have trouble just keeping our heads above water.

July will be the annual potluck dinner at the Saveson barn. It will be a week later than usual due to the conflicting schedule with the holiday. I hope that everyone attends and brings their appetite; we always seem to have loads of good food. August will be a regular meeting. The wiener roast normally held in September will be held at our farm this year.

Won't it be really nice when the Dryer house can be used for the society functions? Well this may be happening sooner than you think! I recently met with the owners of the New Albany Links and in exchange for their drive becoming an official easement, they have agreed to put water into the Dryer house, so thank Mr. Ciminello and Mr. Romanelli. They are also fixing the grounds where the utility work was performed and repairing our fence and then repainting the entire fence line.

*--Kim Cathell
President*

FOUNDERS DAY BAKE SALE

Our Bake Sale this year was a big success in its new location, handy to the various food venders. We had a tremendous spread of wonderful edibles, thanks to all the bakers who kindly answered the call to contribute. Steve Bevelhymmer and Don Shoemaker took care of the canopy, and the following members took turns selling our baked goods: Marlene Thomas, Joanne Adams, Bob Mowery, Taylor Cathell, Marty Saveson, Naomi Fodor, Helen Pestel, Dolores Bulderbergs. It was old home day under the canopy, with Lillian Shannon, Jim Fodor, and Mr. Bulderbergs and others joining the group.

FOUNDERS DAY AT THE EALY HOUSE

For just 2 hours, the Ealy House was open to the general public, on May 19. With a sign out front and a notice in the local papers, the house attracted many visitors. The names in the guest register list young and old, parents and children, singles and couples, all intrigued by "This Old House."

Liz Feichter, Nancy Ferguson, and Kathy Yager all guided guests through the house. Once the door was flung open, there was a steady stream of visitors. On display in the parlor were all our publications, our guest book, and a place to leave donations. We were blessed to end the day with income of \$98.50.

As people visited the rooms, there were differing opinions given as to whether the faux mantles covered real fireplaces or were backdrops for free-standing woodstoves, proved by the evidence of chimney pipe holes high on the walls above the mantles, and the lack of hearths on the floors in five of the rooms. Nancy F. told us about information from Rotary Club guests who toured the house recently. It was said that when someone who painted faux wood grain was going to work for you, that person would come to your home & do a demonstration of what he could paint for you, on the inside of a closet door. The next time any of you come to the Ealy House, make sure you look in the back family parlor on the first floor. The inside of the closet door will amaze you! It's beautiful.

We hope to have the Ealy House open to the public again for the July 4th festivities. I think we will have many more visitors, and some repeat visitors, to see what we've done since they were there last. Kristin Yager thinks she should set up a hot dog stand on the front lawn to feed our guests that day. What do you think about having goodies or drinks for sale along with our publications?

--Kathy Yager

BRING BACK THE QUILTS!

Every year, members of our community have enjoyed seeing many quilts at Founders Day. This year, the Heritage Quilters were looking forward to displaying their very special "Heritage Quilt," depicting the houses and landscape of Plain Township in the 1800's. It all started long ago when Barbara Palmer came up with the idea, and we formed a quilting group which worked on the quilt for 11 years. The fact that many of the historic houses had already been torn down didn't stop Pat Zarley because she had diagrams of them all in her desk. The first year we showed the quilt, the pattern was just cut out of paper, and houses were drawn on it. Every Founders Day after that, it was shown in a more completed form. Finally, THIS YEAR we were looking forward to taking the FINISHED quilt to Founders Day.

Can you imagine in your wildest dreams how the bottom of our little world fell apart when we were told that there would be NO quilts shown this year? The Heritage quilt was shown for 10 years unfinished, but on the 11th year it wasn't wanted. I felt like crying, but I am 87 years old and too old to cry.

One of our quilters, Alice Boesch, added a lot of difficult features to the quilt, such as Dorans' mill and a waterfall. It was Alice who actually gave Founders Day its name back in 1976. Although she is now deceased, you can bet she is looking down and wondering who is messing up her work.

I don't know the names of the persons who caused the drastic changes to Founders Day, but if they see this article, I hope they will be decent enough to apologize and to stop trying to change our history. We still have the parade and floats and rides for the kids. However, let's not lose the fact that Founders Day is also for Senior Citizens, so don't leave us out.

I'm working on three quilts at this time: one is for my daughter, who is doing so much for me. One is for the Cancer Society, and the other is for a crippled woman who can't get around at all. So I'm doing my part to preserve our quilting heritage, and I hope Founders Day will do its part again next year.

--Lillian Shannon

EDITOR' NOTE: The newly completed Heritage Quilt was displayed at a special Society meeting last November and again just last month at our April meeting for the play about the quilt. On both occasions there was good publicity, including front-page pictures, in the local papers. But we agree, it was too bad the quilt couldn't be shown at Founders Day too. The absence of this and of other displays was due to problems between the Founders Day Commission and our Board over the charging of

fees for artists participating in our Ethel Schleppe Art show in the school gym, where the quilts would also have been displayed. We hope to have our former privileges restored next year. Also, we hope to be recognized once again as official "sponsors" of Founders Day.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETINGS

March 22 -- Discussion of possible car show, note cards & post cards, and work days at both Ealy House & K-H House.

March 29 -- Julie Hess came & described her plans for the Ethel Schleppe art show. The rest of meeting devoted to plans for Ealy House rooms and selling unneeded stuff & potential move.

May 9 -- Founders Day -- We are not having our annual Ethel Schleppe art show, and because of all the bickering with the Commission, we are only doing the bake sale plus the open house at the Ealy House. Although minutes show otherwise, the Commission stated they never approved the art show. Also, our insurance might not cover Founders Day this year since we are not listed as official sponsors. Jim Fodor made a motion to withdraw from Founders Day entirely, but the motion was tabled for now. There will be no artifacts, scrapbooks, photographs, or quilts shown.

The question came up as to who has the high school alumni pictures. The answer is that they have been returned to the high school, where they will be displayed. There was a discussion of how to keep track of museum items, especially in this period of transition.

Dryer House -- The blower on the furnace does not work, the barn door is off its track, there is now a gas meter on the Links' new barn behind our barn, and David Cline offered to take the old batteries from the Dryer House to a recycling center for up to \$5.00 each.

We discussed the idea of having a competition for local children to sketch historic buildings in the village/township for possible note cards. Julie Hess will be asked to judge the competition.

After receiving an expert's advice on the old upright piano (Cable-Nelson) in the Ealy House, we need to either get rid of it (free for the taking away) or use it simply as Doran-vintage decor in the house.

MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2005⁷

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. in the New Albany Branch Library by Helen Pestel (in the absence of both the President and the Vice-President). **The Minutes**, as printed in the April-May Newsletter, were approved (motion by David Cline, seconded by Ileana Dickendesher). **THE TREASURER'S REPORT** was presented and approved (motion by Sharon Carter, seconded by Betty Maynard).

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UPCOMING FUND-RAISERS were considered:

1. **FOUNDERS DAY**, May 19, is the most imminent. Helen urged everyone who could possibly help to sign up for bake sale, displays, set-up, clean-up, etc. The Ethel Schleppe Art Show will be handled by Julie Hess. Suggestions were made for various displays. Patty explained that the collection of Indian projectile points which has been at the Museum belongs to the Fodors, who might be willing to let it be displayed. The float is still a possibility if a committee would take it over. There will definitely be a Bake Sale.

2. **The Car Show**, which is set tentatively for July 4 in the afternoon, needs volunteers. Robert and Debby Dean and Nancy Ferguson immediately offered their help.

3. **Post cards** of old New Albany and **note cards** with sketches of the Ealy House are ideas in need of an artist or photographer to take charge.

4. No golf outing is planned -- unless someone is interested in getting it going.

DRYER HOUSE REPORT: The junk has been cleaned up from the back yard. The roof is not finished. (NOTE: Neither has the broken fence in the vicinity of former junk been fixed, nor has the proper street number been put on the sign near the newly-paved driveway.)

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EALY HOUSE -- Helen reported that a small group has been "very dedicated" every Saturday during the winter when the weather permitted, in moving stuff from the K-H Museum to the Dryer House. Most of the smaller things have been packed and moved. The next step is to find strong people to move the heavy furniture.

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Sign-up sheets were passed around for Ealy House work days. The Saturdays of April 10, 17, & 24, and May 1st will be moving days. Tuesdays will be wallpaper-removal and paint days, beginning April 10th. Incidentally, Charlie from Durable Slate will teach us how to properly repair cracks & such.

Apr. 5, cont'd

John Ayres asked about the Security System. Helen explained that we will move the present system from the Kern-Harrington House to the Ealy House at the crucial moment when the furniture has been moved. Vector Security has already agreed to this.

EALY WORK LISTS & CHANGE ORDERS -- Nancy Ferguson asked about the status of the lists of to-do items at the Ealy House and of the Change Orders. Helen answered that most of the items on Nancy's and John Ayres's Punch Lists had been taken out of the Contract some time ago. Also, she stressed that money is supposed to be credited to us for work that was not done. I.e., the porch has not been taken off and is not likely to be, at this point.

Nancy: How about a group to approve the final decision as to what has been done and hasn't been done?

Helen: It would be "nice to have a committee to decide this."

Nancy suggested the Society be notified and members give input about what needs to be done and what had been done satisfactorily.

Sine Ayres made the following motion, seconded by Nancy Ferguson:

That the executive board plus John Ayres and Nancy Ferguson as representatives of the owner (the NAPT Historical Society) perform an inspection of the Ealy House to ensure that all items in the contract and previous punch lists have been completed to their collective satisfaction prior to authorization for final payment to Durable Slate being brought before the Society.

The motion carried. Sine explained that this motion would make sure that "no little things" would be overlooked before we lost the chance to have Durable Slate take care of them.

Nancy made the point that the whole Society should authorize final payment to Durable Slate. (See Treasurer's Report, which shows that \$8,311.00 has still been held back until everything has been approved.

HERITAGE QUILT -- Patty Zarley announced that the National Quilt Association will have a show at the Columbus Convention Center, June 9-11. She moved that we enter our "Heritage Quilt" in the "Pictorial" category of this show and that the Society pay the \$25.00 entry fee. Sharon Carter moved, Nancy Ferguson seconded, and the motion carried. Patty will take care of the details of preparing the quilt, getting it there, etc. The business meeting was adjourned at about 7:30, and followed by the presentation of scenes from Julie Rogers' play about New Albany, "De-Fencing Hope." --M. Saveson, Sec. pro tem.

"DE-FENCING HOPE"

Denison Student Julia Rogers introduced the cast of her play. She explained that as a Theatre major with a second major in anthropology/sociology, she had written a "docudrama" about the impact of the new New Albany on the old village, and the influence of the old upon the new. She had been inspired by the quilters of the Heritage Quilt (beginning with Lillian Shannon) to base the play upon a group of quilters exchanging stories about the history of the village and their own lives. She spent this past year interviewing old-timers and new residents.

The April 5 presentation consisted of 3 scenes, which were much enjoyed by the large audience. Visitors from the new community as well as our own members applauded the historical allusions and the humorous remarks of the characters. They lingered over delicious refreshments (thanks to Debby Dean and Betty Maynard), talking to the cast. It was a memorable occasion, and we look forward to one day seeing the complete play.

BOARD MEETING of MAY 24

Dryer House -- Kim reported on recent meeting with Joe Ciminello & Vince Romanelli. They are anxious to have us give them a legal easement for their electrical line, which will be underground along the west edge of the black-topped drive. The Board voted to accept this agreement, but with a stipulation that they give us a water supply to the Dryer House in return for our granting them an easement. Cim. & Rom. are anxious to have the Dryer place spiffed up so as to make a nice impression on potential lot-buyers in The Links. They have repaired our fence and now say they will paint it & maintain it for us. Hurray!

Announcement -- Tricia Crites has offered to do photographic work, free of charge, for our Society.

Ealy House -- We cannot move furniture until the Security System is also moved. Bats have returned to attic. David C. says the screens in the attic windows need to be fixed.

July 4th -- We plan to have another open house at the Ealy House, following the parade, probably from 1 to 6 p.m. Jim Fodor offered his & Naomi's collection of historic flags to display--in keeping with the parade theme this year, "Flags of Freedom."

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MAY 3, 2007
SUMMERVILLE AT CHESTNUT HILL

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Cathell. Liz Feichter read the minutes of the April meeting and they were approved.

Helen Pestel read the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

Forms were passed to the members to volunteer for Founders Day. The only activity the Society is permitted this year is the bake sale. Founder's Day is scheduled for May 19th. The Society will not have a float this year because no one volunteered to help with it.

The ~~Ealy~~ House will be held open from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

We received notice regarding Market Day(s) for 2007 and the Society will have a table there. We will offer our pamphlets, baked goods and possibly items from our vegetable gardens. Market Day will begin on June 16 and there will be a total of 8 Saturdays thru June, July, August, September and October. The days are scheduled two weeks apart, skipping the 4th of July.

Dennis Keesee will participate in a Civil War enactment at Kelton House on *May 6*.

Our Heritage Quilt was accepted at the quilt show and Patty and Willard Zarley will handle this.

John Shockey raised a question about the golf outing and he possibly will look into working on this.

The June meeting will be held at the maintenance garage on Bevelhymer Road on June 7th. The July picnic was moved to July 12th at the Saveson Party Barn and the September wiener roast will be at the Cathell Stable.

Alumni night football is August 24th and there will be a Hall of Fame induction.

--Elizabeth Feichter, Secretary

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society
Treasurer's Report – April, 2007

Income	March	April
Postage	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00
50/50	6.00	
Memberships (New – Bob Mowery & Joanne Adams (2yr); Hull)	40.00	10.00
Donation for 6 months Vector Insurance		60.00
Pamphlet		4.00
Regional Meeting Registration	60.00	
Checking Interest	<u>1.61</u>	<u>1.67</u>
Total Income	\$121.61	\$ 90.67

Expenses	March	April
AEP (KH\$27.76;RTD\$26.63;Ealy\$296.62)	\$351.01	
Columbia Gas of Ohio	263.15	\$124.96
AT&T	23.04	
Vector Insurance		104.85
US Postal Service (PO Box Rental)		26.00
Rumpke		46.04
Concession Space for Founders Day		<u>25.00</u>
ACE Printing	33.60	
OAHSM (three registrations to regional meeting)	<u>60.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$730.80	\$326.85

March 1st Balance	\$19,919.88
Income	212.28
Expenses	1057.65
End of April Balance	\$19,074.51
Hold for Durable Slate	8,311.00
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

-- Helen Pestel, Treasurer

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*The Bevelhymer farm at 7420 Walnut Street, about 50 years ago.
The New Albany Service Dept. is now in those very fields.*