



January 2010

## 2009 Recap

The Trustees thank you for your support with the various old and new activities during 2009: The Olde Thyme Fayre, Tales of Locust Grove, Ice Cream Social, Halloween in the Barn, Dinner at Bob Evans, Speakers Tom Eaken and Dennis Reiser, and the two Riley House events - Open House and the Library's American Girl Tea Party. Program planning for 2010 is underway, with one date set ... the Barn Sale (read below for dates and times!)

While 2009 may have been a wonderful year for activities; we fared no better than other non-profits (and individual families and businesses) when it came to finances. We are *always* open to any suggestions on how to raise money and, of course, happily accept any donations.

The Riley House underwent a huge transformation last year, and just about the whole first floor has fresh paint and furnishings. Ed Ponter even created a laundry room, with everything from a washboard to what seemed pretty advanced just a few years ago, with some "wringers" in between. Remember how scary those were? Next project.. having the outside painted. The Riley House is available for meetings - contact a Trustee or leave a message at 330-487-5565.

A big new exhibit at the Barn this past year was the old Tin Shop, set up by George Richner, displaying many tools that were actually used in working with metal in early Twinsburg.

For the first time, we held our Christmas Party on a Sunday, and Santa came. Our thanks to Ken Prentice for donning the red suit and whiskers! Ken is the father of our Trustee, Gayle Davet, and apparently a well-known Santa Claus.

This is the time of year when we all enjoy the gardening catalogues and start thinking about what to plant. As you make your plans, please keep in mind that the Olde Thyme Fayre will again welcome produce and flowers for judging in the Barn. Ribbons will be awarded in various categories, just as they are awarded for the lovely hand-made goods always displayed in the Museum. It's never too early to plan or start a project!

## **Annual Meeting/Potluck**

Please mark your calendars now for this year's Annual Meeting scheduled for April 17. This is a Saturday and we will plan a potluck dinner and short evening meeting. It seemed to work so well last year that we thought we would try it again. Time to be announced!

## **BARN SALE!**

Saturday	June 26th	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 27th	11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

As you start your spring-cleaning, set aside items you no longer need and donate them to our barn sale. You can drop off your items at any of the open houses, which are the last Sunday of every month. We can also arrange for pick up if necessary. Plan to come back to our barn sale and buy a little something, as all proceeds will go the upkeep of the museum and barn.

Please note... we will not accept clothing, large appliances and large pieces of furniture.

## **January Open House**

Hosting Open House January 31: Charlotte Wike, Bonnie Williams, Audrey Kancler. Come see our amazing collection of old fashioned Valentines!

## **Halloween Storytelling – thank you!**

On Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Historical Society barn was the venue for our annual Halloween Storytelling program. Over the past fifteen years, the barn, decorated appropriately for this popular event, has been witness to hundreds of Halloween-costumed and very enthusiastic children.

Lucy Wilms, a longtime Children's Librarian for the Twinsburg Public Library, has been entertaining the crowd with her ghost stories since 1995, as has Sue Graham, a Historical Society Trustee. Rick Paoletta (aka Dracula) and Megan Villhauer, both librarians, completed the storytelling team. Following the program, Mary and Bonnie Williams, both Trustees, helped serve the cider and donuts, donated by Giant Eagle and Heinens.

As most of us know, the barn, although a local treasure, is unheated. Therefore, the unseasonably warm evening was an added bonus for the event! Thanks to you all!

## **Our Website**

Check it out! <http://lwkweb.com/TwinsburgHistoricalSociety/>

## Mystery Question

We've all driven on the big Route 82 Bridge that spans the Cuyahoga Valley between Brecksville and Sagamore Hills. Do you know who was the first to cross it when it opened in 1933? Someone special from Twinsburg, Ohio! You can learn this person's identity in the next Newsletter.... or visit the Historical Society during Open House, January 31<sup>st</sup> between 2 and 5PM. There is a whole folder of papers and copies of newspaper articles about this special person....and about what brought the honor of being the first to cross the bridge.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 31, 2010	Open House (2:00 – 5:00 pm)
April 17, 2010	Annual Meeting / Potluck
June 26, 27, 2010	Barn Sale!