



# Kelleys Island Historical Association, Inc.

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## **NEW MUSEUM BUILDING IN THE WORKS:**

Almost since the organization of the Historical Association, the idea has been in the minds of most of the members to build a replica of the old Haul Shed, which once stood to the east of the church building. This structure had been used by parishoners of the German Reformed Church as a place to shelter their horses and buggies while they attended services. Unfortunately, no pictures of the Haul Shed have survived, but some "old-timers" on the Island recall its basic outlines.

At any rate, it has long been recognized that the Old Stone Church essentially should be a museum in and of itself and that a special building to store and display the artifacts of the Island's rich history should be constructed.

It is to this end that the Board has announced the intent of the Association to build such a museum "with all due haste."

Preliminary plans call for the construction of a 40' x 60', one storey building, complete with all necessary public amenities. Cost estimates for the completed structure run from \$100,000 to \$125,000. It is the intent of the Board to build the museum in stages, as funds become available. A building committee has been appointed to work out the details and funds are being solicited to make this project a reality.

If you wish to contribute -- and it is hoped that you will -- make out your checks to the Museum Building Fund of the Kelleys Island Historical Association and forward them to Lydia Bechtel, Association Treasurer. As with all monies given to the Association, donations to the building fund are tax deductible. (It is to be noted that no regular operating funds will be used for the museum building purposes.)

## **ANNUAL MEETING, AUG. 11, 1990:**

At the Annual Meeting, retiring President James Seaman thanked everyone for a most successful year and especially cited Bea Matso's dedicated service as Chairman of the Wayns & Means Committee, especially for compiling the cookbooks, sales of commemorative plates, and organizing and supervising the annual Butterfly Festival.

Following the President's remarks, an election was held to fill three vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Elected were: Lois Brown, Marge Clapper, and Betty Pape. Continuing as members of the Board are June Campbell, Cinc Herndon, Beverley Johnson, Richard Knopf and O. Hugh Lange.

After the annual members' meeting, the new Board met and selected officers for the ensuing year; June Campbell, President; Cindy Herndon, Vice President; Florence McKillip, Secretary; and Lydia Bechtel, Treasurer. Former presidents of the Association are non-voting members of the Board.

**BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL**, held on Sept 15 at both the Town Hall and the Old Stone Church, was an unqualified success, thanks to Marge Clapper, Bea Matso and their host of indefatigable workers. Scores of members and friends of the Association gave their time, donated items for the sales tables and auction, and worked most skillfully in setting up -- and taking down the numerous exhibits and sales stalls in the Town Hall. The highlight of the day's activities came with the unique and most interesting lecture by Dr. Ralph Ramey, professor at Antioch College and former director of the Glen Helen Nature Preserve. His topic: the migration of the Monarch Butterflies from Kelleys Island to Mexico.

#### RENOVATION OF OLD STONE CHURCH

**COMPLETED:** On July 14th, the Association held an Open House to mark the completion of the renovation of the Old Stone Church. While the cosmetic touches -- complete redecoration of the interior -- is quite obvious and beautifully executed, of much more importance is the structural rehabilitation. As a result of this project, the entire structure under the main floor of the church -- stringers, sills, etc. -- was replaced, the belfry was partially reconstructed on the inside and refurbished on the outside; and the bell rope channels were replaced. As it now stands, the Old Stone Church should weather another century or so without major repair.

Also to be noted is that the pews, which had suffered from long wear and much moving about, were rebuilt thanks to the skills of Paul Johnson and Jim Seaman.

The Old Stone Church, restored to its original state, now stands as the major historical attraction on Kelleys Island.

#### ACQUISITION & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE:

With the completion of the Old Stone Church renovation, a number of new exhibits were set out in the exhibit space at the rear of the sanctuary. These will be changed from time to time as new artifacts and new themes for displays are worked out. Meanwhile, as of this writing, an inventory of the Association's holdings has been completed and each item is properly marked with an acquisition number. By next summer new exhibits' fixtures will be in place which will add considerably to the unfolding of the Island's unique heritage.

#### HOUSE PLANT SALE COMING IN SPRING:

Marge Clapper reminds us that, come Saturday, May 25, 1991, the Kelleys Island Historical Association will sponsor a house plant sale in the downtown park, 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Two types of plants will be available: Annuals, both vegetable and flower seedlings started in a nursery and Perennials, to be donated by

Association members and friends from their own gardens. Everyone interested in volunteering containers of young plants from their gardens, please contact Marge Clapper, 746-2577 after May 1, 199

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#### MEMORIALS:

In memory of William Minshall by Ronald & Lydia Bechtel.  
In memory of Jeannette Cleary by Frances Loepfer.  
In memory of Jeannette Cleary by Jack & JoAnn Hunt.  
In memory of Jeannette Cleary by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Williams.  
In memory of Jeannette Cleary by Ronald & Lydia Bechtel.  
In memory of Mrs. Sue Griffing by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Neuman; Mr. & Mrs. John Neuman.  
In memory of Jeanette Cleary by Florence McKillips, Laverne Ehrbar, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Scheid, Daniel Ahner, Lucille Mathews, John & Nadine Mack, Mr. & Mrs. Judson Spore, June A. Campbell, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Herndon, Mary Helen Straker.

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**BAVARIAN WALL CLOCK:** It might seem a bit unusual to note the importance of Russ Matso's crafting and gift of the Bavarian Wall Clock for the Butterfly Festival, but it should be noted that nearly \$2,000 was raised from the sale of tickets sold for chances on this beautiful item. **but even more amazing was the fact that it was won by Mr. Steve Yatson, who two years ago, won the grandfather clock in the Association's raffle of that year! What's your secret, Steve?**

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**ARTS & CRAFT SHOW A SUCCESS:** The annual Arts & Craft show, sponsored by the Association and held on July was a total success. This year a number of new exhibitors showed the works as well as some from former years. This is an event looked forward to by many visitors to the Isl. as well as Association members.

HAVE A GOOD WINTER. WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE SPRING!