



Kelleys Island Historical Association, Inc.

Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438

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ZEBRA MUSSELS TOPIC FOR JULY 13th MEETING: Prof. John Hagman, Director of the Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory of The Ohio State University on Gibraltar Island, will speak on "Zebra Mussels." These prolific aquatic animals threaten not only to harmfully alter the lake's ecology, but to endanger the water supplies of land areas around and in Lake Erie as well.

Prof. Hagman's presentation will be at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, July 13th at the Old Stone Church on Division Street. Members and friends of the Association are urged to attend this important meeting.

ART SHOW - SATURDAY, JULY 20, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.: Under the direction of the well-known artist, Annalee, the Association's Annual Art Show promises to be a major island event this year. Artists in a variety of media will display their works for public inspection. Those interested in exhibiting examples of their talents are requested to contact Annalee c/o Kelleys Island Historical Association, Kelleys Island, Ohio, 43438.

The public is invited to attend this annual show.

ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2:00 P.M. This meeting undoubtedly will be one of the most important and significant in the Association's history.

The Board terms of June Campbell, O. Hugh Lange, and Richard Knopf expire this year. A Nominating Committee consisting of Lydia Bechtel, Ila Dick, and Jessie Martin will present a slate of candidates to fill these vacancies; other candidates, however, can be nominated by members from the floor. Officers of the Association are elected by the Board.

However, the most important item of business will be the presentation of the estimate for the construction of a museum to be built on the Old Stone Church grounds.

The cost estimates of the new construction, as of June 30, are as follows (note that these do not include furnishing and equipping of proposed museum):

<u>40 x 60 Pole Barn</u> @ \$8 sq. ft.,	\$19,200
<u>Floor</u> - 30 yds concrete @ \$75 per yd	\$ 2,250
Labor	\$ 1,000
<u>Drywall</u> - 4,400 sq. ft., 5/8" fire code (Material @ 16¢ sq. ft.; Labor @ 55¢ sq. ft.)	\$10,560
<u>Electric</u> @ \$5 sq. ft.	\$12,000
<u>Painting</u> (interior) @ 35¢ sq. ft.	\$ 2,040
Material	\$ 500
<u>Plumbing</u> - 2 toilets, kitchen sink, water fountain	\$ 8,000
<u>Water Line & Septic Tank</u> (?)	\$12,000
<u>Insulation</u> - R-11 @ \$7.50 x 40 ft.	\$ 700
<u>Miscellaneous</u> (carpet, AC, etc.)	\$15,000
TOTAL:	\$72,190

It is to be hoped that the necessary funds can be in hand (or pledged) so that construction can begin in the near future.

ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR CANCELLED: It was with considerable regret that the Annual House Tour had to be cancelled. However, last minute scheduling conflicts arose which made this program impossible to be carried out. We realize that this comes as a great disappointment to all who were or might have been involved. Plans are already under way to reconstitute the program for the 1992 season.

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN HONORED: Of the twenty-one known living individuals who once engaged in commercial fishing on Kelleys Island, seventeen were in attendance at the June 14th Association meeting. Prof. Patrick Mullen of The Ohio State University and Ben Elfers, a one-time commercial fisherman, presented a most interesting and varied program to a standing room only crowd of honored guests, members of the Association, and the general public.

This very especial event was co-sponsored by the Association and the Ohio Humanities Council. Cindy Herndon, Vice President of the Association, was the planner and coordinator of the program. Others who aided considerably with the exhibits and related activities were: Robert Erne, Henry Beatty, Ronald Beatty, Russell Matso, Harold Jones, Ben Elfers, Michael Mielke, Lydia Bechtel, Florence McKillips, and a "bevy" of hospitable hostesses. The Association extends its warm thanks to all those who contributed so ably to the outstanding success of this event.

BEAUTIFICATION AND PRESERVATION:

As a part of its commitment to community activities and concerns, members of the Association recently have redesigned and replanted the old garden in front of the Village Police Station. Currently plans are under way to improve the drainage system of the Town Hall as a preservation measure and to plant a flower garden at the Dwelle House.

HOURS OF OPENING: At the present time, the Old Stone Church Museum will be open for public visitation on Saturdays, 1-3 P.M., during the summer season. It is hoped that these hours can be extended, but that depends upon members and friends volunteering some time to serve as guides and docents. If you can spare a few hours to help in this activity, please contact Cindy Herndon.

Meanwhile, there are a number of exhibits this year and, throughout summer season, some exhibit changes will be made so that the Island's history can be more fully displayed and return visits to the museum encouraged.

DUES DUE: Dues for the 1991-1992 year are being received as of this date. You will note that, despite increasing operating expenses, annual individual dues are still only \$5.00. Income from these accounts for less than 25% of the Association budget. The other necessary funds come from raffles, book sales, the Butterfly Festival, memorials, and special fund-raisers. Thus you are encouraged to participate in the Association's activities insofar as you are able. A number of items for sale would make fine gifts for family and friends (including memberships in the Association). Enclosed with this newsletter is a price list of sales items. And, of course, we urge you to support the Butterfly Festival sales and auction.

BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL: Saturday, Sept. 21, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.:

The final Association project for the 1991 season will be the Annual Butterfly Festival. This is a day filled with activity. Food and baked goods sales, the quilt raffle drawing, and the auction will be among the special events.

The featured program will be a presentation by James Culp on the "Tin Goose" at 2:00 P.M. in the Old Stone Church. Mr. Culp, a recipient of an Ohio Humanities Council Award, is the acknowledged expert on the Ford Tri-motor airplane which served the Islands so well over a long period of years.

If you can help in any way -- and it is hoped you will --- please contact Bea Matso. Baked goods, items for the auction, and your contributions of labor will make this year's Butterfly Festival a marked success!

OLDEST HOUSE ON KELLEYS ISLAND NOW AN ANTIQUES STORE: When Addison Kelley built a "large log house" for his father, Datus, in 1835, probably little did he realize that it would still be standing and in use 156 years later. Though it was not the first building erected on the Island, today it is, by far, the oldest structure remaining. Over the years it has been enlarged and improved. Also, from the outset, it has been used as a dwelling house, store, meeting place, and a one-time site for religious services.

How fortunate that Datus' home has been preserved and is still in use!

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT: Being a member or friend of the Association, it is hoped that you may be able to serve, beyond paying your annual dues. With a total membership now of nearly 300 persons, the Board hopes that more members will become involved in the Association's activities. There is always much to be done and your help is needed. By contributing a few hours of service, you can make a real difference. If you can give a bit of your time and/or talents, please contact members of the Board or Bea Matso. The more "active" our members and friends become, the better the Association's goals and purposes can be met!

QUILT RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON BUTTERFLY DAY: This year the Association, as a fund-raising project, is raffling a hand-made and hand stitched quilt. Chances in the raffle are \$1 each or six for \$5. They are available from members of the Association Board and are also included in the mailing of this edition of the Newsletter.

Members and friends of the Association are urged to purchase tickets and to persuade others to do likewise. This is one of the major fund-raising projects for this year. Drawing for the quilt will be on Butterfly Day.

MEMORIALS:

Building Fund:

In memory of Ethel Whitney Curtis
James & Martha Seaman
Kathy A. Cyr
Richard P. Reece
Friends of the Curtis Family

In memory of Roger Williams and
William Minshall by:
Mr. & Mrs. William Pape

In memory of Lloyd Matso by:
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Matso

General Fund:

In memory of Mrs. Sue Griffing by
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Neuman
Mr. & Mrs. John Neuman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dauch

In memory of Jeanette Cleary by:
Ronald & Lydia Bechtel
Florence McKillips
Laverne A. 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
Frances Loepfer
Jack & JoAnn Hunt
Roger & Madeleine Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coulon

In memory of William Minshall by:
Ronald & Lydia Bechtel

In memory of Iva Ziegler by:
Frederick Ziegler

In memory of Mrs. Eleanor Liowsz
Mr. & Mrs. John Neuman
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Neuman

In memory of Florence Sabol, Lloyd
Matso, John Feyedelem by:
Ronald & Lydia Bechtel

In memory of Elmer Craft by:
Mr. & Mrs. John Neuman
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Neuman

KELLEYS ISLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, INC. KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO

1992 -Calendar of Events

May 16, 1992-Plant Sale

Cindy Herndon will be taking orders for plants from the first of the Month - Call 419-746-2249 or drop her a note addressed to Kelleys Island Ohio 43438.

June 13, 1992 - Regular Meeting

June 20, 1991 - Tour of Homes

If you would like to show your home get in touch with Ila Dick, Kelleys Island, Ohio

July 11, 1992 - Regular Meeting

July 13, 1992 - Art Show

If you have any thing you would like to show - art, handwork, woodcraft contact Annalee - 20295 Silver Springs Drive P.O.Box 112, Northville, Michigan 48167

August 8- ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

September 19, 1992

Butterfly Festival

Save your saleable articles for Auction and Craft Tables.

*Regular Meetings held
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August 8, 1992*

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