



Kelleys Island Historical Association, Inc.

Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438

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OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1991-1992:

At its Annual Meeting, Aug. 10, 1991, the Association filled three vacancies on the Board by the re-election of O. Hugh Lange and the election of Paul Johnson and Frances Minshall.

The new Board met on Aug. 24 and elected the following officers for the 1991-1992 year: Lois Brown, President; Cynthia Herndon, Vice President; Lydia Bechtel, Treasurer; and Florence McKillips, Secretary.

At its final meeting for the current calendar year on Oct. 5, the administrative organization was completed;

Officers of the Association:

President: Lois Brown
Vice President, Cynthia Herndon
Treasurer: Lydia Bechtel
Secretary: Florence McKillips

Board Members, elected:

Paul Johnson
O. Hugh Lange
Frances Minshall
Betty Pape

Board Members, ex officio:

Lydia Bechtel
June Campbell
Donald Haas
Nadine Mack
Florence McKillips
Jessie Martin
Lucille Mathews
James Seaman

Standing Committees:*

Ways & Means, Bea Matso, chm.
Program: Cynthia Herndon, chm.
Acquisitions & Exhibits: Richard C. Knopf, chm.
Newsletter: Richard C. Knopf

Special Committees:

Building Committee: O. Hugh Lange, chm.
Tour of Homes: Lois Brown & Frances Minshall, co=chm.

Marge Clapper was appointed as a general, assistant secretary.

*Members of the Association are urged to serve on these and other committees subsequently to be formed. Please contact President Brown with your desires.

1991-1992 CALENDAR SET: The Board adopted the following Calendar of Events for the coming year:

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, 1992: 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 18, 1992: Art Show (If you have anything you would like to show -- art, handwork, woodcraft, etc., contact Annalee, 20295 Silver Springs Drive, P. O. Box 112, Northville, Michigan, 48167.)

Aug. 8, 1992: ANNUAL MEETING. Election of Officers.

Sept. 19, 1992: Butterfly Festival. (Save your saleable articles for Auction and craft tables.

MUSEUM BUILDING: At the annual meeting of the Association (Aug. 10, 1991), O. Hugh Lange, chairman of the Building Committee, presented an estimate of the costs of constructing a building to house an Association museum. (See: Newsletter, Vol. VI, No. 2, July, 1991 for details of estimate. The cost of the building itself has been conservatively figured at \$72,190. However equipping and furnishing the new structure will add considerably to that basic estimate. Thus the Association will have to raise nearly the double of the sum necessary for the building itself.

Therefore, at the last meeting of the Board (Oct. 5, 1991), Chm. Lange presented a proposed fund-raising plan. This, in general terms, was approved by the Board and steps for its implementation are to be taken over the next few months.

Meanwhile, steps are also being taken to draw up a plan for both elevation and

space allocations of the proposed building. Both the building specifications and fund-raising means are to be completed by the Spring of 1992.

OLD STONE CHURCH REPAIRS: As plans go forward for the constructing and equipping of a new museum building, every effort is being made to assure that the Old Stone Church, the cornerstone of the Association's operation, is in perfect physical shape.

Though considerable structural and decorating has been completed in the past few years, the stabilizing of the bell tower has been a major concern. Deterioration of the facing and drainage system of the tower makes early repairs mandatory. Thus the Board has approved the immediate replacing of the drainage system, which, it is expected, will be completed this fall. Further reconstruction of the facing of the tower will be done later.

Robert Holmes and Russell Matso will take on the responsibility of installing a new tower drainage system. Holmes, also, will repair deteriorating plaster inside the building.

Once these projects are completed, the Old Stone Church will be in shape to serve the needs of the Association for many years to come.

WOODWORKING COLLECTION: The Association recently has received as a gift from Thomas Claubaugh of Sandusky the wood-working tools of the Woodford family, one of the earliest to settle the Island.

This Woodford Collection is one of the most complete in existence of those hand tools used by 19th century craftsmen who fashioned the sturdy and ornate buildings of the period. Even more amazing -- and important -- is the excellent condition of the individual items.

The acceptance of this generous and important gift to the Association also emphasizes the need for a proper museum where such artifacts can be displayed. Over the past few years, other collections, such as the Seaman Kelleys Island school-books gift, have been received and call for an adequate exhibition space. As is patently obvious, the present facility, the Old Stone Church, cannot well serve such a purpose.

ACQUISITIONS & EXHIBITS: In November, 1989, the Acquisitions & Exhibits Committee with the concurrence of the Board, outlined six areas for which artifacts were to be sought for the permanent Association collection; quarrying, viticulture and wine-making, fishing, transportation, ethnic groups and Island people, and tourism. The basic premise was (and is) that the permanent collection should emphasize those factors which are unique to Kelleys Island.

At the same time, a system for acquisition was adopted to insure the Association's control over items designated for the permanent collection.

At the same time, the Committee proposed, and the Board approved, a program which would encourage loan items to be used for special -- but not permanent -- exhibits.

Both the Committee and the Association is well aware that, as time passes, items of importance to Kelleys Island history may be irretrievably lost. It is for this reason that the Association is constantly seeking artifacts illustrative of Island history and development. These can range from pictorial representations to tools, handicrafts, etc. of our Island's uniqueness. Donors can be assured that their contributions will be valued and preserved and that proper credit will be given for such additions. The members and friends of the Association are encouraged to help in this matter of collection and preservation. If you have -- or know of -- items which might help to fulfill this objective, please contact a Board member or the Acquisitions & Exhibits Committee. It will only be through such cooperative action that the Association will be enabled to carry out its responsibility to the community.

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS:

In memory of William Minshall, by
Charles and Jessie Martin

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Lange, by
Esther & Harry Carlson
William and Jeanne Lange
Lois & David Buchman
Ruth & Lee Bandeen

BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL, 1991: This is the traditional windup of the Association's summer program/activities. Though, each year, it gains in popular acceptance, this year's festival was outstanding. Chaired by Marge Clapper, a large contingent of volunteers assured that activities went smoothly. The program on the "Tin Goose," planned by Cindy Herndon and featuring Ralph Dietrich and Charles "Jake" Martin, drew a standing only crowd. The quilt raffle, under the leadership of June Campbell, added \$2,024.00 to the Association's treasury. In addition a bake sale, food services, and a sale of miscellaneous items, plus the auction, assured the financial success of this annual venture.

Though the Butterfly Festival is one of the major fund-raising events sponsored by the Association, as important is its purpose of getting involvement of members and of attracting new members and friends. This latter was certainly achieved this year.

Marge Clapper, in the name of the Association, wishes to thank those who gave of their time, talents, and enthusiasm to the 1991 Butterfly Festival. Among those are the following members and friends:

Lydia Bechtel	Al Janik
Barb Behlen	Bev Johnson
Jerry Bickley	Fran Johnson
June Campbell	Dick Knopf
John Carrig	Hughie Lange
Don Clepper	"Sis" McKillips
Sue Clepper	"Dee" Mack
Helene Coulon	Helen Marchky
Ila Dick	"Jake" Martin
Ralph Dietrich	Jessie Martin
Laverne Ehrbar	Lucille Mathews
Ann Haas	Bea Matso
Don Haas	Russ Matso
Cindy Herndon	Fran Minshall
Paul Hiller	Donna Nowak
Poppy Hodgdon	Phyllis Pahler
Joann Wilson	Jim Seaman
	Nancy Stoetzer

Thank you!
Marge Clapper, Chm.,
Lois Brown, President.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION SALES ITEMS: At its last Board meeting, it was agreed that Annalee would be encouraged to sell Association items at her gift shop, slated to be opened at Neuman's Boat Dock next summer. This adds another location where the Association's books, commemorative plates, and mementoes will be available.

At the present time, Matso's "The Lodge," Sharon Van Auken's Southwinds Gift Shop, and the Association's headquarters at the Old Stone Church offer these items to the public.

Such sales locations serve two important purposes: First, they are a source of significant revenue for the Association and, secondly, they encourage recognition of the Kelleys Island Historical Association as the center for preserving the Island's history and heritage.

OHIO HUMANITIES COUNCIL: The Association takes this opportunity publicly to extend its sincere thanks to the Ohio Humanities Council for its aid in making the summer programs of the Association such a resounding success.

The Council is a public agency which through cooperative effort, helps to sponsor educational and cultural events of value to the entire community.

The Association trusts that further cooperation with the Council will be forthcoming to enable it to serve the interest of our organization and the community-at-large.

TYPEWRITER CULPA! If this issue of the newsletter seems to lack the usual pizzazz please place the blame where it belongs. The "new" electronic typewriter, finally, has "given up the ghost." And, reluctantly we've had to resort to the old tried and true Smith-Corona portable. Perhaps, come next spring, our budget will allow for the acquisition of a new device to replace the non-accurate "Cannon."

DUES.....DUES.....DUES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Just in case you might have forgotten to write your annual check, just a reminder that your 1991-1992 dues are being accepted. (\$5.00 annual, individual)
And while you're at it, encourage others to join as well.