



Kelleys Island Historical Association, Inc.

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CALENDAR FOR 1993: Another season for the Historical Association is about to begin. The Island is just awakening from its winter slumber, but within a month of this writing, activities will have begun which will continue through the spring, summer, and early autumn. Thus, please enter on your calendars the dates and events listed below. Members and friends of the Association are urged to participate in all of them.

May 22: Plant Sale (Fran Johnson, Julie Kennedy)*

May 22: Italian Dinner at the Town Hall; Museum Fund Raiser Kick-off.

June 19: Tour of Homes (Sue Clepper, Fran Minshall)

July 10: Recognition of Islanders, Potluck in the Town Hall.

July 17: Art Show, Old Stone Church (Annalee).

July 24: Island Fest, table for membership/sales.

Aug. 14: Annual Meeting; election of officers, Old Stone Church.

Aug. 14: Homecoming (Marge Clapper).

Sept. 18: Butterfly Festival, Old Stone Church (Barb Shadle, Marge Clapper, Bea Matso).

*Members and friends of the Association are urged to volunteer their services to assure the smooth running and success of these events. Those in charge of each activity are noted. If you can be of service, please contact those whose names appear in parentheses.

MUSEUM PLANS GO FORWARD: With the restoration of the Old Stone Church completed, the Association has actively begun planning and fund-raising for a separate museum building which will be erected on the site of the haul shed, adjacent to the church. This building is being designed to house the Association's permanent collections dealing with the Island's unique heritage and to provide space for storage, Association offices, and other attributes of public convenience (including lavatories and kitchen facilities). Steps, too, have been taken to acquire additional land to the east of the Association's property on a long-term lease from the State of Ohio. Construction will commence just as soon as adequate funds are collected and pledged. Meanwhile, members and friends are urged to watch the Newsletter for progress reports on this exciting project.

IN MEMORIAM

On January 20, 1993, Henry T. Beatty died. For most of his nine-plus decades, he was undoubtedly the outstanding "shaker and mover" of our Island community. Until the very end of his life, he devoted himself to public service: as a member and president of the Village Council, as the first state park manager on the Island, as a multi-term mayor, as a former fire chief, and, most recently, as a member and president of the Board of Public Affairs which operates the village's water system. It was primarily through his leadership and efforts that the Island Airport became a reality and that the Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative began its service to Island residents and businesses. As a businessman, for many years he headed the local commercial fishing fleet and was a founder of the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce. Likewise, he was a long-time member of St. Michael's Parish and a founding member of the Kelleys Island Historical Association.

In St. Paul's Cathedral in London, its architect Christopher Wren's statement is inscribed on his tomb there: "If you seek my monument, look around." Henry Beatty's monument can be similarly described insofar as Kelleys Island is concerned.

OLD STONE CHURCH RESTORATION COMPLETED: After nearly a decade of planning, hard work, and dedication the restoration of the Old Stone Church, both inside and out, has been completed. The structural and aesthetic work on the bell tower was accomplished during the late fall and early spring. Today the Old Stone Church stands restored to its original simplicity and beauty as it was when constructed well over a century and a quarter ago. With the completion of the restoration, it should weather at least another century or so without further major renovation.

As many members and friends know, the restoration was far more than cosmetic. The entire understructure of the church was reinforced and replaced, the bell tower was rendered structurally sound, a new roof was put on, and the utility shed at the rear completely rebuilt. In addition to the plastering and painting, the pews were repaired and an electrical system was installed. All of this was accomplished only through the dedicated service of countless members and friends of the Association. Though a list of all of those

responsible for this gargantuan effort would be impossible to compile, especial recognition is due to Russell Matso and Florence "Sis" McKillips, whose hard work, supervision, and leadership persevered throughout the entire restoration project.

MEMORIALS

The following contributions to the Association's Memorial Fund have been made since the last Newsletter:

- In memory of Josephine Pohorence
by Lydia Bechtel
- In memory of Charles Brown
by John and Nadine Mack
by Paul and Lois Brown
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dauch
by Lydia Bechtel
by James and Martha Seaman
- In memory of Harold Neuman
by Toole Family
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schnittker
by Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Pohorence
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dauch
by Laverne Ehrbar
by George Cleary & family
by Lydia Bechtel
- In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Neuman
by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Leidheiser
by Paul and Lois Brown
by Mr. & Mrs. Floren James
by Frances Minshall
- In memory of Ronald Bechtel
by James & Martha Seaman
by Cleone Bloom
by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rotsinger
by Jim & Mary Lou Weiland
by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Rotsinger
by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Cole
- In memory of Oscar Bilodeau
by Paul & Lois Brown
by Laverne Ehrbar
by Lydia Bectel
- In memory of Henry T. Beatty
by Lydia Bechtel
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schnittker & Family
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by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Jr.
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by Mr. & Mrs. William Sheid
by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rotsinger
by Mr. & Mrs. John Mack
by Mr. & Mrs. Timoty Rotsinger
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bickley

- by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Steinemann
- by Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative
- by Chuck & Barbara Palumbo
- by Mr. & Mrs. Ted Blatt
- by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hunt
- by Mr. & Mrs. John Neuman
- by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Johnson
- by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Weiland
- by Mr. & Mrs. Karl Beatty
- by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brown
- by Desmond V. Fernandez
- by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Cole
- by Dr. Richard C. Knopf
- In memory of Mary Buge1
by Jim & Mary Weiland

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