



Making Kelleys Island History Everybody's Business

Kelleys Island Historical Association

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Take a peek at the new museum

By Claudia Brown

The new museum building will have an interior space of about 40 feet by 90 feet, with a front porch about ten feet wide, running the length of the front of the building. The side faced with stone, a short side, will face Division Street. The driveway into the complex will fall between the existing stone



church and the new building, with the mu-

seum entrance in the middle of that side. We

are planning a flower/herb garden between the new building and Division Street. The new museum will house both exhibition space and a work/storage area which will be used as an intake area for new objects, to prepare them for display and also as storage for objects when they are between displays. The (Cont. pg. 2)

President's message

Just as it is with a jigsaw puzzle, it is with the building for the museum. The edges are all done, now all the pieces are starting to fall into place. But unlike a jigsaw puzzle, this has been many, many years in the process.

Your KIHA Board has selected a builder, and I have been busy coordinating details between the builder and the architect. It's really amazing, that when you thought everything was figured out, something else pops up. So many things have to be in place before the foundation is finished

and the floor is poured. (More gray hairs...)

If everything goes well and continues to fall into place, we hope to be started this spring. With ice still on the lake and snow falling, spring seems so far away, but it's just around the corner. Hopefully by the time many of you return from winter vacation, things will be happening.

Please remember, the initial stage will be a completed exterior shell. We still have a job ahead getting the interior completed, but it is a start, finally. Many people's dreams will finally be

realized with the building of this museum. Hopefully those who will not be here to see it, will be smiling down upon us.

In closing, before I get back to the phone, pray for a warm and dry spring to help us get an early start.

**Historically Speaking,
Michael Feyedelem
President**

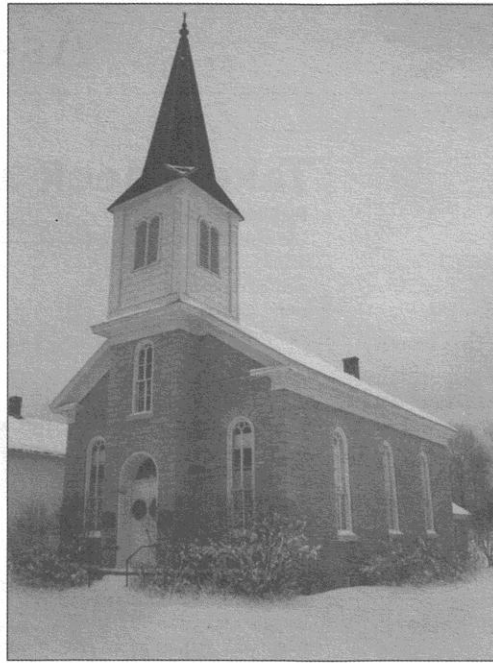


Take a peek (from pg. 1)

new building will have sanitary facilities and will also include the gift shop. The original church building will have more of its original pews moved back into it and will also house some display cases. It is hoped that the original church building will become a good place for holding small concerts and recitals, and also be available for presentations on Kelleys Island history or other related events. In the future, this opening up of space will also allow the KIHA to start some educational programs, seminars, and classes.

Out of three bids received, **Adam & Associates**, of Sandusky, OH prevailed. The cost for the building shell, on the site, to the original specifications, is \$124,765.00. It will be a stick built building and the bid includes the foundation work and cement floor. It is an additional pleasure that Adam is the son of a local family man—**Ben Elfers**, and Adam's grandfather was "**Sonny**" Elfers, a well known local fisherman. Adam has been building on Kelleys Island over the past few years so he is aware of the special problems of having to bring absolutely all the materials and equipment from the mainland on ferry boats. We thank Adam for his interest in the island and look forward to a rewarding relationship for us both.

Winter scenes



*Many islanders never get the chance to see our haven displaying its winter beauty. Here are a few photos from this January taken by **Claudia Brown** to give you all a glimpse. Above, top—Old Stone Church-KIHA; above, left—east shore; middle right—south shore; and bottom right—north shore, complete with fishing shanties.*

Be part of the dream...

Upon hearing that the KIHA Board had accepted a bid to construct the new museum building, a few people told us how they felt:

"Just heard the good news !! Wonders never cease. There is someone watching out for us still. Never thought it would happen, although down deep a little voice kept saying, 'It will, just

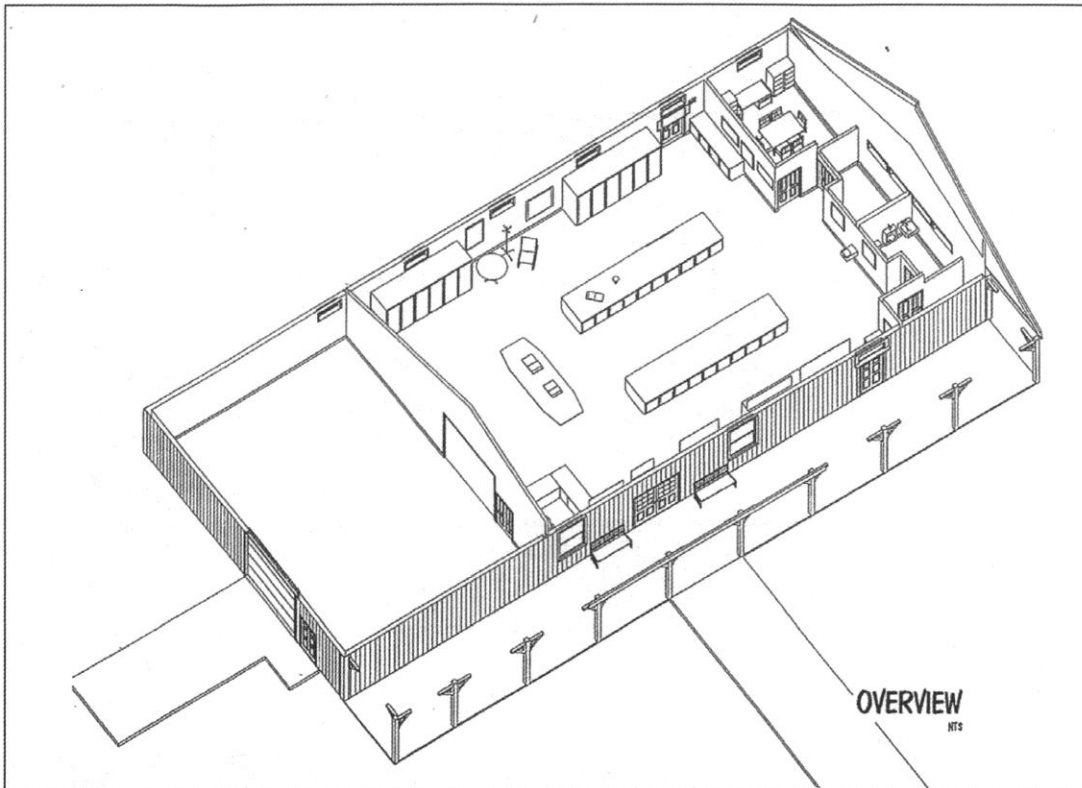
"Wonderful! Thrilled to death!"

Laura Jean and Franklin Pohorenc

"What wonderful news to come with spring, finally a place to securely showcase the island history; what the island people were all about, what they did, how they lived, who they did business with, and how they had fun enjoying island life with their friends and family.

your good news. The board really got off their duffs and did it. At the next meeting please give them all my heartfelt congratulations." **Frances (Frannie) Minshall**

Madeleine and I have a long association with Kelleys Island, starting for me in 1930 with the construction of "Eastaways," our east shore cot-



give it time.' It will be great to see the church building come back to being a church and a new building will add attraction for itself. Displays can have their place and sale objects will always be necessary to keep going for more improvements. Good luck to all those who worked so hard to make this happen. God bless us all in this new venture. I can't wait to see the new building." **Florence (Sis) McKillips**

So many memories will dwell in this new island home for everyone to share."

Delores Cole

"Happy to hear the board finally found a builder. Hope and pray there will be no problems. Building on the island is a problem in itself." **Lydia Bechtel**

"Praise the Lord, and Hooray, and Whoopie! I can't believe that I'm actually going to live long enough to see our museum built! Thank you so much for

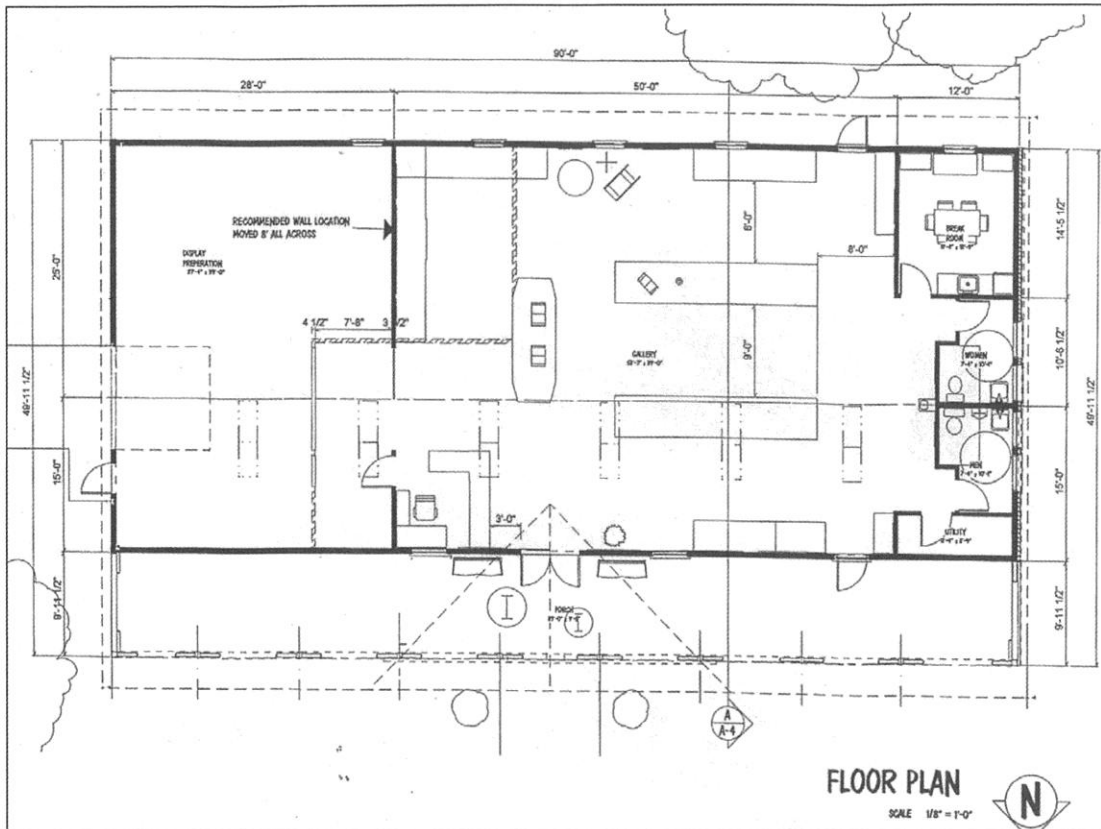
tage. Madeleine first visited the island when we were on our honeymoon in 1950, and has spent every summer there since 1954. Since we moved our winter residence several times, our four children have their real "roots" on Kelleys island, as the cottage and Island have been a constant in their lives, as well as ours. When I was a child spending summers on KI, (Continued next page)

Be part of the dream (from pg. 3)

my Grandfather, **Norman Hills**, instilled an interest in Island history, via his "History Of Kelleys Island" book, and his "Olde Curiosity Shoppe" located in a shed behind his home on Lakeshore Drive. We often visited Grandpa's home and had KI history lessons with our dinner! Madeleine has been active as a volunteer at the KIHA Gift Shop for many years, and we have supported KIHA financially,

so we are delighted that a museum building is finally coming into being. It has been a long wait, but having a KIHA museum with suitable facilities for displaying the many artifacts that are, and will become, available is very meaningful to us. These "treasures" will now be displayed for all to enjoy, so we eagerly look forward to a completed and active Kelleys Island Historical Society facility. **Madeleine and Roger Williams**

How do you feel, knowing that the museum is scheduled to be constructed this year? Are you one of our many supporters that has been here over the long haul? Are you new to the organization and wonder what all the Hoopla is about? Let us know... and if you'd like to join our organization or make a contribution, see the membership application on page six. We are a 501 (C)3 organization.

**Board notes**

At the September 16th, 2004 board meeting, the KIHA Board voted to maintain the current assignments for another year:

Officers-

President Michael Feyedelem
Vice-President Russell Matso
Treasurer Annalee
Recording Secretary Sharon Brunell McIntire
Corresponding Secretary Claudia Brown

Other active areas-

Gift Shop - Annalee
Newsletter - Jacquie Kranyak & Claudia Brown
Membership - Claudia Brown
Accessions - Ila Dick
Butterfly Festival - Russell Matso
 The Board welcomes **Sharon Brunell McIntire** to the seat vacated by Rick Holmes last year. Sharon's background is particularly appropriate as she is a retired

history teacher. Sharon and her husband live year 'round on the island and Sharon has been helping in the Gift Shop for the past several years. We look forward to working with her on the Board.

The current KIHA Board Members are: Annalee, Claudia Brown, Ila Dick, Jacquie Kranyak, Michael Feyedelem, Russell Matso, and Sharon Brunell McIntire.

Nod to Charter Members

This seems like an appropriate news-letter to remember where we started. Here is a list of the Charter Members in the Kelleys Island Historical Association, Inc.:

Henry & Rosella Beatty
 Ronald & Lydia Bechtel
 Geraldine Betzenheimer
 Nick & Sharon Bianchi
 Lyle & Geraldine Bickley
 Milton Blatt
 Theodore Blatt
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 Kurt Boker
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 Charles & Ann Brown
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 Robert & Helene Coulon
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 Dr. Richard & Mary Ellen Wilke
 Shirley Woell


2005 Calendar

- June 2, Thurs.-6 pm, Potluck at St. Michael's Hall
- July 14, Thurs.-6 pm, Potluck at St. Michael's Hall
- Aug. 6, Sat.-11 am to 4 pm, Art Show at KIHA
- Aug. 13, Sat.-2 pm, General meeting at KIHA
- Sept. 10, Sat-10 am to 4 pm- Butterfly Festival (same as Treasure Island Day)
- Sept. 22, Thurs.-6 pm, Potluck at St. Michael's Hall

KIHA Board Meetings are scheduled for March 24, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15; all at 5:15 pm, in the office behind the Old Stone Church. If you have anything that you would like the Board to know or discuss, please contact President Mike Feyedelem, or another Board member before a Board meeting, or write to the Kelleys Island Historical Association; P.O. Box 328, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.



Treasurer's report

Building Fund	\$ 200,472.32
	12/31/04
	
General Checking	\$ 10,507.79
	01/31/05
Total	\$ 210,980.11

Correction

Sorry for the typo- Art Lange, mentioned in the December 2004 issue in Geraldine Betzenheimer's story, should have been Orv Lange. Orville Lange worked for the Post Fish Company and was the father of O. Hugh Lange. Those of you who keep your issues, please make the correction in the original story that appeared in the last issue- December 2004. Sorry for the error- Claudia Brown.

Memorials to the Building Fund:

Gery & Lyle Bickley for Richard Lauber
 Mary & Floren James Family for Paul Leidheiser
 Richard & Mary Fox for Lawrence Eaton
 Rick Nemecek for Jack Betzenheimer

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Membership Application

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Summer address: (from / / to / /) P.O. Box _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ - _____

Winter address: P. O. Box _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ - _____

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 also check here for 2 or more Individual memberships but just one newsletter sent to one address
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