

# Kelleys Island Historical Association

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## Important Dates 2018

August 4 – Arts & Craft Show  
August 18 – Murder Mystery Masquerade  
August 25 - Annual meeting  
September 8 - Yard sale and Butterfly Festival

## WE HAVE CHANGED SOME DATES

August 25 is the new date for our Annual meeting – we changed it because August 18 is our Murder Mystery Masquerade! And this year we will not have a speaker. The annual meeting will be held at 11:30 inside the Church. Everyone is invited. This is your chance to find out what we have been doing and what our future plans are.

**OPENING DAY** – Friday there were no ferries and Saturday looked a little overcast, however, almost 100 people showed up for our opening day. So many people took their photos at our electricity display, about 30 of them, and you can see them all in a slideshow on our website under the [Events](#) tab.



## 2018 BOARD ELECTIONS

The annual meeting is fast approaching (it will be August 25). Two seats will on the ballot. Any Member can run for a Board seat however; you must let us know in writing and we must receive that notice by July 11. Our bylaws require that nominations be closed 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting so that ballots can be printed and mailed out 30 days before the meeting. All candidates submitting their letter or email on time will appear on the ballot. Board

Members serve a 3-year term and are expected to attend monthly meetings.

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## THE ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

Save the date – August 4 from 10-4 on the grounds of the history museum. Everyone always asks – why aren't there more Island artists at the show? We wonder the same thing. The space is free [so why not sign up](#) and try your hand at selling your crafts, art work, etc.

## SOMEONE IS GOING TO DIE !!!!

While we are still working on some of the details, we CAN tell you that it will be held on the grounds of one of those lovely houses on Long Point; someone WILL be murdered, and you WILL be able to participate. If you choose to, you CAN come in costume (we suggest Millionaire Elegant) and if you do not want to come in costume, you can get masks in the Museum Gift Shop. We WILL have entertainment, music, a sit-down dinner, a Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle, and some super surprises.

Tickets are just \$75 each. ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. OR you can reserve a table for 4 or 8 in the Front Row for just a little more. Send a check made out to KIHA, P O Box 328, Kelleys Island OH 43438 OR use the handy charge button on our website: <http://www.kelleysislandhistorical.org/masquerade.html>

**Will you be the one to catch the murderer?**





### *OUR NEW BUSINESS MEMBER*

Thanks to Portside Marina/Dockers Restaurant for supporting us as a business member.

### *AND THE WINNER IS*

The 50/50 winner for May is Jane Diemer



### *LOOK WHAT THEY FOUND*

This couple came to Kelleys Island in late May to celebrate their one-year anniversary. They found this pottery piece on the north side and brought it in. It was, of course, from the Charles Seeholzer Winery - which was on what is now Deerlook Lane, off Woodford Rd. They were attracted to the piece because it had the word Catawba on it (likely Catawba Wine). They were married on Catawba Island! We were happy to met them and share a little history about the piece.

### *OUR FEATURED DISPLAYS THIS YEAR*



### *ADDED TO OUR COLLECTION (a partial list)*

BETH RYBUS - On old milk can.

JIM & PAUL SELFE – A ship Model – two-masted schooner, hand carved and built by Edwin Selfe c1910.

JIM SELFE - Desk lamp owned by James' grandfather, Edwin Selfe. It sat on his desk. He was a building contractor and had a carpenter shop. Postcard photograph of Herbert James Selfe September 1910. B&W photo of unidentified boat with smokestack and very old cars. Book –The Life and Public Services of Hon. Abraham Lincoln published in 1860. Another book – Sketches and Stories of the Lake Erie Islands, Perry Centennial Edition 1813-1913.

TERI BETZENHEIMER-BEHRENDTS - February 1984 issue of the Ohio magazine that has a nice long article on page 18: “A Wing and a Prayer – Father John Sherbno ministers to the people of the Lake Erie islands. He Flies, they wait” by Sue Gorisek. His insights are unguarded as he offers observations about the Islanders he serves. A photograph of Alice (Seeholzer) Olwill in a bathing suit taken in the mid 1950's THE LAKE CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY donated a Statement of Condition card, January 1, 1904, for the Kelley (sic) Island Lime & Transport Co.

SHELLEY STEIN donated a glass plate negative and a photograph developed from the plate of the Kelley's Island Wine Co. building (incorporated in 1866 and built in 1871).

ROGER WILLIAMS - Five letters written by his grandfather, Norman Hills, on St. Patricks Day, 1944 until May 9, 1955, to his father Roger Williams Sr. who was a Captain in the Army Air Force in England at the time, preparing for D-Day. Norman's letters simply provided a view of KI in those days.

KEVIN WITCHER - A collection of maritime photos including photos of his great-grandfather, Henry Witcher who was one of the captains of the steam paddle ship the *Boeckling*.

### *LIVING IN THE PARSONAGE HOUSE*, by Teri Behrends

Since the parsonage was been turned into a resale shop last year, we have had so many questions about what it was like to live in the house. My grandparents rented the home from the German Reform Church after they were married, and my dad and his brothers and sister were born in the house. Grandma raised five children with no running water and an outhouse. Think about trying to potty train your children that way.

The house has always had electric, but it has never had running water. There is a hand pump in the kitchen that pumped water from the cistern under the house. It was great in the summer when you had been outside playing or working, and you came in and got a glass of very cold water from the pump. However, in the winter that very cold water, was very cold. All the water had to be heated on the stove. For example, after dinner, water was heated to wash the dishes. There were two pans put on the kitchen table, one for washing, and one for rinsing. There was a wringer washing machine and the water also had to be heated to wash the clothes. To empty the washer you put a hose out the window. In the summer the water was not wasted, but used to water the plants and garden. Clothes were put on a drying rack in the dining room by the stove to dry. To bathe, you also had to heat the water, take the hot pan of water into the pantry and bathe. In the summer, the boys enjoyed bathing in the quarry at the "cut" where girls were not allowed. Also with no water, there was no bathroom, and the outhouse in the winter was an extremely cold place. During the winter months there was a chamber pot that could be used so you didn't have to go outside, but that had to be taken to the outhouse in the morning and cleaned.



The house was heated by a fuel oil stove that sat in the dining room. There is no duct work, so that supplied the only heat. There was a register cut into the floor above the stove and that was how the upstairs received heat. One summer my grandmother fell and broke her leg while she was hanging clothes on the line to dry. They put her on the airplane and an ambulance met her in Sandusky at the airport to transport her to the hospital. It was the only time she was off Kelleys Island until she passed. She had many stories about her first airplane ride and her one trip to the "mainland."

### *REPAIRS AT THE PARSONAGE*

While we are on the subject of the house, the Parsonage Resale Shop is doing really well with people dropping off donations almost daily and sales flying out the door. All the proceeds from this shop get rolled back into making repairs to the building. Look what we have accomplished.

**The Ceiling** - Last year we finally got the roof repaired so it would not leak. That leak caused quite a bit of damage to the inside plaster. A wonderful man stepped forward and repaired the damaged ceiling and corner in the upstairs hall at the Parsonage. This was not an easy job. Thin layers of plaster had to be applied to the lath strips to build up to the level of the old plaster on the walls. It took several weeks of daily visits to accomplish this. All this work and we can't even thank him publically because he wants to remain anonymous.

**The Floor** – Ray Shaeffer just completed the work on the kitchen floor hole. Until recently the hole in the floor over the cistern had been covered with a sheet of plywood.

**Electricity** – We now have electricity in the building. This required the installation of a new service line and breaker box and a couple of electric outlets. This will make our great volunteers very happy. Much of this cost was offset by our savings when we disconnected the electricity three years ago (to avoid paying the monthly service charge since no one was using electricity).

**The Stairway** – Wow, our thanks to Jodie Smith who had new spindles custom made to match. They should be installed shortly. After years of neglect, this house is finally becoming a very happy place with its new look and occupants. Every old building deserves a second chance.

*Allow us to paraphrase:* When we walk these roads, we follow in the steps of the Island's ancestors, and that is an honor and a privilege. And it is an honor and a privilege for this organization to preserve this history and tell this Island's story.

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