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**Save The Date!!!
August 10th, 2013**

KIHA Annual Meeting and Presentation!

(The Membership will be voting on increasing the number of board members from 7 to 9)

**They will also be electing new board members
Annual Meeting 1PM**

**Refreshments/Presentation 2:30PM
"The Battle of Lake Erie"**

**By Dr. Robert Speers Professor Emeritus from BGSU/Firelands
These events will be held at The Old Stone Church next to
The Museum.
Members, please plan to attend.**

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Roger Williams does not seek another term on KIHA Board



has done for the Kelleys Island Historical Association over the years.

He served as Corresponding Secretary from 2007-2013 and was President during the 2010 year concurrently being Corresponding Secretary.

Roger Williams is not on the island this summer due to a stroke. He is recovering in Columbus, Ohio to get the best therapy possible. All reports are that he is doing well. He is strong willed and determined to conquer his challenge. He hopes to return to Kelleys Island later this summer. We miss him and hope to see him back on the island soon.

The Board thanks Roger for all he

A lifelong islander, he and his wife **Madeleine** were charter members of the KIHA. He spent many years of effort getting the new museum built and established. We extend to him a huge thank you. The KIHA Board extends their Best Regards to Roger and Madeleine. The photo is Roger William's on his boat; he loves to sail!

Farewell to a KIHA Past President, John Seaman



John Seaman, age 88, passed away on June 30th, 2013. He was born February 7th, 1925, in Lakewood, Ohio to the late Walter C. and Mabel (Heyman) Seaman. He graduated from high school at The Western Reserve Academy in Hudson and served in the US Navy Air Corps from 1943 until 1946. He received a Bachelors of Art Degree in 1950 in Economics at Williams College in Williamstown, MA and was a New York Life Insurance Agent for many years. He owned Grain Merchants, Inc. and was a manager of Seaman McLean, Inc and Herman McLean Inc. He was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ, Rotary Club of Milan, Heyman Historical Society, Mason Lodge 239 in Milan, Ohio, National Fraternity Zeta Psi, past president of The Firelands Council of Historical Society, and was an avid farmer. (Taken from Obituary through Evans Funeral Home in Norwalk)

He and his wife, Barbara, owned The Beatty House on the south shore of Kelleys Island in the 70s and 80's and ran it as a Bed and Breakfast. He gave good energy to the Initiatives of The Historical Association during those years.

The Museum and Gift Shop News



Find time in your busy Kelleys Island life to stop into the KIHA Museum. The summer exhibit is up with focus on The Battle of Lake Erie, but there are many other treasures as well. Remember to check out the pavers that can be purchased to honor a moment or family member. Our walk is getting larger.

In the gift shop we have **Patti Fresch** and **Bev Luck** who oversee the operation....and many much appreciated volunteers. New purchases have been made for the gift shop; tea, teapots, soaps, jewelry, children's books, and a new Christmas ornament. The ornament can be ordered and shipped to you for the holidays. Call The Museum to do so: 419 746-2399.

We have new signs for The Kelleys Island Historical Museum and Gift Shop. Look for them to be installed in the next few weeks.

Acquisitions Teams continue to work hard. Cleaning and organization of items is critical. **Ia Dick** spends much time with a team of folks doing

this job. A Wine Press was donated to our museum which was made in Sandusky, Ohio. It is an intriguing, well preserved piece.

The museum members have an opportunity to meet with **Jennifer Souers Chevraux** from **The Inter-Conservation Museum** in Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting was rescheduled from June to August 16th, 2013 at 11AM at The Kelleys Island Historical Museum. The Topic for the talk is "Historical Collections Stewardship Administration Best Practices"; national standards, developing and implementing a collections plan, how to form a collections committee, putting policies into action, condition reporting, standard forms and record keeping, accessioning and de-accessioning 101, provenance and NAGPRA, and compliance questions, selecting a database program to meet your needs, resources and references will be points of focus.



Butterfly Festival

The Butterfly Tagging and Presentation has been a KIHA project from the association's inception. It has been a joint effort with the Kelleys Island Audubon Club (KIAC). This year on September 7th at 11AM, Pat Hayes, President of KIAC, will be speaking and demonstrating monarch tagging. The monarch butterfly, as many of you know, has a fantastic history in itself. The cocoon, birth, the need for milkweed, and its journey. Do not miss this presentation to be held behind the Old Stone Church on The Kelleys Island Historical Association Property.

Don't miss the Tall Ship Weekend on Kelleys Island

The Appledore 4 Sailboat will be docked at Portside Marina from August 29th (coming in that evening) leaving September 2nd. Visit Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce to receive full information about scheduling a sail on Appledore 4 or other events. Two special cruises are chartered through The Goodtime 1; a Fireworks Cruise on September 1st and a Reenactment Cruise on September 2nd. Tickets available through The Chamber Office; 419 746-2360.

Words From Francis Minshall

Please come to The Historical Museum and learn more about our little slice of heaven. We have copies of original documents that make fascinating reading. We also have books and letters and those little gossipy "things" that make history more exciting. Once you get hooked you'll wonder why you didn't come years ago. We would hope you would like to volunteer to help run the museum, read the books, and quench your thirst for more Kelleys Island history. We, as volunteers, get a real kick out of telling "day-trippers" why KI history is so important to United States History. There is a certain pride one feels when you understand the people and events that went on before your time. It makes you want to pass it on to the next generation. Besides, it is also fun!

Donations and Memorials will be acknowledged in our final newsletter for 2013. With transition issues of treasurer and corresponding/recording secretary, we want to get our facts correct. Please know they will be posted in the final 2013 end of the next newsletter.

Leslie Korenko's fourth book is to be released any day and for sale at The KIHA Museum; *Kelleys Island 1872-1876 The Hotels, the Telegraph & Lime Company.*



This wine press is now located at The Kelleys Island Historical Association Museum. The wine press was made in Sandusky at Klotz and Kramer company in 1910. This was used until the late 1930's when electric presses were used.

Moving it was a challenge and a big "Thank you" goes out to **The Nernys, Josh Chris, and Autumn, Bo Hammond, Chuck and Marshall.**

Thanks to the donor from Chillicothe, Ohio, **Mr. Erclo Picciano** whose father used the press every year from 1939-1970's.

"An America Perspective: Events After The Battle" Excerpt from James Mills book, Oliver Hazard Perry and The Battle of Lake Erie.

Unites States schooner, Ariel

Put-in Bay,

13th of September, 1813

Sir:

In my last I informed you that we had captured the enemy's fleet on this lake. I have now the honor to give you the most important particulars of the action. On the morning of the tenth inst...at sunrise, they were discovered from Put-n-Bay, where I pay anchor with the squadron under my command. We got under way, the wind light at S. W., and stood for them. At 10 AM, the wind hauled to the S.E. and brought us to windward; formed the line and brought up. At 15 minutes before 12 the enemy commenced firing, at 5 minutes before 12 the action commenced on our part. Finding the fire very destructive, owing to their long guns, and its being mostly directed to the Lawrence, I made sail, and directed the other vessels to follow, for the purpose of closing with the enemy. Every brace and bowline being shot away, she became unmanageable,



notwithstanding the great exertions of the sailing-master. In this situation she sustained the action for upwards of two hours, within canister shot distance, until every gun was rendered useless, and a greater part of the crew either killed or wounded. Finding she could no longer annoy the enemy, I left her in charge of Lt. Yarnall, who, I was convinced, from the bravery already displayed by him, would do what would comport with the honor of the flag. At half past 2, the wind springing up, Captain Elliott was enabled to bring his vessel, The Niagara, gallantly into close action; I immediately went on board of her, when he anticipated my wish by volunteering to bring up the schooners, which had been kept astern by the lightness of the wind, into close action. It was with unspeakable pain that I saw, soon after I got on board the Niagara, the flag of the Lawrence come down, although I was perfectly sensible that she had been defeated to the last, and that to have continued to make a show of resistance would have been a wanton sacrifice of the remains of her brave crew. But the enemy was not able to take possession of her, and circumstances soon permitted her flag to be hoisted.

At 45 minutes passed 2, the signal was made for close action. The Niagara being very little injured, I determined to pass through the enemy's line, bore up and passed ahead of their two ships and a brig, giving a raking fire to them from starboard guns, and to a larger schooner and sloop, from the larboard side, at a half pistol shot distance. The smaller vessels at this time having got within grape and canister distance, under the direction of Captain Elliott, and keeping up a well directed fire, the two ships, a brig, and a schooner surrendered, a schooner and a sloop making a vain attempt to escape.

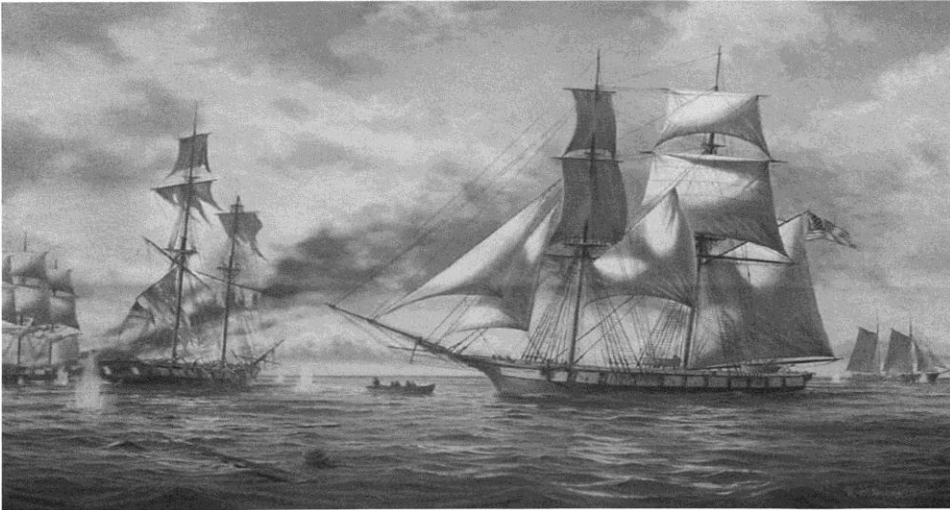
A British Perspective: "The Official Report of Captain Barclay to The British Admiralty"
 excerpt taken from Oliver Hazard Perry and the Battle of Lake Erie by James C. Mills 1913.

Sir:

"The Last letter I had the honor of writing to you, dated the sixth inst., informing you that unless certain intimidation was received of more seamen being on the way to Amherstburg, I should be obliged to sail with the squadron, deplorably manned as it was, to fight the enemy (who blockaded the port), to enable us to get supplies of provisions and stores of every description; so perfectly destitute of provisions was the port, that there was not a day's flour in the store, and the crews of the squadron under my command were on half allowance of many things, and when that was done, there was no more. Such were the motives which induced me to sail on the ninth instant, fully expecting to meet the enemy next morning, as they had been seen among the islands; nor was I mistaken.

Soon after daybreak they were seen in motion in Put-in-Bay*** The line was formed to a given plan. About ten, the enemy had cleared the islands and immediately bore up, under easy sail, in a line abreast, each brig being also supported by smaller vessels.

At a quarter before twelve, I commenced the action with a few long guns; about a quarter past twelve the



American commodore, also supported by two schooners, one carrying four long 12-pounders, the other long 32 and 24 pounders, came close in action with the Detroit; the other brig of the enemy apparently destined to engage the Queen Charlotte, supported in like

manner by two schooners, kept so far to windward as to render the Queen Charlotte's 20 pounder carronades useless, while she was, with the Lady Prevost, exposed to heavy and destructive fire of the Caledonia.

The action continued with great fury until half past two, when I perceived my opponent drop astern, and a boat passing from him to the Niagara (which vessel was at this time perfectly fresh)*** As the Queen Charlotte was in such a situation that I could receive very little assistance from her, he made a noble, and alas, too successful an effort to regain the day, for he bore up, and supported by small vessels, passed within pistol shot, and took a raking position on our bow, nor could I prevent it. My gallant first lieutenant, Garland, was now mortally wounded, and myself so severely that I was obliged to quit the deck.*** Lieutenant Inglis showed such calm intrepidity, that I was fully convinced that, on leaving the deck, I left the ship in excellent hands*** Captain Perry has behaved in a most humane and attentive manner, not only to myself and officers, but to all the wounded.

I have the honor to be, etc

RH Barclay Commander and late Senior Officer "

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