



Columbia Historical Society Newsletter

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President's Message

Written By: Karen Richards, President



Well summer is upon us and I am still here but making progress. My move will come when I sell this house and that will happen after I get it cleaned out. Phew! What a project!

We have had some exciting spring things give us new challenges but the new exciting acquisitions give us something to come and see during open houses. The railroad station bench gives us a place to exchange some stories and fun ideas in any direction. Thank you to Ken Roth for going to the sale and bringing us a very special memorabilia item back to Columbia.

We can also now preserve large maps and pictures in the new cabinet that has more room so they can be laid out rather than curled. This was a surprise from an auction that Ron Krisko and Debi Hitchcock attended. Thank you for your time spent there Ron and Debi, checking out the goodies that were being offered for cheap.

We had the third graders and fifth graders tour the Bronson House Museum and the Blockhouse with much interest and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see what they can recognize and what they think some things are before really getting into the tour. Thank you to Dot MacIntyre, Mary Melnyk, Ken Roth, and Blanche Nemeth, for being the docents/guides. I am so thankful that I could be a part of this educational event. The weather cooperated and that was not expected. The Cicadae were singing and the clouds were bubbling; but that did not shut down the Homecoming Festival or the Open House at the museum for only a little rain fell this year and we were dry for the most part! Thank you Mother Nature! This is when I get to enjoy the stories and meet and greet the community.

Our meeting Tuesday the 14th of June was program to give us a deeper understanding of our flag "Old Glory", and we thank Mr. Smith from the Lorain County Historical Society for providing so much information about our flag's origin and many changes before we embraced what we have now. I learned several facts I did not know and now can share with my grandchildren.

The next meeting hopefully will be about the Hoadley/Bronson cemetery, and if all goes well, we will be there at that site. August 9th is the date to mark your calendars.

Thank you to all the volunteers that worked the booth and the Open house. It does not happen without cooperation and involvement. See you at the Open House on the first Sunday of next month. -- Karen

In Memoriam

Written By: Betty Gricar, Correspondence Secretary

Ellen Louise Roth, mother of Ken Roth, of Columbia Station passed away on 06/24/16 at the age of 97. She was a former member of the Columbia Historical Society.

If you are aware of a member who is ill or a member or past member who has passed, please let Betty Gricar know at betty.gricar@gmail.com or 440-236-5372.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Written By: Betty Gricar, Correspondence Secretary

08/07/16 – Bronson House Museum open house from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Special display includes: Model Trains presented by Karen Richards. Free and open to the public.

08/09/16 -- Columbia Historical Society Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM (social time) and 7:30 PM (program) at Bronson-Hoadley Cemetery. Program includes: TBD by TBD. Free and open to the public.

09/04/16 – Bronson House Museum open house from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Special display includes: TBD presented by TBD. Free and open to the public.

09/10/16 – Columbia Block House Day event at Lorain County Metro Park's Columbia Reservation. Time and program: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM with many historical programs and activities. Free and open to the public.

09/13/16 – Columbia Historical Society Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM (social time) and 7:30 PM (program) at Columbia Town Hall. Program includes: TBD by TBD. Free and open to the public.

10/11/16 -- Columbia Historical Society Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM (social time) and 7:30 PM (program) at Columbia Town Hall. Program includes: Trail of Death by Robert Pearl & Janet Pearl. Free and open to the public.

11/15/16 -- Columbia Historical Society Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM (social time) and 7:30 PM (program) at Columbia Town Hall. Program includes: Military Medals Identification and Meaning by Paul Kaparoff. Please bring any military medals that you would like help in identifying. Free and open to the public.

12/13/16 -- Columbia Historical Society Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM (social time) and 7:30 PM (program) at Columbia Town Hall. Program includes: Pot Luck Dinner and Board Elections. Free and open to the public.

Bronson House Museum Repair Update

Written By: Ronald B. Krisko, Treasurer

The officers are constantly updating the list of repairs that are needed and wanted within the Bronson House Museum. A local electrician has thorough looked through the museum, after we received a couple of months of very large electric bills that we cannot explain, and told us that everything is working correctly so he has no idea as to why the electric bills were so high. At this



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point, we are considering this matter closed with unfortunately no absolute explanations or answers.

Treasurer's Update

Written By: Ronald B. Krisko, Treasurer

End-of-year financials will be shared with the membership via our website so stay tuned for further information. As of 07/01/16, the society has about \$1,807.77 in all of our checking accounts and \$24,104.78 in all of our savings accounts for a total of \$25,912.55 so every new membership, renewed membership, book or item sold, or unrestricted donation really counts. Please remember that all non-Lifetime membership renewals for 2016 were due in February 2016 so if not renewed, then you may be dropped from the membership list and mailings. A 990-N IRS filing and State of Ohio yearly filing were completed and submitted along with the biannual Ohio Sales Tax filing. We currently have 12 non-renewed members and 56 paid members. Thank you for your support of this society and its mission!

Technology Update

Written By: Ronald B. Krisko, Treasurer

Due to other duties and time constraints, we have not begun working on a redesign of the current website, but hopefully we will have a chance to start work on it sometime in the near future using our new available website tools. Unfortunately, some of us have been and are still handling double and triple duties beyond our regular officer duties, therefore, progress has been slow on several technology efforts. Remember, you can "Like" us on Facebook in order to receive Facebook posting updates in your Facebook account or "Follow" us on Twitter to receive updates via your Twitter account. We can share information more quickly, easily, and cost effectively with you this way.

Columbia Homecoming Booth Update

Written By: Ronald B. Krisko, Treasurer

First, we wanted to thank all of the volunteers who took time out of their day to sit either at the Columbia Historical Society's booth at the Columbia Homecoming Festival or sit at the Bronson House Museum to give tours. Your time and efforts in passing out information, selling raffle tickets, and selling society merchandise are greatly appreciated.

Second, we wanted to thank all of our donors of the various raffle items this year, because this fundraiser was one of the best fundraisers that the society has had bringing in around \$545.50 (gross profit) - \$80.00 (memberships) - \$50.00 (booth fee) = \$415.50 net profit total.

Every little bit counts so we appreciate all members who volunteer their time, money, or treasures for the betterment of the Columbia Historical Society and its continued longevity into the future, because without your support and time, this society and its museum would not exist today or tomorrow. If you were

personally unable to help out the society during the homecoming, then hopefully we will have more opportunities in the future where you can contribute your time and skills. Thank you again!

Homecoming Booth Raffle Winners

Written By: Ronald B. Krisko, Treasurer

Raffle Item #1: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$60.00 Donated By: Anonymous Winner: Helen Zedell

Raffle Item #2: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$41.00 Donated By: Anonymous & Barbara Hitchcock Winner: Becky Karl

Raffle Item #3: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$90.00 Donated By: Betty Gricar Winner: Anne Zwick

Raffle Item #4: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$30.00 Donated By: Sharon Waldecker Winner: Renee Huntington

Raffle Item #5: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$28.00 Donated By: Sharon Waldecker Winner: Mark Powers

Raffle Item #6: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$27.00 Donated By: Sharon Waldecker Winner: Barb Bisesi

Raffle Item #7: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$35.00 Donated By: Anonymous Winner: Virginia Pack

Raffle Item #8: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$82.00 Donated By: James A. Phillips Winner: James Wright Sr.

Raffle Item #9: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$66.00 Donated By: Betty Gricar Winner: Bronwyn Betts

Raffle Item #10: Estimated Fair Market Value: ~\$45.00 Donated By: Anonymous & Deborah Hitchcock Winner: Susan Trujillo

Congratulations all of the 2016 raffle winners!

Excerpt from We Remember Stories of Columbia Township (Volume 3) Book

Written By: Mary Ellen Jenkins

"The Everett Squire Tragedy"

Special Correspondence: Columbia, O., Jan 14—A second message from Mrs. Everett Squire, of Bingham Utah, to F.J. Lewis, her father, announced the finding of the body of her husband at 12:30 Thursday morning, 36 hours or more after being buried in a mine at this place, by a cave-in.

Interested in reading more? We Remember Stories of Columbia Township (Volumes 1, 2, & 3) are available for purchase for \$20 from the Columbia Historical Society and make a nice birthday or holiday gift.

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