



FAIRVIEW AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Spring Newsletter, May 2010

4302 Avonia Road, PO Box 553
Fairview, PA 16415

www.fairviewhistoryeriecountypa.org
e-mail: fahsmail3@gmail.com

MEETINGS – PROGRAMS
At the Sturgeon House

Everyone is welcome – Bring a Friend!

Wednesday, May 19 - Meeting and Program – 7:30 p.m. followed by refreshments.
Speaker – Greg Henning. General Washington's visit to Northwestern Pennsylvania, plus an update on Iraq (Greg presented the Society with the Iraqi's first ballot during his first program at FAHS.)

EVENTS

Summer Exhibit: *The Tie That Binds*
Fairview's Schools - 200 Years

Dates and hours: Sunday, May 30 (Memorial Day Weekend), 1 – 4 p.m.,
Monday, May 31, (Memorial Day) 10:30 – 4 p.m.
Every Sunday from June 6 through August 15, except July 4, 1 to 4 p.m.



Cemetery Chapel Open Hours – Monday, May 31, 10:30 – Noon.

Admission to the Sturgeon House and Chapel is free.
Call 474-5855 to arrange a tour by appointment to either building.

Clean-up day in preparation for the exhibit will be Monday, May 24. Bring your mop, dust cloth and broom! Also, the Society is seeking artifacts for this exhibit. If you have an item from any of the Fairview Schools you would be willing to loan for the summer, please contact Barb McLaughlin, 474-2046. Call her also if you can host a Sunday. Erie Yesterday is sponsoring a "Passport Program" for fourth graders this summer and attendance is expected to be good.

200 Club: This is one of our very best fundraisers and is relatively easy for members... just sell one, two or more tickets at \$25 each. Tickets will be mailed to you in the next few weeks. Deadline for the return of ticket stubs and money is Saturday, May 29. The first of 12 weekly drawings will begin the following week with the *big* tickets drawn at the Membership Picnic. Only 200 tickets need to be sold. Please do your part, buy a ticket and sell one to a friend!

Annual Ice Cream and Ox Roast Social: Wednesday, July 21, 4:30 – 7 p.m. We will need fruit pies and homemade cakes, plus folks to help set up, serve and tear down. Grandchildren are very welcome to help with the set up and tear down. Please call Sabina, 474-3030, if you are able to help.

Annual Membership Picnic: Wednesday, August 18, Hetz' Pond, 6 p.m. Bring your tableware and a dish (for eight) to share. It's a relaxing get-together as the summer begins to wane.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH We continue to respond to genealogical researchers. Call Joan Fiesler, 814-474-3286, or e-mail her at jfiesler1@verizon.net.

GIFT SHOP/ Books, cards, prints for sale. Be sure to check out all the books on Fairview's history and other items for sale at the Sturgeon House on your next visit there.

Hey!! What's happening at the Sturgeon House? Why is a dumpster in the parking lot?

Since early January two Society members (Richard Stachel and J. R. Freeman) have been tearing out the walls and ceiling of the second floor – excluding the office that was renovated many years ago. The purpose is to install insulation in the walls, create a large open area and build shelving for much needed storage. No plans have been made to create a second exit to the second floor, so it will not be open to the general public. Two other members (Jim Bolla and Jim Getz) will be helping with the project as needed. No end date has been set, but the work goes on most Saturday mornings. Many thanks to Van-Fab for the free use of the dumpster, although the Society will pay the dumping charges. Also, many thanks to Boy Scout Owen Hitt and friend who moved a large number of bricks from the second floor to the basement as a community service project. To view the ongoing work, updates/photos are posted regularly on our website.

So what else is going on? The Tuesday Quilters are working on another beautiful quilt! As you know the proceeds from this quilt go toward restoration of the Sturgeon House and preservation of materials pertaining to the history of the Fairview area. Tickets will go on sale at the Ice Cream Social. Stop by the house on a Tuesday morning and see how lovely it is going to be.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Many thanks to new member **Karen Brady** for volunteering to serve as the Society's Vice President. She comes from the Philadelphia area where she was active in a historical society there. Welcome, Karen and again, many thanks. Other positions on the board that still need a volunteer are Ways & Means Chairman, Hospitality Chairman and Publicity Chairman. Contact Barb McLaughlin, 474-2046, for further details.

Memberships and Dues

Over the years there has been a great deal of confusion about when to renew memberships. The Society operates on the calendar year. Because our programs pick up again in the fall, some folks pay their dues in the fall months. Dues paid then are applied to the upcoming year. (For example, renew in September 2010 and your membership is good through December 2011.) Currently many of our long-standing members have not renewed their membership. If you feel you have not renewed, please call Barbara Wingerter, 774-7997, our Membership Chairman for further information.

Thanks to our memberships and fundraisers we are able to continue our operations and basic obligations, such as Sturgeon House maintenance, utilities and overseeing the Chapel in the cemetery. We continue to provide school and adult educational programs, genealogy services, exhibits and care of collections. By supporting our mission, this community realizes the significance of the history of Fairview and the importance of protecting it for future generations.

MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2010

Checks payable to: The Fairview Area Historical Society. Send to P.O. Box 553, Fairview, PA. 16415.
Membership categories: Seniors - \$7, Regular - \$10, Family - \$18, Patron - \$30, Business Patron - \$35, Life Membership - \$250.

Category: _____ x ____ = \$ _____ enclosed. **(THANK YOU, IF YOU HAVE ALREADY JOINED OR RENEWED.)**

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ to the General Fund \$ _____ or Special Projects Fund \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail address _____

The Fairview Area Historical Society is a non-profit tax-exempt organization.
Memberships, contributions and memorials are tax deductible.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.
FAIRVIEW AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P. O. Box 553, Fairview, PA 16415. Phone 814-474-5855