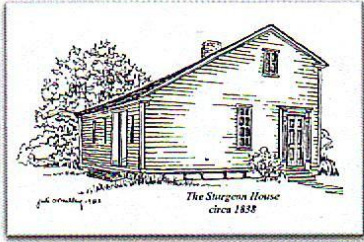


THE FAIRVIEW AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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SPRING NEWSLETTER - 2012

From the President: The beginning of the New Year sees both need and change for the Fairview Area Historical Society. With the Quilting Ladies retiring and without an Ice Cream Social (due to the lack of set-up manpower), funding ideas are needed more than ever. The Calendar Party under the leadership of Pat Linkoski proved to be a wonderful event, not only for the community, but also a major help to the coffers. Memberships, the 200 Club (this year's is coming soon), about 200 wreath sales, and the Chinese auctions, also helped to meet the financial needs of the Society. We are in the black, with \$23.71 to the good at the end of the 2011 year! Utilities, security, expenses, and renovation costs were thankfully met. These expenditures continue, so the financial needs must still be addressed. Should we choose to use the U.S. Postal Service for bulk mailing, there is not only a change in delivery but postal rates as well. Change is ever with us.

New ways are required to spread the word and activities of the Society. New blood, continuing involvement and ideas from the membership can only boost the energy and reputation of this committed organization. And don't forget to check out our website as well as our Facebook page. If you like the latter, be sure and say so!

Names in our news:

Joan Fiesler continues to be the resource for local genealogy from people all over the United States researching their ancestry. She makes great jams and jellies, too.

Karen Brady, our Vice President, has aligned a great schedule for the spring. March 21, April 20 and May 18 (see page 2). As always meetings begin promptly at 7:30 P.M. Please help with making cookies as light refreshments following these meetings. Call Barb at 474-2046 if/when you are able to bring cookies.

Exhibit Committee (Joan Fiesler, Biney Freeman, June Hetz and Karen Brady) is already working on this summer's exhibit about the fishing industry in our community. Once commercial fishing was a very big business in Fairview. Anyone with a family history involved in this industry may call Biney (474-3030) with information, photographs and possible artifacts. The sooner the better, the gathering has begun.

Erie Yesterday: This organization continues to grow in scope and importance in the historical/cultural community. The Fairview Area Historical Society is a member of this consortium of historical societies. Through cooperative efforts the FAHS may one day be able to secure a grant for an unforeseen need by partnering with another society.

CURRENT FAIRVIEW AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS.

- 1) Your membership renewal is vital.
- 2) Help selling 200 Club tickets.
- 3) Docents for the Memorial Day weekend and Summer Exhibit.
- 4) Yard maintenance.
- 5) Extra dollars to repair and paint the exterior of the Historic Sturgeon House.
- 6) Extra hands to help clean the House.
- 7) *Soup for the Saturday renovators.* (Yes, this project is continuing and truly beginning to take shape. Be sure to check out the website from time to time to see the progress.)
- 7) Ideas for fund-raisers. (Yes, this has been mentioned already, but it is doubly important this year!)

Thanks to everyone who helped put us in the black!

Year End Report – 2011

EXPENSES

Renovations	\$ 951.00
Registrations	\$ 70.00
Taxes	\$ 18.16
Supplies	\$ 710.42
Mailings	\$ 173.00
Repairs	\$ 274.00
Security	\$ 365.00
Insurance	\$ 1,219.00
Utilities	\$ 2,811.89
Calendar Party	\$ 100.00
200 Club	\$ 1,964.00
Wreaths	\$ 3,076.09
SUBTOTAL	\$11,927.67

INCOME/REVENUE

Membership	\$ 570.00
200 Club	\$ 3,850.00
Donations	\$ 195.00
Calendar Party	\$ 917.00
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Wreaths	\$ 4,120.00
Chinese Auctions	\$ 811.00
Bake Sale	\$ 253.35
SUBTOTAL	\$11,951.38
NET (+)	\$ 23.71

We Are Diminished..

The Fairview Area Historical Society "family" is diminished by the loss in the last several months by long-time members Evelyn Osterberg and Charlotte Miller. Our sincerest condolences are extended to their families.

DATES FOR MEETINGS and SPEAKERS/PROGRAMS

March 21, 2012 - Jerry Skrzypczk, President of Save Our Native Species (SONS) of Erie, will present *History of Fishing in Erie*.

April 18, 2012 - Frank and Margaret D'Aurora, Re-Enactors, will be dressed as fur traders of the French and Indian War era and will talk about fur trading in the area.

May 21, 2012 - J. Howard Wright, Associate Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, is a regular speaker at the Erie Maritime Museum and will talk about the War of 1812.

Please come and bring a friend!

2012 MEMBERSHIPS

Checks payable to: The Fairview Area Historical Society. Mail to: PO Box 553, Fairview, PA 16415.

Memberships: Seniors \$7. Regular \$10. Family \$18. Patron \$30. Business Patron \$35. Life Membership \$250.

My membership or renewal \$ _____ enclosed. (Thank you if you have already joined or renewed).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____ Cell Phone (Optional) _____

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