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President's Message~~

The summer exhibit, *D-Day Remembered*, was very informative, with uniforms, WWII rifles, photos, personal stories and more. It couldn't have been any better. We had a fair turnout of visitors during Memorial Day weekend, but some Sundays had from zero visitors to 11 adults and children. The Erie Yesterday Passport Program was not as successful at our site as we had hoped, however, we did OK.

Those who donated time and talent were: the Biondis, the Fishers, the Freemans, the Sassos, Bill Amick, Karen Brady, June Hetz, Shirley Hetz, Isabel Hodgkin, Sally Junker, Pat Linkoski, Jane Schwab and Barb McLaughlin. Many thanks to all. Everyone, please think about summer Sundays for 2015 if an exhibit takes place.

Quilt tickets are still on sale, \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. Two tickets are enclosed with this newsletter for your purchase, or perhaps you know someone who would like to have a chance on this beautiful quilt. (The tickets would make a nice gift.) The winning ticket will be drawn at the Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 7. We expect to sell Christmas wreaths again this year, but this is not confirmed as yet.

As summer winds down, VP Karen Brady has been scheduling fall speakers. June Hetz and Biney Freeman will lead off on September 17 with "Old Views of Fairview." They will be showing images of old (and in some cases gone) houses and businesses from Fairview Borough. These will be shown in a new format, with our new computer and CDs. These were part of a 2013 grant from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA). Come and enjoy the show, and help us fill in the blanks on the information about these old buildings. Janet Woods from Hurry Hill Farms Museum in Edinboro will present the October 15 program. Don Ellsworth, our November 19 speaker, has contributed greatly to our summer exhibits and this year brought in four World War II rifles to enhance the display. He always contributes to our Civil War exhibits, partly because he is a descendant of Capt. Israel I. Thickstun, of the 83rd Reg., PA Volunteers during the Civil War. He will be sharing Captain Thickstun's story with us that evening. Be sure to attend these fine programs. As always, the meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. with a very short business meeting first. Refreshments follow. And, admission is always free. Everyone - EVERYONE - is welcome.

Our Christmas Open House will be on Saturday, December 6, 10 to 4 p.m., and Sunday, December 7, Noon to 4 p.m. We are *famous* for our historic house, decorated for the season, for wassail and homemade cookies, for our glowing fire in the fireplace, the dulcimers playing, our bake sale and more. We'll need cookie and bake sale donations, hosts and hostesses to volunteer, someone to decorate the house, and perhaps someone to chair the Chinese Auction. As we get more info on the wreaths we will make that information available to you. If you would like to volunteer for any part of our Christmas Open House, please call me at 474-2046. After this event we traditionally close until the March meeting. Meanwhile, tours are always available by calling 814-474-5855.

Last item: we are in need of a chairman for the Ways & Means Committee and for Hospitality. Call me!!

Second Floor Renovation: This project, now in its fourth year, is winding down. The walls are painted and the floor is nearly finished. Next come the bookcases and shelves for the acid-free storage boxes we purchased with our ECGRA Grant from 2012. When completed we will have a first class archives room, with many, many, many thanks to Richard Stachel, our master craftsman, and J.R. Freeman, who says he takes direction well. We also want to thank Wayne Wilkins who volunteered his drywall expertise on this project.

Once completed we are considering scheduling regular hours to organize the archives, and clear up the mess that has inhabited one first floor bedroom and our second floor office during this renovation. Are you interested in helping?

We have posted a great number of pictures showing the progress of this work, both on our website (fairviewhistoryeriecountypa.org) and our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/sturgeonhouse](https://www.facebook.com/sturgeonhouse)). Many comments have appeared about them on our Facebook page. And, oh, by the way, if you aren't a "friend" yet, please join us and add to our growing numbers.

The 200 Club winners are listed on our website.

Speaking of help, Joan Fiesler continues to answer questions from out-of--the-area callers about their forbearers/ancestors. Many thanks, Joan.

New acquisitions: We are fortunate in our recent acquisitions: a stenciled burlap feed bag (H. C. Sturgeon stenciled on it) from James Mercurio; an antique rocking

crib from the family of Peggy Krider; and an old lard or apple butter press



from our member Thomas Teets in memory of his wife Rosemary.

Memberships for 2015 are due now. If you have an e-mail account, please include that information. We promise to use it only when necessary; we also promise never to share it.

MEMBERSHIPS - 2015

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