

# THE FAIRVIEW AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

During my first time as president of the FAHS, I have been overwhelmed in many ways, but most overwhelming was all the help and support I have received, not only from my board but from so many others - especially Sabina and June.

Because of all the help, we have had a very busy time with a tour of St. Peter's Cathedral, classes on caning and genealogy, two reenactor groups, open houses with displays of quilts and vintage clothing, and several private tours for 4<sup>th</sup> graders from around Erie County who are participating in the Passport Program of Erie Yesterday. I also should mention our delicious picnic at the Brugger House at Avonia Beach, with our final drawings for our 200 Club fundraiser. Congratulations to all our winners.

But there is still more! Also exciting has been the awarding of a \$50,000 grant to protect the Sturgeon House from eroding into Trout Run. In addition to that is a \$15,000 grant to purchase the necessary material to stabilize the bank. This was a project first begun by Barbara McLaughlin.

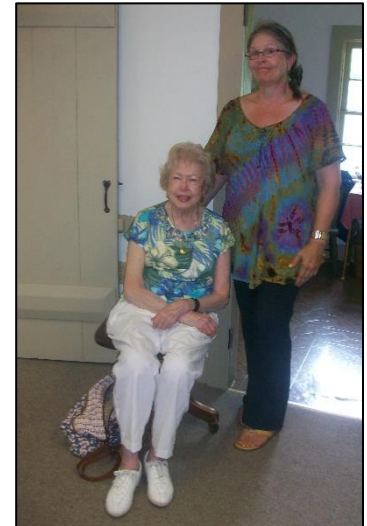
Then there is a young gentleman in pursuit of becoming an Eagle Scout who will be improving sections of our existing brick walk and completing the remainder of the walkway on the west side. I'm sure there is more I've forgotten, but that's enough to show WE have all been very busy.

*Kay Lynne Pichecc.*

**Watch for membership forms in January.**


## FRANCES HART VISITS STURGEON HOUSE

One of our earliest non-local members, Frances Hart, visited the Sturgeon House and Fairview for the first time on Saturday, August 13. She was in town to do a bit of genealogy and to visit with the folks she had been corresponding with, such as "our genealogist" Joan Fiesler, for several years.



Frances (above left) traveled from her home in Wisconsin with her niece Charlene Janeczko.

Frances and Charlotte toured the Sturgeon House, marveled at the vintage clothing collection and checked out cemetery records. She was in town to seek out information on the Bogart family.

Despite her distance, Frances participates where she can, such as buying 200 Club tickets. She has been a winner at least once! In addition to visiting at the Sturgeon House she also did some research with the Erie Society for Genealogical Research, visited the Heritage Room at the Main Library and the Fairview Cemetery on Maple Avenue. 

## **GREAT FALL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**September:** Sunday, September 18, 1 to 4 pm. It's football season and photos, etc. of some of our past teams will be on display. Where possible the squads will be identified. Admission is free.

Then, on Wednesday, September 21, at 7 pm (note time change), **Jack Bestwick**, Fairview's coach for 20 seasons, will talk about some of his memories over the years. Oh, don't miss this one!

**October:** Wednesday, October 19, the new Executive Director of the Erie History Center, **George Deutsch**, will talk about the upcoming November exhibit at the Watson-Curtze Mansion on the Civil War and its effect on the people of Erie County. Mr. Deutsch has been involved in preserving the region's history for more than 30 years. This promises to be an exceptional meeting and will begin at 7 pm.

### **No November Meeting.**

**December:** Our annual **Christmas Open House** will be Saturday, December 3 from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, December 4 from Noon to 4 pm. Imagine holiday music, a fire glowing in the fireplace, warm wassail, scents of pine and cinnamon, and terrific cookies! But, the **Open House** doesn't just magically happen. We will be needing someone to decorate the House, someone to make the wassail, many folks to serve as hosts and hostesses, and many more to make cookies. It's a group effort and well worth it! Call Kay Lynne, 833-1203 or the Sturgeon House, 474-5855 if you can help.

### **WREATHS FOR SALE**

Our **Christmas Wreath Fundraiser** will continue this year. Call Pat Linkoski for details and to place an order: 474-3129. Last year's wreaths lasted well into spring, while still looking vibrant. Watch for more details on this.

### **HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?**

As our president mentioned, we have received two grants from state sources with regard to Trout Run

and the bank south of the Sturgeon House. Years ago Jim Bolla and Barbara McLaughlin both became concerned about the erosion there. Their concerns are finally being addressed. The grants are earmarked for clearing the waterway and also to buy the material to stabilize the bank. The project is expected to begin sometime this fall.

### **THE BOYS SCOUTS ARE COMING BACK**

To date our organization/historic house has been the beneficiary of seven projects leading to an Eagle Scout Award. In late September the eighth project will begin when Caleb Copley and his team will do some repairs on the brick walkway around the house and complete the section on the west side. We are so privileged and honored to be involved with this esteemed program. Many thanks and all good wishes to these young men who have participated.

### ↓ **YES, THERE WILL BE A QUILT!**



You will find in your envelope six tickets for this year's quilt (\$1 each or six for \$5). The quilt was purchased at an Amish auction and it is quite lovely. Please return any ticket stubs you buy along with your check before the Christmas Open House when the winning ticket will be drawn at 4 pm that Sunday, December 4. The winner does not need to be

present to win. There is talk of starting up another quilting group. If you would like to join or would like more information, call the Sturgeon House, 474-5855, and leave a message.

### **LOTS OF THINGS YOU CAN DO**

There are many small things members can do to make our Society better. You could – serve as a host or hostess at one of our events, serve on the telephone committee, or the nominating committee, help organize the archives, set up exhibits, assist with the fundraisers, be on the cleaning committee or the landscape/lawn/weeding committee, be on the Christmas decorating committee, etc. Don't hide your light! Call Kay Lynne, 833-1203, or the Sturgeon House, 474-5855, and volunteer. 