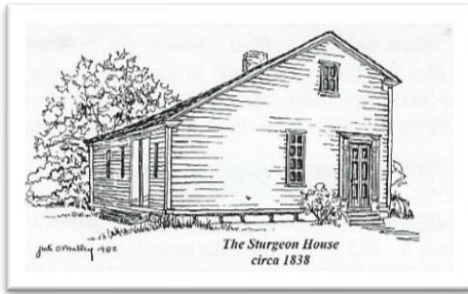


# THE FAIRVIEW AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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## SPRING NEWSLETTER, 2011

Ever since the historical society purchased the house and requested its placement on the National Register, the second floor could not be opened to the public... because there is no second exit from that floor. So, it took a back seat to the restoration work on the first floor. One exception was the south room, which was gutted and remodeled for use as an office several years ago. The room was also outfitted with baseboard heating, although that has rarely been turned on.

The rest of the second floor can be described as in terrible shape. Work is now going on by a volunteer team that has gutted the second floor (except for the remodeled office). The walls and ceiling have been stripped down to the lath, and as the months progress, insulation, drywall, etc will be added. When finished the area will be ready for much needed storage - shelves, lighting, filing cabinets, etc., and the office will be equipped as a temperature controlled site. The team works twice a month, so anyone interested in seeing the progress of the renovation can check it out on our website, on the Renovations Page, with updates at the beginning of each month. [www.fairviewhistoryeriecountypa.org](http://www.fairviewhistoryeriecountypa.org) // For e-mail send to fahsmail3@gmail.com.

## OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Here's an opportunity to be part of a community organization that is working to preserve its history... Yes, the Fairview Area Historical Society is looking for a "few good men (and women)" to serve on the board. Any position can be yours! Come with fresh ideas and help our organization provide quality programs, community celebrations and meaningful summer exhibits. Let your talent take us to new heights! Contact Barb McLaughlin, 474-2046, for further details.

## MEETINGS – PROGRAMS – EVENTS at the Sturgeon House Everyone is welcome – Bring a Friend!

April 20 – Rob Drakes, 111<sup>th</sup> PVI Civil War Reenactor, and Ms. Robin Keller, a woman of the Civil War era.

May 18 - Erie's Underground Railroad - Mr. Andrew Adamus, Director of Education and Outreach, Erie County Historical Society.

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**200 CLUB** – Our annual fundraiser. Each ticket is \$25. Our goal is to sell 200 tickets. We give away \$25 and \$50 each week for twelve weeks. The final drawings will be drawn at the summer picnic on August 17 when drawing will be for higher amounts. Tickets will be available soon. You need not be present to win.

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**SUMMER EXHIBIT – REMEMBERING FAIRVIEW'S OWN - CIVIL WAR VETERANS**

This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Our President and VP, Barb McLaughlin and Karen Brady, plus Joan Fiesler, Sabina Freeman and June Hetz have been collecting information about local veterans who served, where they served, etc. If you had an ancestor in the Civil War please pass your information along to them. The committee will also be looking for artifacts (hard stuff) to enhance the exhibit.

Our exhibit will open Memorial Day Weekend and continue on Sundays during the summer. Reenactors will be with us for two weekends during the exhibit: French and Indian War reenactors for Memorial Day Weekend, as they have done for many years. New this year, on July 3 and 4, Sunday and Monday (yes, Monday, July 4) we will have Civil War reenactors. Hours for both days and all Sundays through the summer beginning June 5 will be 1 – 4 p.m. Memorial Weekend, (Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30) hours will be Sunday – Noon to 4 p.m. and Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit will continue for ten Sundays after that, concluding on Sunday, August 7.

As always, we will be looking for hosts/hostesses during the Sunday open hours. If you have some time to volunteer, please call Barb, 474-2046.

For those of you who want more Civil War activity, the Battles Museums in Girard will again feature their Battle of the Yellow House (Civil War) reenactors during Dan Rice Days, August 5 – 7. They plan many events for all ages. Be sure and check out the publicity for this fun weekend.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Wednesday, July 20, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Fruit pies, cakes, cupcakes and servers will be needed. Call Sabina Freeman, 474-3030 for this (or she will be calling you!!).

August 17 - Summer Picnic – at 6:30 p.m.

**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

Many family history queries have been responded to. If you have a genealogy question, contact Joan Fiesler, 474-3286 or e-mail her, jfiesler1@verizon.net.

May 14<sup>th</sup> we will have a visitor, Ann Rotunno from New Jersey, who is a descendant of Samuel Pierce Allen. Allen's son Clothier B. Allen and family are buried in the cemetery on Van Camp Road, Elk Valley Road intersection. We have been exchanging history for the past few months along with her cousin William Strathman from Iowa. We are organizing a cleanup day for the little cemetery.

Many memberships have been renewed, many new members have joined. Thank you! Because of your generosity, we are able to continue our operations and basic obligations, such as Sturgeon House maintenance, utilities and the Chapel in the cemetery. We continue to provide school and adult educational programs, genealogy services, exhibit and collections care. By supporting our mission, this community realizes the significance of the history of Fairview and the importance of protecting it for future generations. Memberships are for the calendar year, but renewals begin in September. If you renewed after the fall newsletter, you are up to date with your membership. In doubt? Call Barb Wingerter (774-7997), membership chairman, for an update.

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**MEMBERSHIP - 2011**

Checks payable to: The Fairview Area Historical Society. P.O. 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. **(THANKS, IF YOU HAVE ALREADY JOINED OR RENEWED.)**

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

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