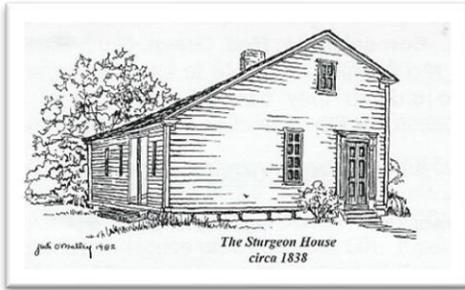


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SPRING 2019 NEWLETTER

President's Message

Hello, Members and Friends,

So much is happening at the Sturgeon House this summer. Be sure to stop and see the Griswold collections.

We are still seeking quilters to assist in quilting another one for our Holiday Open House. Please contact Marilyn at 814-602-0468.

Remembering the FAHS in your Will would help us continue the mission of the organization of bringing history to life in West County. Any amount is welcome and will be put to good use. With a smaller group these days to accomplish all that is happening, donations are essential to our future existence.

Thank you all for your support!

Mike Gallagher

STILL TO COME THIS MONTH –

Griswold Cookware will be on exhibit at the Sturgeon House during Memorial Weekend, also on June 1 and 2 and again on June 22nd. Our special reneactors, the French Creek Reenactors Association, will return to us on Memorial Weekend and encamp in the side yard. Hours are posted elsewhere. If you would like to loan one or more items to the exhibit, we will be at the Sturgeon House on Saturday, May 18 from 10 to Noon, to accept your item with great thanks! For more info, call (814) 474-5855.

BENEFITS FROM THE JES –

The Jefferson Educational Society has presented three programs as of this printing, and are all absolutely fabulous!

Beginning in June, we will be hosting the JES programs twice monthly through November. The summer program is now available:

June – George Deutsch, Exec. Dir., of the Erie County Historical Society (ECHS) will present topics on the Civil War on June 12 and June 26. Both are Wednesdays and both programs begin at 7 p.m. His topics: “The Major Events of the Civil War,” and “The Heroic Life of Strong Vincent.” The Civil War is George’s specialty, so be ready for two excellent programs.

July – Charles Brock will speak on Holy Warrior Presidents on July 17 and Judge Meade will present a discussion and overview of the Erie County Court of Common Pleas on July 31. Again, the Wednesday programs begin at 7 p.m.

August – On August 7 Jerry Skrypzak will discuss “The Rise and Fall of the Erie Extension Canal.” On August 14 Pat Cuneo will present a program on “Charles Williamson, Erie’s Last Republican Mayor.” Each is on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

These programs are free, but registration is required: 814-459-8000.

Why register? Well, it’s a courtesy to the FAHS and to the audience, so that enough chairs will be available.

OUR OWN ACTIVITIES –

Yes, in spite of the JES' busy schedule, at the Sturgeon House, we have one of our own, folks!

May – Open hours for the Memorial Weekend are Sunday, Noon – 4 p.m. and Monday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The **Reenactors** in the side yard will be happy to greet you and introduce you to their way of life during those same hours. The first of the **200 Club** tickets will be drawn during this Open House.

June – Yes, we will have had reenactors during Memorial Weekend, but this unit represents a different war, with different equipment, different outlooks, different info, etc. On June 1 and 2 this **World War II** group will be present, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. The **Griswold Exhibit** will be on view in the Sturgeon House during these same hours as well as during the **Yard Sale** on Saturday, June 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For the **Yard Sale**, space is \$15.00 each and with our table it is an addition \$10.00 each. Call Mike at (814) 474-5855 to reserve your spot.

July – No FAHS activities other than hosting the Jefferson Educational Society's programs.

August – We will offer a new **exhibit** titled: **“Fascinating, Haunting and Mysterious Photography of Lake Erie Shipwrecks.”** This exhibit will be open Saturday, August 24 from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. and Sunday the 25th from Noon to 4 p.m.

Don't forget our **Picnic** on August 21 at the scenic Brugger House. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. We will begin to gather at 6 p.m. By then our Fall Schedule should be available.

September – The shipwreck exhibit will remain at the Sturgeon House through Wednesday, September 18 when our speaker, **Diver Jeremy Bannister** talks about “his true passion in life,” diving to shipwrecks in Lake Erie. Again this program begins at 7 p.m.

Our programs are free and we invite the public to attend.

Note: While we know who will be speaking for the JES programs in the fall, that info will not be publicly available until later this summer. Be assured, we will have two speakers each month, each beginning at 7 p.m. and admission is free. Just register! - - (814) 459-8000.

OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE -

The response to our website: <http://www.fairviewhistory.org> has been very gratifying. Thank you for looking in on us – the website as well as the Facebook Page - Facebook/SturgeonHouse. We offer tidbits of history, occasional current news and we list a calendar of our events, in case you happen to lose your newsletter.

THE 200 CLUB IS BACK!

Included with this newsletter are two tickets for the 200 Club. If you do not plan to purchase one or both, please return it/them. The title “200” means something – no more than 200 tickets will be sold. Your chance of winning something - at least your initial investment - is very good.

WHOOOPS!

One more thing – Do you have a craft? Think about reserving a space for it during our Craft & Brew Fair on Saturday, 9/14. Meanwhile, we need hosts/docents at our open houses. We need folks with a little time to quilt. We need members....!!!. (814) 474-5855

So far this year, death has taken two of our long-time homeboys... Wes Herbol and Harold “Tink” Downey. The lose of each reminds us of how much one person can do and CAN MATTER to his or her family and community... how much he or she can contribute. Both listed Fairview Fire & Rescue as a recipient of a memorial donation, which is a group comprised of worthy people who currently are contributing to the community. It is a good cause and a good way to remember these two men who gave so much to Fairview.

