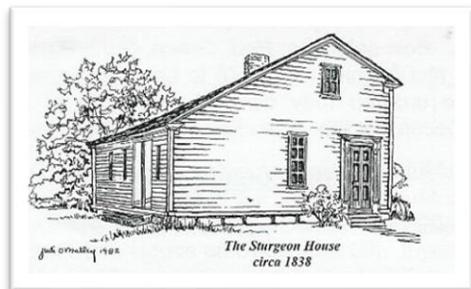


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SPRING 2020 NEWLETTER

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

200 Club Tickets in This Mailing

Hello, Members and Friends,

While activities at the Sturgeon House are on hold, the utility bills are not. We are beginning the second of four fundraisers. The first is membership renewals, the forms for this go out in the Winter Newsletter. With this spring newsletter we send out two tickets for the 200 Club. Purchase of them is, of course, optional. See the enclosed letter for a full explanation as to how it works and how the purchaser may benefit. As in the past three years, Jane Schwab has agreed to be chairman of this program. Thank you so much, Jane.

You will recall that the other two ways we raise funds to pay our bills is to sell tickets for the quilt (they go out with the fall newsletter) and to sell Christmas Door Wreaths. Both sales will occur again this year.

Website & Facebook Postings

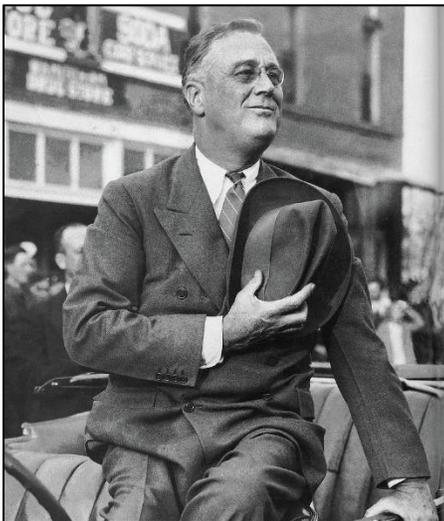
Since we are all about history, we continue to post stories on our website and on our Facebook Page. We do not have a regular posting time but do so when an idea or event occurs to post about. If you have something you would like information on, something that could be shared, please email us and we will do our best to post that information, those photos, or whatever it might be. Thanks to all who look in on our post and for adding your own comments.

Memorial Weekend Exhibit

We plan to go ahead with our Memorial Weekend Exhibit. The topic is the election of 1940. Eighty years ago President Franklin D. Roosevelt made history when he decided to run for a third term.

It was a terrible time, with all of Europe at war and needing help from the United States. But many Americans were isolationists and did not want to go to war. We still could remember that war from 1918.....

The title of this spring's exhibit is **"No Ordinary Year,"** with much information taken from Doris Kearns Goodwin's book about the Roosevelts – No Ordinary Time. Other sources are included, of course, and interspersed will be a reminder of what businesses were operating here in Fairview during that time period.



As always, there will be lots of photos. Also, accompanying and enhancing this exhibit will be one on elections and poll paraphernalia. This collection will be on loan from member Merv Johns.

Many thanks for the loan of this collection.

So, when will it be open? If the Memorial Parade happens, it will be open afterward. If not, we will announce an open weekend a little further into the summer. If someone wishes to view the exhibit alone, call the Sturgeon House (814-474-5855) for a tour. Should the ban not yet be lifted, we would ask that visitors wear facemasks. At this point in time we are expecting it to be available all summer.

And as is the tradition – a wonderful one that has gone on for many years – a reenactor from the French Creek Reenactors Association will be encamped in the side lawn during the Memorial Weekend. Jim Bolla has been steadfast in his

presence at the Sturgeon House on Memorial Weekend. Jim's son... came along with him as a reenactor years ago, but he is now wearing a uniform of a much more recent time. He joined the Marines in 20--- and is currently stationed in



Jim Bolla, setting up his display.



Folks, especially children, are fascinated with Jim's display and his answers to their questions. Reenactors must necessarily know a great deal of history about their eras.

Watch our website – Fairviewhistory.org - our Facebook page – [Facebook/sturgeonhouse](https://www.facebook.com/sturgeonhouse) - and the *West County News Journal* for news of our openings this summer. We hope to see all (or most of) our members at some point this summer, safe and well and happy to be resuming their lives, if only on a partial basis. ▲