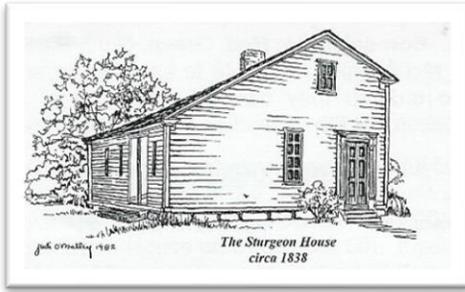


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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2020

President's Message

Thank you for your generous donations and memorials in 2019. We received \$2,278.35 in donations, which included gifts from the Erie Gives/Erie Community Foundation, Pomeroy Foundation, members, visitors, from memorials, etc. These donations assist us in keeping the Sturgeon House in repair and utilities paid! Please remember to keep the FAHS in your will.

Thank you also for your support to our Christmas Open House.

- Mike Gallagher

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

The membership year for the Fairview Area Historical Society is January through December. Renewal forms are sent with the Winter Newsletter with two exceptions: if the member is a Life Member; or if the member is new and joined since the previous June. In the latter case, new members enjoy the following year as a bonus!

We are pleased to report that membership renewals have been excellent in the many years since our organization began... 1977.

Thank you to all who renew and also to all who participate in our activities... hosting, baking cookies, attending meetings, visiting our exhibits, etc., etc. Thank you all so very much.

SPRING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.

The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, April 15 when Mr. Johnny Johnson will speak on the topic "How Music Will Travel from City to County." In particular, he will be talking about Earl Lawrence and his piano, which is now at home in our parlor.

Mr. Lawrence introduced the music program to the Fairview School District in the decade of the 1940s and many Fairview folks still remember him fondly.

This program will be co-sponsored by the Jefferson Educational Society. We are hoping for an excellent audience to visit the past with us!

Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m.

The program planned for this month has not been finalized, although it is in the works! Watch for more information on this very interesting evening!

YOGA CLASSES

Our Yoga classes continue each Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Sturgeon House. They are defined as "Gentle," or "Beginner." The room is large enough for two more folks to join us... you will fit in, no matter how much Yoga instruction you may have had in the past. Call Mike Gallaher, 814 490-2760, to register. The cost is \$11.00 each week. Of that, \$10.00 goes to the instructor, Cathleen Norris, and \$1.00 goes to the Sturgeon House to help cover utility costs. See you there!

Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 24, Noon to 4 p.m. and
Monday, May 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As is our tradition, the French Creek Reenactors Association will encamp on the side yard of the Sturgeon House. Their presence is quite educational and is a wonderful draw for our exhibit, which is also a tradition that weekend.

This year's Memorial Weekend Exhibit will be "No Ordinary Year," based on the book "No Ordinary Time" by Doris Kearns Goodwin. In 1940 President Franklin D. Roosevelt was completing his second term in office. A war raged in Europe and needed an American president to offer a steady hand. He made the unprecedented decision to run again – for a third term - and remains the only president to ever serve more than eight years.

Hosts will be needed for two-hour stints during each open day. Call the Sturgeon House, 474-5855 or Mike Gallaher, 814 490-2760 to volunteer.

The Fairview Cemetery Chapel will be open on Memorial Day, May 25, from 10 a.m. to Noon for viewing. The Chapel restoration was the Fairview Township and Borough Bicentennial project in 1976 and the Historical Society has been in charge of its use and care since that time.



This lovely quilt was awarded to Rita Johnson at the Christmas Open House.

June Yard Sale,

Saturday, June 13, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Space in the side yard will be \$10.00 and table rental also will be \$10.00. Contact Mike Gallagher to take part (814 490-2760). This is our third annual yard sale and it looks like it's becoming a tradition!

WE EXTEND THANKS TO THE JEFFERSON EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

Last year we were honored to be selected to serve as the satellite location for the programs offered by the Jefferson Educational Society (JES). The programs were informative and very interesting.

So interesting, in fact, that the audience numbers overwhelmed us. Often, we set up chairs in the adjoining room, although the sound did not carry well and it was difficult to see the power point.

By bringing their programs to our building the JES brought attention to our mission and as a result, several people joined our organization. We are so grateful!

The JES is now partnered with the Erie County Library system and will be offering their Fairview programs at the Lincoln Library. This is a good solution and we urge our members to take part in their programs. They are free and open to the public!

EVERY DEATH DIMINISHES US...

The following are the names of members and friends who passed away in 2019. Our sincerest sympathies go to their loved ones.

Harold "Tink" Downey, Gail W. Getz, Wesley C. Herbol, D. Garth Hetz and Julie Buell Jarvi.

Many others who were Fairview High School graduates and/or long-time residents of Fairview also died in 2019 and we send our condolences to their families as well.

