

Already a Busy Year at the Museums



This past spring we again hosted two large groups of visitors to our museum site. In May, the third grade classes from Longfellow School in Clintonville made their annual visit. The kids are always well behaved and enjoy their visit very much. One group comes in the morning, while the second group tours in the afternoon. The classes enjoy a picnic lunch around noon.

Thanks to everyone who showed up to help out with the tours and thanks to the teachers and chaperones from Longfellow who do such a nice job at organizing the visit.

Pictured left, Verlyn Kortbein watches as a student feeds a corn cob into the antique corn sheller, while another student turns the crank.

Below, right, Marion Bowers displays a coffee grinder inside the log house.

Below, left, Lyle Passehl explains a movie projector to the kids inside the depot museum.

Bottom, right, a youngster looks at his reflection in an antique horse collar mirror.

A visit to our museums is a real learning experience for these kids as well as the adults who accompany

them. It's a joy to have them come here every year.

Then on Monday, June 4, we again hosted the Fox Valley 2-Cylinder Club. Unlike last year when we were somewhat awestruck at the amount of people attending, we were better prepared this time around. Once again our membership came through with flying colors to make this year's event very successful. Special thanks to Patsy Brandenburg and her sister, Elaine Beaulieu for preparing the food for well over 100 people. And thanks to everyone else who pitched in to help serve food and refreshments as well as providing tours of our facility.

Shown in the photo at the top of the next page is Don Arndt talking with one of the club members.



In Memory of



Kelly A. Meyer
1958-2012



Allen D. Krueger
1937-2012



Rogene S. Halpop
1927-2012

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NEWSLETTER

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APPRAISAL EVENT—On Thursday, August 16, Mark Moran, a former senior editor of antiques and collectibles books for Krause Publications, will examine and appraise one item each for 40 registered participants. Average appraisal time will be 4 minutes per item; non participants are welcome to attend and enjoy the action!

This event will be held at the museum site and also feature food and refreshments.

Mark has bought and sold antiques for more than 30 years, specializing in vintage folk art, Americana and fine art. He is the author or co-author of more than 25 books on antiques and collectibles including the 800 page Warman's Antiques and Collectibles, now in its 45th edition.

Categories for appraisal may include fine art including paintings, drawings, prints and statuary; furniture; ceramics including figural, pottery, vases, dishes, kitchenware; glassware including lighting, marbles and souvenir items; vintage photographs including tin-types, ambrotypes and daguerreotypes; advertising including posters, lithographed tin, paper and figural objects; folk art including carvings, quilts, weather-vanes, windmill weights and "outsider art"; toys including dolls, windups, and mechanical banks; metal ware including iron, bronze, brass, pot metal, silver and silver plate; clocks including mantel, hanging and figural; costume jewelry including brooches, bracelets and earrings.

Questions about objects not covered in this list may be submitted to Mark Moran in advance by calling: 715-281-5060 or email Mark at: moranm1953@gmail.com. Opinions of value are informal and may not be used for insurance or charitable donations, which require a certified appraisal.

To sign up an item for this event call The Marion Advertiser at 715-754-5444 or email to marionad@frontier-net.net

TICKETS—With this newsletter, you should have received some raffle tickets to buy or sell. This is our main fundraiser of the year with proceeds going towards paying our annual expenses. That includes utilities, phone, insurance, maintenance on the buildings, etc. Please help us out by selling these tickets and by all means, if you want more, contact us and we'll be happy to send as many as you request. Once again we have some great prizes. The drawing will be held at our annual meeting October 20.

VOLUNTEERS—As always, we are desperately in need of volunteers to spend a few hours on Saturday afternoon while our museum buildings are open to the public. It seems like the same people pretty much spend their Saturday afternoons at our museum site and it would be nice if others would volunteer to help out. Please contact any of the board members if you are interested.

THANK YOU— • Bruce Stuhr for restoring and painting the trace car, now on the train tracks behind the depot

• Anonymous members who paid for the painting of the caboose and switch house trim.

• Louine Malueg for securing a Thrivent grant to match funds raised during the annual meeting auction. Funds will be used in the tool museum for "Old Marion displays.

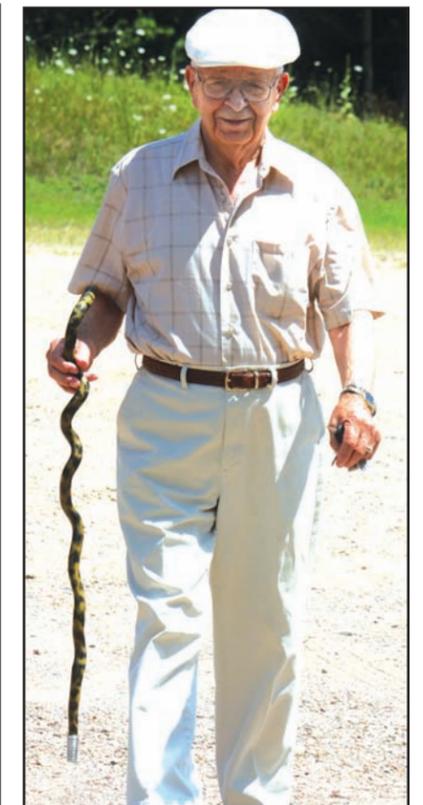
• School tour volunteers: Marion Bowers, Lyle Passehl, Verlyn Kortbein, Bruce Hofman, Pat & Dick Pamperin, Ray Arndt and Tom Young.

• Larry Dieck & Ray Arndt for selecting and transporting the new tables and chairs to the tool museum. They were bought with Memorial Funds.

• Pat Bartelt for keeping the history of the society.

• New board members, Diane Kjendalen & Lynn Bessette who will do computer inventory of our buildings. A project long overdue which was started by the late Kelly Meyer.

IN MEMORY OF—Donna Zillmer, right, holds up a framed picture for Ned and Arlette Nehring during last year's annual meeting. The well known couple were very active in the community, especially during Poppy Day. They were also active members of the Marion Area Historical Society and members of the American Legion Post 198 and American Legion Auxiliary. The photo is on display inside the Ray Arndt Tool Museum.



SUMMER PICNIC—Our summer picnic will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2012 at the Historical Society grounds. Once again we'll have a tent for shade and all the buildings will be open for viewing. The potluck meal will be served around 12:00 noon. Please bring a dish to pass and invite your friends and relatives to join us for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship. Refreshments and eating utensils will be provided. As in the past, we'll be having a 50/50 raffle to help defray the cost of the tent. We'll also have our benefit raffle tickets available to sell or if you'd like more than you received in this newsletter.

Shown above left is Dr. Robert Heinen, who proudly displayed his alligator bag at last year's picnic. The man who produced the masterpiece, Cy Gruenstern, is shown at the right with another gem, a cane, artistically carved out in the likeness of a snake.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER— The Marion Area Historical Society holds board meetings at Steve & Mary's Main Street Cafe the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00am. Anyone is welcome to attend. This year's Annual Meeting will be held at Perry's Landing Golf Course on Saturday, October 20, starting at 12:00 noon. We'll send out reminders when the date gets closer.

Officers: President, Dan Brandenburg, Vice President, Raymond Arndt, Secretary/Treasurer, Pat Pamperin. Directors, Bruce Hofman, Larry Dieck, Mike Meyer, Ralph Schreiber, Lynn Bessette and Diane Kjendalen.