



# Old Tyme Chronical

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## *From the President's Desk. . .*

By Mike Wise

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the founding of our great nation, Uncle Sam wants YOU! He has specifically asked me to call on you to volunteer, but not in the way you might think. Yes, we always need new docents to conduct tours at the Myers Stagecoach Inn and Museum, assist with special events such as our holiday open houses, clean and maintain our building, write articles for our Old Tyme Chronicle, assist with research, and even present a program or two.

But what we really need is for you to spread the word among your family, friends, neighbors, heck, even strangers— that Sunbury is the home of the Big Walnut Area Historical Society and that it is a great organization promoting our community's history for the benefit of all. Most importantly, we need you to recruit new members for the Society by inviting folks to attend one of our programs with you, held on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

My goal this year as president is to focus our efforts on attracting new members to the Society. None of us is getting any younger, and the generations following us



will play a vital role in preserving our history. We have a great story to tell, not only about our extraordinary and unique republic, which has flourished for 250 years, but also about our fascinating, relevant, and significant local history. We believe

that once someone attends a program, takes a tour of the museum, and meets people just like themselves, they will heed Uncle Sam's call (and YOUR call) for volunteers and "join up!"

## Trying "What's It" Again!

At 7:30 on Tuesday, April 8, we have rescheduled the snowed out January program, "What's It?" in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room. Our program chairman, Roger Roberts is bringing back a popular program "What's It?" by asking each person to bring several items to the meeting. You can bring anything you wish. Tell us what you know about your items.

It may be a family heirloom or an antique which you may or may not know its history. Or it looks old and you bought it at an auction and wish you knew more about it.

"What's It" is an item people often bring to the Myers Inn because they do not know what it is. We do our best to identify the item but sometimes they become a "What's It" in the museum.

You may bring a "What's It?" - something you have no idea what it is but you inherited it, found it or were gifted it. Maybe someone will know what it is.

Snow stopped this program at the last minute in January but this program is too good to be missed so we rescheduled it. If you have questions about this program stop at the museum or call 740-965-3582 and leave your phone number so we will return your call.

## BWAHS Volunteers Honored

Twenty people attended the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, March 8. During 2024 we had 30 people donate time to our organization. Trustees, docents, and officers as well as property caretakers, flower gardeners, computer experts, program givers, maintenance and cleaners. Without all of them, we could not continue make our facility available to you and the general public admission free.

## Bower Presents Award to Orndorf



## ANNUAL HONOREE AWARDED

Brad Orndorf, BWAHS Trustee and Owner of Orndorf Construction, earned this award for his excellent volunteer work during 2024.

Our facility nightmare started in 2023 when the first floor north supporting column moved inches, followed by beginning deterioration of the bottom of each second floor column and ended with complete bottom

deterioration of the south second floor column. Marion Ackerman was honored last year for making replacement bottoms for the north and south columns. To enable Marion to work, Brad took down the damaged columns, installed bracing where columns were, installed the restored columns, put rot resistant material on bottoms of all other second floor columns and replaced the two railings attached to the south column.

Brad followed up the above by removing and then replacing the attic window whose frame had rotted by getting options and renting a lift to safely reach the window (window height and location above rear ramp negated use of a ladder).

Brad joins our honorees dating back to 1995,

## CONGRATULATIONS!

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### *Sunbury City Recognized*

### *Warren Owen*

*with a Citizen Recognition Award  
at Council Meeting, April 2*

*Owen was nominated for his efforts to assist Big Walnut Area Historical Society, Sunbury Lions Club, the Conservation Club, Big Walnut Athletics other community groups who work to make Sunbury a special place to live and work.*

## Joining BWAHS is Easy . . . .

### Circle One:

**Individual \$20, Family \$35, Business 10 or less employees \$50,  
Business 11-99 employees \$75, Business 100 + employees \$100,  
Patron \$100, Other ?**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address or P. O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Along time BWAHS Volunteer, Warren took over the flower beds from Alice Chapan who started them. He plants, weeds and waters the flowers around the Myers Inn Museum as well as removes all ice and snow from the walks.*

*Warren received the BWAHS Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2016 and has continued to assist where ever he can.*

## **MANY THANKS, WARREN!**