



Old Tyme Chronicle

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Membership Musings. . . .

The BWAHS Membership Committee is pleased to report that 24 new memberships were added to the Society in 2016, falling just one short of the Committee's year end goal. Fifteen individual memberships and 9 family memberships are included in the total.

"As we gain new members, the Society expands its reach in the community," said local businessman Mel Meyers, who serves as a BWAHS Trustee and on the membership committee. "And, as we increase our numbers, we improve our chances of growing the volunteer base needed to offer a full range of programs to residents of all ages."

The Committee hopes to increase the number of new BWAHS memberships in 2017 by 10%.

If you know someone who is interested in local history or an area business person who wants to help promote local history, please urge them to join the BWAHS today.

Programs Enhanced by Projector

A new projector and screen purchased with a grant from Delaware Community Foundation makes the presentations to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society so much sharper and easier to see.

The historical society was awarded a \$2,000 grant to purchase the equipment during the foundation's fall distribution of grant money through out the county.

Roberts will be using it on February 14 when is gives a History of Early Automobiles.

History of Early Automobiles before 1920's
with Roger Roberts
7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 14

in Myers Inn Museum
Public Welcome

Roger Roberts will present the "History of the Automobile through the 1920's" at the Big Walnut Area Historical Society meeting at 7:30 Tuesday, February 14, in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room. The presentation will cover some of the inventors from various countries of the world and images of various vehicles since 1769. Steam, electric, and internal combustion vehicles will be highlighted.

At the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century a new form of transportation began to appear worldwide that would transform the way humans move goods as well as themselves. Horseless vehicles would soon become the way the world moves. Inventors and companies tried various forms of propulsion before eventually settling on gasoline-powered internal combustion machines. Hundreds of companies emerged creating some strange looking machines. The presentation will cover some of the very early inventions and cover the automobile industry into the 1920's.

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Docent Training Scheduled For Monday, February 13

Docents are the informed guides in the museum. They learn the little stories behind the items on exhibit which make visiting a museum special.

At 9:30 Monday morning, February 13, Docent Training will be held in the Myers Inn Museum for those just starting as docents as well as those who wish to be refreshed on the information.

Each Myers Inn Museum docent receives a manual of procedures used in the museum as well as the history of individual items on display. Curator Polly Horn will go over the procedures so those repeating the training should bring their manuals on the 13th. As items are added to the collection and moved into the exhibit, additions are made to the manual.

Please contact Polly (740-965-3582) or email her at info@BigWalnutHistory.org if you wish to take the training so materials will be available for you.

They are given materials so they can talk about the exhibits and programs to museum visitors.

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1920's. A number of images of these early mobiles will also be presented.

Roberts, a retired history teacher and guidance counselor for Big Walnut Local Schools, is a Trustee of the historical society, coordinator for the monthly programs, the Town Crier for Sunbury events and a docent in the Myers Inn Museum.

Myers Inn Museum

is open 12-3

Thursday, Friday, Sunday

10-3 on Saturday

Museum is closed January 28

For Your Year End Donations

Thanks

The following people and businesses donated almost \$3,000 to the Historical Society End-of-Year campaign. Great folks like you help keep our door open.

Steve Brown, Optek, Tim and Sandy Gose, Mark Lieurance, Anthony Dental, Mel Meyers, Roger Roberts, Henry Shaw, Red Edwards, Robert Morris, Richard Sechrist, Rosalie Frazier, Margaret Brennan, June Campbell, Susan Tippet, Jean Horn, Patricia Kletrovetz, Lanny George, Bill Kavage, Damon Bower, Carol Norris, Alice Chapan, Molly's Flowers, Esther Dixon, Larry and Pauline Caudy, Deck Master, Sunbury Veterinary Clinic, Sunbury ACE/Windgate Farms, Carol Wood, Jerry and Sherry Martin, Fay Armstrong, Phyllis Flattery, Clint and Ashley Keener, Polly Horn, Marion and Connie Ackerman, Bill and Sue Comisford.

50% Off Sale

Through 3:00 p.m. February 16

Bicentennial Items in the Gift Shop include Gail Russell's medallions, Lou Henry's 200th mugs, lapel pins, and calendars.

Joining BWAHS is Easy

Circle One:

Individual \$20, Family \$35, Business Partner \$50, Patron \$100, Other ?

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