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Last Call for Reservations For Mothers' Day Tea

Don't be left out. Call Alice Chapan today to make reservations for the Mothers' Day Tea at 1:00 Saturday, May 4, in the Myers Inn Museum. Three courses of homemade savories, scones and sweets will be served by costumed servers. Call Alice at 740-965-1942.

Tour to National Veterans' Memorial



Suzanne Allen, Roger Roberts, Alice Chapan, Warren Owen, Roger Owen. Photo by Damon Bower.

A beautiful weather day resulted in a super tour of the new National Veteran's Museum and Memorial. If you have not visited, please pick a nice weather day and enjoy the indoor displays on three easy to walk levels, the outdoor grounds and the architectural features. "The large photos, soldier stories, artifacts and interactive displays will truly inspire you!" noted Damon Bower.

Suzanne Allen, commented, "I'm so glad BWAHS planned this tour. I probably would not have driven there by myself." Allen heads our cemetery team.

Story of Sunbury From Indian Trails to City

Polly Horn will give the program to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society at 7:30 Tuesday evening, May 14 in the Myers Inn Meeting Room. Admission is free.

When Lawrence and William Myers chose the spot on their property to plat a town in 1816, they made a wise decision. Most of their land was in a deep forest with no way to get through without following the paths used by the Native Americans moving south to north and east to west. It would be 4 years before the state would open the first road through their property.

So how did this town grow into a city? Using photos, Horn will show the growth as we leave our small town behind to become a city in 2020 census.

Horn is a native who has spent most of her life in Sunbury and watched the changes being made. "From the time I was very young, there was always a threat that Columbus would overtake Sunbury. Although we have not been annexed, many of our newer residents came from Columbus moving up the highway looking for a small town atmosphere," notes Horn.

The presentation will bring back memories for those who have lived here and enlighten those who have recently moved in.

Horn is the curator of the Myers Inn Museum. Her knowledge of the changes are inherited from her family. Her great-great grandfather Horace Whitney came to Sunbury Township from Luzerne County, Pa. in 1826. Her grandfather, father, husband and brother all were associated with the late *The Sunbury News* and active in local politics.



Views of the Veterans' Memorial taken by Roger Roberts

Membership Update

Two businesses renewed their memberships in the historical society this past month. One took out a Patron Membership (\$100) and one a Silver Business Membership for \$500. This is the first Silver Membership for Big Walnut Historical Society. Many thanks for your patronage.

BWAHS at the Chamber Expo

Once again the Big Walnut Historical Society had a table at the Big Walnut Chamber of Commerce's Expo in the high school Thursday, April 25. Mel Meyers and Damon Bower were in charge of the exhibit. Roger Roberts and Polly Horn assisted Mel with the display and greeted visitors.

Students Learn in the Myers Inn

55 Hylan Souders 3rd graders visited the Myers Inn Museum April 26. Programs were presented by Alan and Carol Norris, Bill Kavage, Lynda O'Quinn, Marie Lacher, Alice Chapan, Roger Roberts and Polly Horn. Others

helping as guides were Alice Lacher, Patricia Kletrovetz, and Sheldon Lacher. June Campbell rang the school bell.

Myers Inn Museum & Gift Shop

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12-3 Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays
10-3 on Saturdays
facing southwest corner of Sunbury Square
740-965-1154



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 May - 30 BWMS to visit Myers Inn
- 4 May 1:00 - Mother's Day Tea
- In May - Polly Horn will give a PowerPoint talk to 5 American History Classes about 1950-1999 in Sunbury
- 10 May 6:00 Put Flags in Sunbury Cemetery
- 14 May 6:00 - BWAHS Board Meeting
- 14 May 7:30 - Program: "Story of Sunbury from Indian Trails to City" by Polly Horn
- 27 May 9-4 OPEN HOUSE -Memorial Day
- 11 June 6:00 - BWAHS Board Meeting
- 11 June 7:30 - Program: "The Hanging of Mary Surrat and the Lincoln Conspiracy" by Van Young
- 15 June 10:30 BWAHS Stories in Community Library