



Lavender and Lace



Last Call for Tickets to 2017 Mother - Daughter Tea

Big Walnut Area Historical Society is holding its annual Mothers & Daughters Tea at 2:00 Saturday, May 13, in the Myers Inn Museum. The event is open to all mothers and daughters but children must accompany an adult.

In addition to tea, three courses will be served – savories, scones and sweets. Between courses, the Valerie Hamill will share what type of herbs were used to reduce a fever, calm the nerves or even tend a wound during the Civil War.

During the American Civil War (1861-65), what type of herb would be used on an infected wound? Or in a fever-reducing tea? Or to calm a nervous disposition or stomach? Or remove freckles?

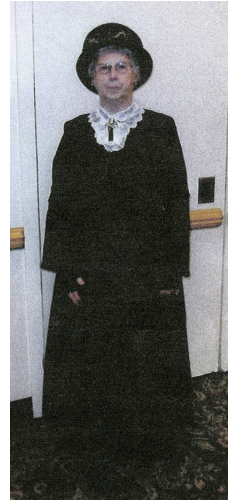
Guests will also be invited to make their own Tussie-Mussie, a small bouquet popular during the time period.

Valerie and her husband Bruce live on the family homestead in Galena, raise chickens, enjoy gardening, traveling, historical research, participating in Civil War events, and especially enjoy spending time with family.

Seating for the event is limited due to space. To reserve a seat, call Alice at 740-965-1942.

Rosie Frasier To Portray Mother Jones

Come to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society meeting at 7:30 in the Myers Inn Museum to meet Mary Harris Jones as portrayed by our B.W.A.H.S. member, Rosie Frasier.



Born May 1, 1837, in Cork City in the County of Cork, Ireland, Mary Harris and her parents were forced to migrate to Canada as a result of the potato famine. They faced discrimination because they were Irish and Catholic so Mary moved to Michigan to teach in a convent for \$8 a month. She moved to Chicago then Memphis where in 1861 she married George E. Jones, a member and organizer of the National Union of Iron Moulders. Eventually she quit teaching and became a dressmaker which carried her through the Civil War.

In 1867, a yellow fever epidemic killed her husband and children, (three girls and a boy under 5 years of age). She closed her shop and went back to Chicago where she opened another dressmaker's shop.

Four years later she lost everything in the Great Chicago Fire and joined the Knights of Labor. Her true work was just beginning.

She began working as an organizer for the Knights of Labor and the United Mine Workers union. From 1897, at about 60 years of age, she was known as Mother Jones. In 1902 she was called "the most dangerous woman in America" for her success in organizing mine

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Original Painting Becomes a Decal

B.W.A.H.S. member, Carolyn Heffelfinger painted a view of the General Rosecrans Statue with the Town Hall in the background. Bill Kavage put a copy on decals for the membership committee to send to people who join Big Walnut Area Historical Society or renew their membership. Watch for the decal in your mail with your membership card.

Costumed Docents and Guides Needed

Myers Inn Museum is open on Memorial Day, May 29. Shifts are 9-12:30 and 12:30-4. Call Polly 740-965-3582 if you can help. Park in Cashman lot on South Columbus for a donation to the Boy Scouts.

Continuing to Mark Veterans' Graves for Memorial Day

B.W.A.H.S., Sunbury Halter and Saddle 4-H Club and American Legion will continue to mark veterans' graves on Sunday, May 28. Meet at Burnside Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. to honor veterans who fought in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. When these are done we will journey up to Blue Church Cemetery and mark graves of veterans of the same wars. From there, we will go to East Liberty Cemetery. Then we will go to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Directions are on BWAHS website.

Myers Inn Museum & Gift Shop

OPEN

12-3 Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays

10-3 on Saturdays

facing southwest corner of Sunbury Square

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

May 3 at 1:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
May 9 at 6:30 Civil War School Day Committee
May 9 at 7:30 Rosie Frasier as Mother Jones
May 13 2:00 Mothers & Daughters Tea
May 19 Civil War School Day GUIDES NEEDED
May 28 2 p.m. Mark Veterans Graves
Cemetery
May 29 Myers Inn OPEN HOUSE

June

June 2 at 11 New Beginnings Visit to Myers Inn
June 7 at 1:00 Board of Trustees
June 13 at 7:30 BWAHS Meeting

July

July 4 Myers Inn Open House
July 5 at 1:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
July 7 at 10 Childcare Unlimited at Myers Inn
July 11 at 7:30 BWAHS Meeting

All Meetings in Myers Inn unless noted

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workers and their families against the mine owners. In 1903, to protest the lax enforcement of the child labor laws in the Pennsylvania mines and silk mills, she organized a children's march from Philadelphia to the home of President Theodore Roosevelt in New York.

Mother Jones magazine, established in 1976, is named for her.

Although 93 year old Mother Jones died in November 1930, Rosie Frasier will make her come alive at the historical society meeting in the Myers Inn Museum on Tuesday, May 9th. The program is open to everyone and the admission is free.

Retired librarian Rosie Frasier is a first-person interpreter for the Ohio History Connection, a member of several historical societies including BWAHS, and on the Board of Trustees of the Franklinton Historical Society. She does historical programs for school children, senior centers and historical societies.

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