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ICE CREAM SOCIAL and ENTERTAINMENT

Beavercreek Historical Society Ice Cream Social | Wartinger Park | July 26, 2011 | 6:30 PM

When attending an ice cream social you can always expect ice cream with some wonderful, mouth-watering toppings. The Beavercreek Historical Society's Ice Cream Social offers that and more.

The more is some great entertainment. This year it will be Beavercreek's own Beavercreek Strummers. This group had its beginnings in 2003 when the late Lucia Hooker approached the Beavercreek Senior Center about offering a ukulele class. When the

class ended the group rehearsed as a band each week in place of class time. As the group got better, it had reached a point where the members wanted to perform a show. It started small and played for places in the community such as Trinity Community and some other local senior facilities as well as a few church groups.

Unfortunately Lucia passed on and for a time Lee Duteil took over as band director while the group looked for a new director.

After a short time Don Enis Jr. offered to take over the band. Don had played (and was playing) with a few other groups. Under Don's leadership the band added some new members and instruments that took the band to the next level. The number of shows increased as did the quality of the group!

Due to Don's health he was unable to continue with the band and Alice Pleva, a band member, stepped up and is now leading the group.



Beavercreek Strummers will be performing at this year's Ice Cream Social

Living History

Gerry Smalley | Living History Coordinator

The Spring 2011 Living History is "History"! The program was presented to Fairbrook, Main and Parkwood Elementaries of Beaver Creek Schools. The Program ran from April 13 to May 15 with 15 classrooms attending. The first two weeks were wet, and the last days hot; but we had a very good session thanks to: Bob Bader, Bob Wagley, Denny Jarvi, and Art Bauer who came early each morning to build fires and open windows. The Opening program was done by Sarah Haller, Julie Sanderson, Jill Kincer, Kathy Bauer and Nancy Michaels. Our Quilters were Gina Kahn, Paralee Hendrickson, Julie Sanderson, Becky Jarvi, Lois Neil, and Dawn Hester. Candle Making was handled by Kathy Bauer, Grace Axer, and Gina Kahn. Our

Washboard Laundry was done by Diane Phillips, Laraine Wagley, Jill Kincer Sarah Haller, Mary Lou Wilkerson, Dawn Hester, and Nancy Michaels. Butter Making was handled by Paralee Hendrickson, Mary Bayman, Charlotte Hopkins and Gerry Smalley. Our Wool Spinners were Becky Jarvi, Sharon Jernigan, Shirley McCourt, and Sarah Haller. Finger Knitting was done by Becky Jarvi, Martha Rothman, Paralee Hendrickson, Diane Phillips and Gerry Smalley.

The afternoon session was done by our Gardeners (who had a difficult time because of the rain) John Rhodehamel, Bob Gustin, Ed Stafford, Don Kocarek, and Denny Jarvi. Herb Gardeners also had to deal with the rain but Stephanie Lindsley, Traudl Schrick, Charlotte

Panton, Dottie Kamammer, and Gerry Smalley did a wonderful job anyway. And finally Rag Dolls were made with Stephanie Lindsley, Janice Rice, Nancy Wagner, Charlotte Panton, Diane Phillips and Gerry Smalley.

Welcome to the new presenter this year. Denny Jarvi, Lois Neil, and Mary Lou Wilkinson. I would like to thank all of those behind the scenes that made rag doll kits, yarn balls, and quilt squares. Also a Big Thank You to Grace and Carl Lindsley who came to help clean up. Carl also came with his mother and took care of windows, firewood and helped the gardeners.

We are inviting all of you and your family to the July Historical Ice Cream Social as a thank you. Hope to see you there!

Historical Photo

from Beaver Creek Chronicles Volume 1



July 24, 1902, the Disastrous Wreck at Trebein. No. 2

Treasures from Private Collections

Bob Zimmer, Zelma Robinson, Nancy Wagner: Chairpersons of Event

The Quilt and Rug Show held at Wartinger Park was a wonderful exhibit. People in attendance seemed to enjoy the beautiful quilts and hooked rugs displayed in the Tobias-Zimmer Barn.

The Ankeney and Harshman log houses were open for tours with Boy Scout docents. The

furnishings were a highlight for those to admire in these 1800's structures.

The Miami Valley ATHA Rug Hooking Guild was responsible for the lovely displays and demonstrations of hooked rugs.

The Historical Society is

grateful for the leadership and efforts of the three co-chairpersons and appreciates those who also participated: Lois McFarland, Kathy Bauer, Ruth Anderson, Wendy and Bob Kirchoff, Julie Sanderson, Kathy Armstrong, Evelyn Nelson, Cindy Trick and the Beaver Creek Parks Department.



Evelyn Nelson and Cindy Trick of the Miami Valley ATHA Rug Hooking Guild



Just a few of the many quilts on display in the Tobias-Zimmer Barn

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR Beaver Creek Heritage Days and Herb Days!

Saturday, September 17th 10:00 AM — 6:00 PM

Sunday, September 18th 11:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Beaver Creek Heritage Days and Herb Days is a free event for the entire family. Children's activity tickets may be purchased for \$2.00 a piece. This event brings our local history to the present with delicious pioneer foods and

children's games, local artisans, a penny candy store and good old-fashioned fun and music.

Take a tour of Wartinger Park and its rustic historic log homes and enjoy the spirit of Beaver Creek

at its roots. Bring your friends, neighbors and family to this wonderful trip back in time sponsored by the Beaver Creek Historical Society and the Flower Trail Garden Club.

Herb Garden Tours at Wartinger Park

Free of Charge | July 27 at 10AM | August 6 at 10AM | August 31 at noon

Flower Trail Garden Club of Beavercreek recently celebrated their 55th anniversary with a tea held at Wartinger Park on Kemp Road. Refreshments of punch, tea, assorted tea sandwiches, a lovely decorated cake on the club's yellow mums, and cookies made by the members were served in the Harshman Loghouse, with guests spilling out onto the covered porch. Present and past Flower Trail members, G.C.O. (Garden Club of Ohio Inc.) flower show judges from Cincinnati and

Lebanon, other garden club members from Dayton District and several Historical Society members from Beavercreek, Riverside and Xenia were in attendance.

The club has maintained the herb garden behind the Jarusiewicz Cabin since 1976 and a garden with old roses was added in 1984 to enhance the beauty of the park. Club president Traudl Schrick and anniversary tea Chairperson Eleanor Kohlmann made it a special day for all to celebrate.



Christina Addison serving refreshments at the anniversary

Attention Living History Volunteers

All Beavercreek elementary third graders, including St. Luke, visited the Living History program in the 2010-11 school year. This educational program, which is tied directly to the required curriculum, could not exist were it not for dedicated volunteers.

As a thank you, you and your family are invited to attend the:

July Historical Society Ice Cream Social
July 26, 2011 at 6:30 PM at Wartinger Park

Hope to see both the Fall and Spring volunteers there!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Be sure to check out all of the upcoming events listed on the back cover!

Saluting Our Volunteers: *Linda & Carl Hogrefe*

(Note: This is the first in a series of articles that will focus personally on the many volunteers that together make the Beavercreek Historical Society a vital part of our Beavercreek community. We thank and salute ALL who in any way contribute to the Society's mission of preserving the past for the future.)

Linda and Carl Hogrefe are self-proclaimed history buffs, strongly interested in historic preservation. "It's been fun," said Linda, as the couple reminisced about their various involvements with the BHS. Over the years, they have been involved various ways in the organization.

One of the most unique contributions that the Hogrefe family makes to the Society is the homemade old-fashioned lye soap that they cook up and contribute at no charge to our Living History program. Each attending student receives a personal-sized piece of soap when they learn how early Beavercreek pioneers did their laundry.

Linda and Carl's interest in making soap began around 2004, prompted by daughter Sharon's interest in soap and candle making. Their soap recipe consists of just the right balance of lard and lye, with a dash of fragrance or essential oil. This results in a lye soap that is not too caustic and has a fresh smell. Their soap and homemade soy candles will be for sale at their display booth at Heritage Days in September.

The couple reports being invited to be a part of the organization in 1994 by Laura and Bob Bader, and by January of 1995, Carl became the Secretary, continuing for thirteen years through July 2009. If you do the math, during his tenure as Secretary, Carl did at bare minimum at least 143 separate meeting minutes! Carl currently serves as a docent and tour guide at Carillon Historic Park where he enjoys sharing the history of the region's past with the many visitors who pass through the park.

Linda became a part of the Log-by-Log Newsletter Mailing Committee around 2003, and in 2005 took over responsibility for that effort, and continues it now. Duties include keeping up-to-date mailing labels, buying and organizing supplies, picking up the newsletters from the editor

and getting those assembled and into the mail in a timely fashion. She has a cadre of both male and female volunteers who meet at the Hogrefe home on a quarterly basis to accomplish this task. Thanks to all those who help in that effort.

Beavercreek residents since 1961, Linda and Carl are the parents of two sons and one daughter, and grandparents to five grandsons. They especially enjoy traveling to historic destinations and participating in outdoor activities that range from grandchildren's ballgames, biking, and hiking to the never-ever finished work of caring for flowers and landscaping in the yard. We thank them for their many contributions to the Beavercreek Historical Society. We could not do what we do in our community without the willingness to serve that is modeled by so many of you.



Harvest Dinner Dates Set for October

Mark your calendars! The annual Harvest Dinners, one of the most popular events hosted by the Society, will be served on October 21, 22 and 23, 2011. In addition to being a very popular event, Harvest Dinners are a major fund-raiser for our organization. BHS member Helen Haun has graciously consented to head up this year's event. Thanks so much, Helen!

The Harvest Dinners are served hearth-side in the Harshman and Ankeney log homes at Wartinger Park, making for an enjoyable historical dining atmosphere. Complete details about how and when to make your reservations will be sent in a separate mailing to all members in early September.

Several people have already agreed to take reservations, enlist

volunteers, serve dinners, etc. We hope that many of you who have helped in the past to make this event so successful will step up again this year to assist in the various tasks that are involved. If you have yet to volunteer to help, but would like to do so, we'll be happy to have you, too! If you're interested, please contact Helen at 427-0741 or 776-4755.



Photos from last year's Harvest Dinner

ACQUISITIONS

Recent donations to the Historical Society include the following:

A sewing box, early Avon powder box, eye glasses and a feather hat were donated by Grace and Harold Axer. These items are now on display in the Coy House.

Early 20th century items, including a hat, cape, shoe buckles and a doiley were donated by Tori Sue Jacobson. The cape is hanging in the armoire at the Harshman House and the other items are on display in the Coy House.

A velvet cape donated by Charlotte Hopkins is now in the armoire at the Harshman House.

A small half-spindle rocker, an air conditioner and three file cabinets were donated by Laura and Bob Bader. The rocker can be seen in the Ankeney House and the other items are in use at the Coy House.

A feather fan, gloves, two beaded purses and a lace head

scarf were donated by Nancy Wagner and are on display in the Coy House.

Three glass candy jars and a metal scoop were donated by Jennifer Wagley and will be used in the General Store during Heritage Days.

We thank all of these people for adding to our ever expanding collections. If you have questions about donating items please call Lorraine Wagley at 426-8325.

Seeking Your Stories ...

The goal of the Log by Log Newsletter is to keep our readers abreast of what is happening currently with the Beaver Creek Historical Society and to share historical information about Beaver Creek's past – be it a century past or the more recent past. After all, our organization's official purpose is preserving the past for the future. We very much appreciate those of you who have been contributing articles and hope you will continue to do so; but we also seek to broaden our input, hearing from others who also have interesting stories to share with our readers. If you have an interest in writing, particularly

articles regarding happenings from the past, please let us hear from you. Because we now publish quarterly rather than monthly, we ask that each article be self-contained with the start and finish of the story contained in one issue on one page. The recommended length is within 640 words without a picture, or 500 words or less if there is an accompanying picture or pictures. You may submit your article by email to our Log by Log editor, Steve Baldwin at sbaldwin@baldwincreates.com. Call Steve at 937-912-0230 if you have questions. We'd love to hear from you!

Slate of 2011-2012

ELECTION TO BE HELD AT JULY 26 ANNUAL MEETING

OFFICERS:

Lynn Hickman-Long

President
426-1522

Bob Wagley

VP, Internal Operations
426-8325

Nancy Wagner

VP, External Operations
426-1272

Jill Kincer

Secretary
429-0291

Wendy Kirchoff

Treasurer
426-4871

Contact us at bhsohio@gmail.com

Yes, I'm Interested.

I'd like to join!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Annual Memberships (check one):

- \$5 Student (age 18 and below)
- \$15 Individual
- \$20 Family
- \$50 Club/Organization
- \$100 - \$499 Patriot

Or Lifetime Memberships (check one):

- \$500 - \$999 Preservationist
- \$1000 (and above) Historian

How can I help?

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Developing oral history of Beaver Creek
- Writing or editing for monthly newsletter
- Tours and historical programs at the park
- Craft demonstrations
- Acquisitions committee
- Publicity committee
- Working on barn or house preservation
- Creative fundraising opportunities
- Membership committee
- Educational committee
- Hospitality committee

Send checks (payable to Beaver Creek Historical Society) and this form to:
1368 Research Park Drive, Beaver Creek, Ohio 45432

Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting, July 14

Coy House – 4:00 PM

Annual Meeting/Ice Cream Social, July 26

Wartinger Park, 3040 Kemp Road – 6:30 PM

Flower Trail Garden Club Tours, July 27, Aug. 6 & 31

Wartinger Park, 3040 Kemp Road

Board Meeting, August 11

Coy House – 4:00 PM

Heritage & Herb Days, September 17–18

Wartinger Park, 3040 Kemp Road

Newsletter Submission Deadline, Sept. 23

5:00 PM

Harvest Dinner, October 21 – 23

Wartinger Park, 3040 Kemp Road

Quarterly Meeting, October 25

Beavercreek Board of Education
3040 Kemp Road – 7:00 PM



1368 Research Park Drive
Beavercreek, Ohio 45432

"The objectives of the organization are to preserve structures of historical significance, to develop and present community education programs, and to create a learning center for historic education."

Beavercreek Historical Society Annual Meeting

Barn at Wartinger Park | Tuesday, July 26, 2011 | 6:30PM

BHS to Host 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social

The city's historical society invites one and all to a very sweet deal -- a good old community ice cream social allowing us to spend some quiet time with friends and neighbors!

In addition to ice cream and conversation, the society will have some old-fashioned toys for the younger ones to enjoy. For the delight of everyone we will feature our community's *The Beavercreek Strummers*.(see pg. 1)

Following the program, the Historical Society will conduct a short business meeting which is also open to the public. As this is our annual meeting, an election of officers will take place. In addition to the printed slate of officers (pg. 9), individuals are urged to nominate themselves or others for the positions of President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Need more info? beavercreekhistoricalsociety.org or call Bob at 426-8325.

Do you have something to submit?

The next issue of Log By Log will mail on October 3rd, 2011. If you have something to include, please send it to the editor by the September 23rd, 2011 deadline. Submissions can be sent to:

sbaldwin@baldwincreates.com



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