

Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting, April 12
Coy House – 6:30 PM

**Spring Living History, April 16-19, 23-24,
26-27, May 4, 7-10**
Wartinger Park, 3040 Kemp Road

Quarterly Meeting, April 24
"The Evolving Presidency"
Beavercreek Board of Education
3040 Kemp Road – 7:00 PM

Board Meeting, May 10
Coy House – 6:30 PM

Board Meeting, June 14
Coy House – 6:30 PM

Newsletter Submission Deadline, June 21
5:00 PM

Annual Meeting/Ice Cream Social, July 24
Wartinger Park, 3040 Kemp Road – 6:15 PM



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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 Quarterly Meeting

3040 Kemp Road | Tuesday, April 24, 2012 | 7:00PM

On April 24, 2012 the Beavercreek Historical Society will hold the Quarterly Meeting. The speaker will be James Sayer, a faculty emeritus from the Department of Communication, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University. Mr. Sayer also served as Dean and Professor of Communications at the Wright State University, Lake Campus.

The topic of Mr. Sayer's presentation is, "The Evolving

Presidency: what our Founders created and how it has changed over the years--both good and bad."

Based on our current political environment and election year this should be a very timely and interesting presentation.

The meeting will be held at the Beavercreek School Board office at 3040 Kemp Road beginning at 7:00 p.m.

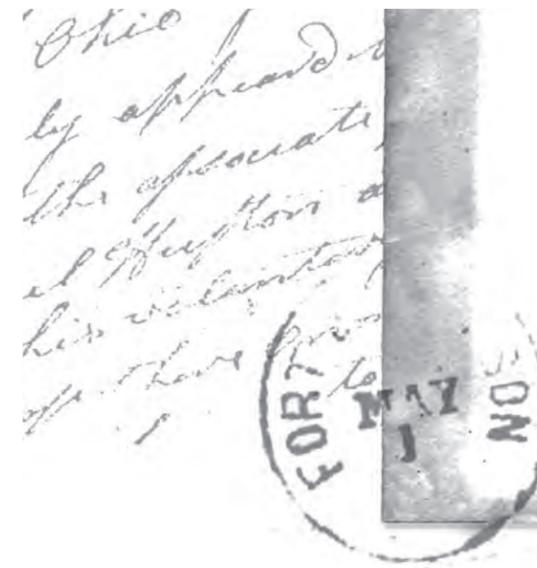
Do you have something to submit?

The next issue of Log By Log will mail on July 2nd, 2012. If you have something to include, please send it to the editor by the June 21st, 2012 deadline. Submissions can be sent to:

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Living History 2012

Gerry Smalley | Living History Coordinator

At this writing it seems Spring is really here! Here's hoping it isn't just teasing us. At any rate it is time to be thinking about our Spring Living History Program. The dates are set and the teachers have chosen their days and I'm sure looking forward to coming to Wartinger Park. I look forward to seeing all those who volunteered for our program. If you are not presently volunteering for this program you are really missing out on a rewarding experience and we could use more help. We will be putting on the program for 13 days, a day for each classroom.

Each day requires about 10 presenters. Our program lets the children experience what it was like back in the early 1800's when Ohio and Beavercreek were being settled. We teach quilting, candle making, spinning, knitting, butter making, and laundry in the morning and vegetable, herb gardening and rag doll making in the afternoon. The whole program is written out so all you have to do is present this to the children and help them have a hands-on experience of each activity. We start about 8:30 A.M. and we are finished by 1:15 P.M. If you

are doing a morning activity you would need to be there about 2 hours, and a little over 1 hour for afternoon activities. We start on April 16 and finish on May 10. Because of testing and other activities we will not be presenting the program April 20, 25, and 30 or May 1, 2, and 3. I would like to clean, move, and set up for the program on the 12th or 13th, depending upon when I can get help. If you can assist with this please let me know. I look forward to seeing some new faces as well as the familiar ones this spring.



Beavercreek school children experience life in our area as it was in the early 1800's.



More visitors at 2011's Living History program.

Save the date!
Ice Cream Social,
Annual Business
Meeting and
Officer Election

July 24, 2012
6:15 pm
Wartinger Park

Entertainment provided
by the Beaver Creek
Strummers.

Annual Membership Renewal Dates Change For 2013

Instead of the awkward Fall membership renewal period that the Beaver Creek Historical Society has used in the past, the membership year has recently changed to begin on January 1st of each year and end on December 31st. This move will improve record keeping for the society and make it easier for our members to remember their annual renewal intervals. As a bonus for 2012 only, you will receive the Fall

issue of Log by Log for free! Please contact our membership chairperson, Zelma Robinson, at 426-2850 if you have any questions regarding this change.

The Beaver Creek Historical Society welcomes the following new members:

- Virginia Kay
- E. John Gaskill
- Harvey Zimmerman

ELECTIONS ON THE HORIZON NO PRIMARY NEEDED!

Zelma Robinson, our Membership Chair, has graciously consented to chair the Nominating Committee that will gather a slate of candidates for officers of the Society to be elected to serve for the 2012-2013 year. She asks that members consider what role they may be willing to step into with our organization, particularly as an officer, to be a part of the team to lead our mission of preserving the past for the future. We also seek a Program Chair, however, that is not

an elected but rather an appointed position.

The good news is: no political campaigning, no super pac required, no tricky interviews on those pesky early morning shows!

Seriously, if you would be interested in serving, have a name to suggest, or would like further information, please phone Zelma at 426-2850. The election will be held at the July Ice Cream Social & Annual Meeting.

OFFICERS FOR 2011 - 2012:

Jill Kincer
Interim President
429-0291

Bob Wagley
VP, Internal Operations
426-8325

Nancy Wagner
VP, External Operations
426-1272

Jill Kincer
Secretary
429-0291

Wendy Kirchoff
Treasurer
429-1520

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

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Thank You for Your Leadership, Lynn Hickman-Long

We are sorry to share that Lynn Hickman Long resigned her position as President of the Beaver Creek Historical Society effective February 6, 2012, citing increased responsibilities in her professional position. She served as President since being elected in July of 2009.

In her letter of resignation sent to board members, she stated, "I have been honored and privileged to serve as your president and have learned so much during our time together." She closed by saying, "Each of you plays an extraordinary role in preserving the historical significance of our community's people and culture. You are truly doing important

and valued work for the city of Beaver Creek. I wish this wonderful organization and all of you the very best."

The membership of the Beaver Creek Historical Society thanks Lynn for her leadership, wishes her the best, and hopes that in the future she will be able to return to active participation in the organization.

The Board of Trustees voted to appoint Jill Kincer to the position of Interim President at their February meeting, and she will serve in that role until elections for the 2012-2013 year are held in July at the Annual Meeting.

The dates have been set for spring 2012 Living History.

The first two weeks of activity will be **April 16, 17, 18** and **19**, and **April 23, 24, 26, 27**. The third week will be Friday only, **May 4**, but followed by **May 7, 8, 9**, and **10**. Gerry Smalley is coordinating volunteers, so if you'd like to assist in this worthwhile event, she can be reached at (937) 426-5869.

Larry Marple Reports for Duty

On January 24, 2012 the Beaver Creek Historical Society met at the Beaver Creek School Board office to hear Mr. Larry Marple speak. He is a professional educator who is involved in living history reenactments and he made his presentation dressed in a civil war uniform. The focus of his presentation was on soldiers from the 16th Ohio Independent Battery of Artillery which was raised in Springfield, Ohio and served from September 1861 through the end of the War. Mr. Marple spoke to

the audience in the first person, talking about life as a civil war soldier. He provided information that gave the audience a very unique glimpse into the daily activities of the soldiers along with more intimate personal details about the struggles and sacrifices of these men. Mr. Marple also brought with him a collection of items from the civil war period for viewing. The presentation was very interesting and enjoyed by all who attended.



Mr. Larry Marple in period uniform.

Saluting Our Volunteers: *Bob Bader*

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



Bob Bader shares that he was drawn to become involved in the Beaver Creek Historical Society because "studying the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the early pioneers is a fascinating story." The Beaver Creek Historical Society continues to be thankful to Bob Bader for his own ingenuity and resourcefulness during the twenty years he's been an active and dedicated volunteer and leader for the organization. His attention to detail and his dedication to the mission are beyond reproach.

Bob's many efforts to layout a plan for the Society's longevity into the future have been vital. He was elected Treasurer in 1992 and served in that position until the summer of 2010. He led the Society, in conjunction with the late attorney Dick Richman, to become incorporated in the State of Ohio, to become established as an official non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the Internal Revenue Service, and in protecting the name of the organization through registration with the State of Ohio. During this period, he also served as the Society's Statutory Agent. As Treasurer, Bob also introduced budgeting, accountability and reporting procedures for handling the Society's finances, and along with Al Gunderson, he established an annual prioritization process for the events and projects of the Society.

Bob has chaired many of the improvements at Wartinger Park including re-roofing the Harshman and Ankeney Houses, the re-thinking of the Harshman House, the design and construction of the Lean-To at the Tobias-Zimmer Barn, and the design and construction of Marie's (Wartinger) Garden. He also chaired the improvements to the Barn including the concrete floor, re-siding, re-roofing and electrification.

Over the years he has chaired the several revisions of the Society's Bylaws and recently led the effort to develop Job Descriptions and Chairpersons

Responsibility document as well as the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Society on Wartinger Park responsibilities. Along with Al Bertke and Mike Frazier, he co-chaired the project that resulted in a set of five DVDs documenting early life in Beaver Creek. Bob also served on the Beaver Creek Chronicle II committee.

Although no longer a member of the Board of Trustees, he continues to be involved in events and projects such as Living History, Heritage Days (he hasn't missed one in 20 years!) and most recently chairing a Society project in memory of Ken Wartinger. Never one to be afraid of getting his hands dirty, he's been a Jack-of-all-Trades-- fixing things, building shelves, taking care of various tasks at the Park.

Bob and wife Laura continue to serve the organization they love, but also find that their interests have expanded north to Michigan following the joyful entrance into their lives of 2-1/2 year old granddaughter and a soon-to-arrive grandson. Bob encourages others to become involved at whatever level of participation fits their schedule and notes that many opportunities exist for the eager volunteer! We thank Bob for his loyal service, and thank all of our many volunteers who together contribute in ways large and small to make the Beaver Creek Historical Society a leader in preserving our community's heritage for the future.

THE HARBINE-HELLER HOUSE

This grand Georgian colonial home can be seen on the south side of Route 35 just south of the Alpha. It was built by John Harbine and remained in the Harbine family for 179 years.

John and his bride Hettie traveled by wagon from Maryland in 1827 with all their worldly possessions. What money they had was nailed under the axle of the wagon. At first they lived in a small log cabin on the site where the main house was later constructed. This cabin was the very first to be built in Beavercreek and was used as a courthouse when, on May 10, 1803, a meeting was held of the associate judges for the purpose of laying off Greene County into townships. The courthouse was then moved to Xenia, but the log cabin remained, being used as a home for the young Harbines; their first child, Daniel, was born there.

This particular land with its water location appealed to John, an ambitious young farmer. He had a knowledge of milling and in time had built five mills on his land—a woolen mill, sawmill, gristmill, distillery and oil mill for making linseed oil from flax. This explains

how Factory Road, where these mills were located, got its name.

In 1944 A. Z. Heller purchased the home and remaining 75 acres. He planned extensive improvements to the homestead. A few years later the State was planning a new expressway, which was designed to cross the Heller farmland; in the initial plans this expressway was to take the house in its path. The Hellers stopped renovation and spent five years of anguish as Mr. Heller endeavored to keep the house and land intact.

The highway department finally agreed to put a curve in the expressway and thereby the house was saved. However, a 300-fruit-tree orchard, just reaching prime stage, was destroyed. Fences were torn down, a very large maple tree of 36-inch diameter was uprooted and the general seclusion of the place went with the establishment of the new highway.

Remodeling of the 14-room pioneer home continued with the addition of a modern kitchen on the rear of the house. All the glass in windows throughout the house was replaced; the roof and

spouting were repainted in addition to bathroom remodeling. The house has a grand and expansive entrance hall with curved stairway leading to the second floor.

In 1988 the home was purchased by the Children's Services Board and utilized as a group home. The house was rewired, a sprinkling system and well pump installed, carpet replaced with fire-rated carpet, and a fire alarm system with bells, alarms, and smoke detectors in the closets was installed.

Excerpts from: "Grand Colonial Home is Historic Landmark" by Betty Chandler, Beavercreek News, November 27, 1968; "Heller Home Being Put to Good Use" by Yvonne Mullins, Beavercreek Current, November 9, 1988.

Don't Miss April 24 Quarterly Meeting

We are pleased that Jim Sayer of Wright State will be presenting an interesting and timely program on "The Evolving Presidency: what our Founders created and how it has changed over the years--both good and bad." Our previously scheduled presenter of tales in Pants Down Woods has informed us he is unable to attend. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Beavercreek Board of Education office on Kemp.



HelleMansion

Historic Farmsteads in Beavercreek

Courtesy of Beverly Reynolds, Mt. Belvieu, TX

Fairground Road Homestead: Mary Magalena Ankeney, child of David (4th Generation), married John D. Steele on January 26, 1832. He bought a farm of 160 acres located on Fairground Road (formerly Ankeney Mill Rd.). They lived in a log cabin until John built the brick home in 1854. The bricks were kilned at the site. The log cabin sat on the ridge of a slope

located behind the brick home. In 1863 the farm was sold to Mary's younger brother Henry. Two years after Henry's death in 1882, the farm was sold to her nephew Lewis Warren Ankeney. Upon his death the farm was left to Catharine, Lois, and William Nelson. J. Blaine received the home farm. William Nelson bought out his sister Lois share of the farm and before her

death Catharine sold her portion (22 acres) to her son-in-law, Dick Sultzbach.

Note: The house still stands today in 2012. The location of the property is on the north side of Fairground Road approximately one mile east of its juncture with Beaver Valley Road.



Trebein Road Homestead: In 1876, Nelson bought the farm on Trebein Road, consisting of 90 acres and there he lived until his death in 1902. He erected a large new barn upon buying the farm and erected a wooden dwelling house in 1879 to replace an existing smaller wooden house. When Nelson died his land was left to his wife Sidney. Upon her

death in 1921, the farm was left to her daughter Clara, for her sons Charles and Lewis Warren already had farms. In 1946, William Nelson bought the 90 acres farm from his late Aunt Clara. Upon William Nelson death, his wife Lillian received the farm. In 1980 Lillian sold the farm to her daughter Lucile and granddaughter, Joan. In the winter of 1987 the farm was

sold to Ervin Nutter.

Note: This land is the current location of the Stonehill Village housing development, and the only structure remaining of those shown in the photograph below is the large barn which has been transformed into the recreational Centre at Stonehill.

