2021 came in like a lion

by Linda Poynter

We, like all of you, have high hopes for a much brighter new year – when our daily lives can safely include activities that we love and enjoy – spending time with family and friends, traveling, going to concerts and more. While we patiently wait for that time to come, many projects need to be completed and decisions made at White Water.

While we had hoped to host the 2021 Annual Gathering this spring, we feel that it is best to again postpone this event until it is safer to do so. We hope to be able to host the Annual Gathering in late summer to early fall. We will keep you informed via email, our Facebook page, our website and our next newsletter.

January, which is usually a quiet month at the village, was roaring with activity. During our monthly board meeting, water was discovered in the dwelling basement. Shortly thereafter, the box gutters were cleaned and sealed on both the Meeting House and the Dwelling. You will find more details about both in articles and captioned photos found in this newsletter.

Annual Appeal update

Exterior painting project for the 1827 Meeting House and the 1832 Dwelling

by Linda Poynter

The Friends of White Water Shaker Village are blessed with so many faithful and generous members. The buildings truly have many people looking out for their welfare. It definitely takes a village to take care of the Village.

As of March 31, 2021, over $9,122 has been donated during this Annual Appeal toward the exterior painting project for the Meeting House and Dwelling, which has been estimated to cost approximately $26,000.

As you may remember from our previous newsletter, we submitted a grant application to the Ohio History Fund. The History Fund received 49 applications this year, totaling more than $679,000 in grant requests with $130,900 to grant. While we were hopeful to be granted funding for this project, we received word February 27 that FWWSV was not a 2021 grant recipient. The board is now considering painting the Meeting House with available funds and painting the dwelling as additional funds are raised.

We sincerely appreciate all who have been able to contribute toward this essential project. If you would like to contribute toward this preservation project, you may do so by sending a check to FWWSV, 11813 Oxford Rd, Harrison OH 45030 or by using Paypal via our website. Please write “Painting Project” on the memo line.

The main source of grant funding for the Ohio History Fund is the Ohio income tax “check-off” for the Ohio History Fund. The more Ohioans give through the tax check-off, the more the History Fund can grant to organizations like ours. If you receive a refund on your Ohio income taxes and are interested in helping historical projects throughout Ohio, you can donate any portion of your refund to the “Ohio History Fund” tax check-off.

Grant for Dwelling paint colors

We have received funding from the W. E. Smith Family Charitable Trust for paint analysis of painted wooden surfaces in the 1832 Shaker Dwelling that will enable authentic and accurate restoration of the interior of the building. Candidates for paint analysis are peg rail, chair rail, window casings and staircase railings and newel posts.

The paint analysis will be performed by Susan Buck, PhD, conservator and paint analyst, using cross-section microscopy techniques which she has developed. Buck is familiar with the Shakers’ practices and use of paint and has performed analysis for the South Union Shaker Village and Enfield Shaker Village in New Hampshire. Buck has also done work at Mt. Vernon.

We anticipate that the analysis will reveal the rich palatte of colors that the Shakers applied to wooden surfaces during the first quarter of the 19th century, updates by the Shakers before their departure in 1916, and post-Shaker paint applications.

Renewed your membership?

It is membership renewal time! Memberships coincide with the calendar year and are due for the 2021. Your dues are vital in supporting the operations and basic needs of the village (such as propane for heat, electricity, water and phone line for the security system) as well as maintenance and restoration projects. Please complete the enclosed Response Card and mail to the FWWSV, 11813 Oxford Road, Harrison OH 45030
New Members
Jackie & Steve Fiora     Family
Larry & Trish Kluener    Family

Life Members
Allen & Kay Bornemann
Richard Dabrowski & Carolyn Smith
Curt DeBaun
Scott & Elaine Hoover
Lois Madden
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Dale Spencer
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Marketa Anderson        Individual
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Bruce & Linda Poynter   Sponsor
Thomas Queen            Individual
Elizabeth Riorden       Sponsor
Bill & Karla Roberts    Family
Jeff & Teri Rolfe       Family
Paul Ruffing            Sponsor
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Suzanne & Mayo Sanders  Sponsor
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Jon & Jackie Seymour    Sponsor
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Rick Spencer & Amy Roberts Family
Antonio Torres          Individual
Bob & Pat Wagner        Family
Roberta Warndorf        Individual
Wayne Wauligman         Family
Karen & Tom Weingartner Family
Peggy & George West     Family
Paul & Nancy Wheeler    Family
Sherry Wittry           Individual
Bonnie Woll             Individual

Meeting House & Dwelling Exterior Painting Project
Patrick & Mary Allen     Marketa Anderson
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Richard Dabrowski        Deborah Brunner
Carolyn Smith            Jack & Sue Buescher
Donors, monetary

Cincinnati Cycle Club
Mariemont Chapter of the DAR

Meeting House Restoration
George & Darlene Kohrman

Donations – Artifacts
The Warren County Historical Society in Lebanon, Ohio has placed on permanent loan to us a number of 19th century farming and woodworking tools. Among the items donated are a harrow attributed to Union Village, a cradle scythe, carpenters tools, augers, a beam boring machine, axes, and a grain fork. Our thanks to our friends at WCHS!
Third time’s a charm
by Linda Poynter

During our January board meeting in the dwelling on Thursday January 21, a large amount of water was discovered in the dwelling basement. Upon closer inspection, a small hole was found in the south foundation wall with a small, steady stream of water coming into the building. Originally, it was thought that it came from rain water seeping in from around the foundation, but we hadn’t had hard rains locally since the start of the new year. Inspection of the water meter confirmed our fears – we had another water line break.

Water is needed to maintain the hot water system in the dwelling – the building is heated to 55° in the winter to keep pipes from bursting and plaster from deteriorating. After contacting our HVAC service man, we decided that we would turn off the water and keep a close eye on the boiler, making sure the boiler pressure was maintained and the system continued to operate safely. Several board members took turns going to the village several times a day to check the pressure and to turn on the water for a short period of time to supply makeup water to the boiler system.

Shawn Roell, the plumbing contractor who constructed our septic system, was able to replace the entire water line from the Meeting House to the dwelling on Tuesday January 26. He replaced the copper line (which can be affected by some soils) with a flexible plastic water supply line. The job was completed in just under four hours. We are thankful to have a new water line and look forward to many leak-free years.

Meeting House progress

It has been a long winter with progress slowly moving along on resuming the restoration of the Meeting House and making site improvements required by zoning (parking lots, walkways, grading, etc.). We have engaged a lighting designer who has recommended how the first floor meeting room can be illuminated in an aesthetically appropriate way – in keeping with the Shakers’ use of the building – and at the same time meet lighting codes. We will meet soon with Great Parks – via Webex – to present plans for a handicapped ramp for the meeting house and moving the main parking lot to a more central location to reduce costs. Construction drawings need to be reviewed and approved by our landlord, Great Parks of Hamilton County, prior to presenting the plans to the building department for approval.

The restoration work in the meeting house involves repairing flooring, rebuilding second floor walls and the attic staircase, plaster repair, new wiring, rehanging the first floor ceiling, lighting, heating the second floor, painting historic Shaker colors, and providing handicapped access. We look forward to having handicapped and regular parking lots, walkways, exterior lighting, and grading for drainage as “Phase II”.

Your support is making a difference! We have raised $45,000 and we continue to look for grants and funding to support our efforts. If you know of any possible grants, corporate sponsors or matching funds, please let us know. Future donations, great and small, are welcome.
Weather report from White Water in 1838

Excerpts from a letter from Elder Archibald Meacham to Beloved Ministry, March 15, 1838. (WRHS IV: A-86, Reel 26)

The 13th of February it began to snow & continued to snow by spells several days til it fell about 12 inches in depth & the cold increased & think it was the coldest spell of Winter that we have had ever known in the Country & lasted the longest, on the morning of the 22nd of February the mercury fell 23 degrees below zero...

The good spell of slaying that we have had has been well improved. Mostly in hawling logs to our saw mill. It seemed the whole neighborhood was engaged in get as many saw logs to our Mill as they possibly could, the number collected as near as we could count was about five hundred. However by the time the snow had all disappeared & the frost out of the Earth & the Mud is so deep that the roads are almost impassable.

(Logs were hauled over frozen ground down to the frozen millpond to await the spring thaw and sawing. The saw mill was on the Dry Fork, just east of the North Family.)
The Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc.
11813 Oxford Road
Harrison OH 45030

First Class Mail

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Response Card for your Participation

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