

## MUSEUM NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

The Port Clinton Area Heritage Foundation (Museum People) wish to thank you for your support of the Ottawa County Historical Museum. We couldn't do it without you.

The museum presently has on display a beautiful cut glass vase, which is on loan from the Ronald Tewers' family. The vase was cut by Edith Bennet Tewers, Ron's mother, when she was employed by the Oak Harbor Glass Company in the early 1920's. The Oak Harbor Glass Factory was located on Bank Street near the present State Highway Garage in Oak Harbor. Part of the concrete floor still remains on that site. The factory burned to the ground about 1926. For a short time after the fire it was located on the second floor of the Oak Harbor Fire Department. The glass factory was then moved to Tiffin and operated there for a short while. The glass was not manufactured in Oak Harbor, but was purchased at two different locations and shipped into Oak Harbor in barrels. One of the suppliers of the glass was Egg Harbor, New Jersey. The fine etching was done at the Oak Harbor factory. There were four or five different patterns, all of them flowers. These patterns are a great help in identifying the glassware because much of it has no distinct imprint or logo on it. This expensive glassware could be purchased in clear or the colors of light blue, light burgundy, green and there may have been a yellow. Today the glassware is relatively scarce. We wish to thank Frank Gluth from Oak Harbor for the above information. He informs us that if you wish more information on the Glass Company to contact Mrs. James Bahs on State Route 163

Have you noticed the leaded glass windows in the front windows of the museum? They were donated by Mrs. Virginia Turner and were from the old brick and sandstone Methodist Church on the corner of Adams and Second Street in Port Clinton. This early church was built in 1890 and razed in 1963 to make room for the present United Methodist Church. The early congregation had raised money for this church by selling brick certificates. Ex-President Hayes was asked to purchase a brick and this was his reply dated April 1889. "Dear Miss Heim, Enclosed find \$1.00 to pay for brick bought by Mrs. Hayes and myself to help build Methodist Episcopal Church in Port Clinton. We get such a host of calls of this sort we are forced to send them to the waste basket. But your nice letter and the fact that you are a neighbor make you an exception. R.B. Hayes and Wife"

Curator Elizabeth Denny along with the help of volunteer, Natalie Bredbeck, have been busy arranging pictures and post cards of the area in the display rack which was donated by J R'S Hallmark Store. Elizabeth has also been busy sorting out memorabilia, which had belonged to Miss Alma Casperson. We have Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maloy to thank for these treasures.

Attention Plate Collectors: We have several Port Clinton Sesquicentennial Plates available at the Museum. A donation of \$7.95 for the plates and a donation of \$5.00 for Sesquicentennial books would be appreciated. Brown's Books, Music and More Store are also providing us a service by selling these items in their Port Clinton store.

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Several organizations from out of this area, as well as our local schools, have recently toured the museum. A small exhibit from the museum was on display at the Port Clinton Junior High School for their Art and Music Entertainment Night. Speaking engagements and special tours of the museum are available for clubs and organizations by contacting Elizabeth Denney either at the museum 734-5574 or at her home 734-1213.

When visiting the museum take notice of the plans for the new addition. The drawings of the expansion were done by John Minderman. A big thank you goes to Mr. Minderman for all the help he gave us in our remodeling and these new plans. Looking forward to the expansion of the museum, we should mention that donor cards are available at the museum. Upon receipt of a memorial donation, a notification is promptly sent to the family. A sample of the donor card is shown below.

The American Legion Post 113 donated a new flag which was flown over the museum this past Memorial Day. ~~The first flag flown and the flag pole~~ were donated by the Port Clinton Class of 1938. We also wish to give recognition to the Men's Garden Club for their splendid arrangement in front of the museum and their care of it. You can come rest on the wooden bench donated by Sam and Jane Howerth and gaze at our garden.

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MUSEUM HOURS: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thursday  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday