

**Having a yard sale?
Cleaning out /throwing
out? Moving?**

Call Peggy at 419-732-1039 if you have items of **local interest**—menus, fliers, souvenirs, etc., before you sell them or throw them out. We acquire the items in our museum by donation and appreciate your thinking of us!

NEEDED: string weed trimmer

Thank You!

- **Rudy Dracka**—early 20th century glass slides of PC with projector
- **Connie Starnes**—Slovak Lutheran Church records
- **Charles & Violet Brough**—timber from the SUCCESS
- **Erie Islands Historical Society**—books about the Erie islands
- **Walter Bachtel, Arlene Irick, Sam Conte, and Patsy Cook**—Standard Products items
- **Gary Goff**—PCHS 1931 Revista
- **Dick Sneary**—19th and 20th century newspapers
- **Jim Gill**—papers from founding of Island & Gypsum Fruit Company, WAC photo of Dorothy Beerman Zetzer

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NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2012



Greetings from the Curator!

We were on the road this summer—PC Senior Center, Kids’ Lunch and Learn, Oak House, Standard Products Reunion, Lakeside Civil War Week (photo of three little Smothers at left). If you would like a visit, my programs consist of a “virtual visit” to the museum or the Great Depression in Ottawa County. I can also bring a selection of old photos for your group to try to identify and discuss. Even better yet, call me and set up an appointment to bring your group to the museum. You will have the museum to yourself and may bring refreshments, too.

We frequently have surprises in the museum: Duane Adams and Butch Long, who had not seen each other in years, ran into each other early one morning here, and I met my mail carrier Kim Bender and found out we share the same great, great, great grandfather, Jean Baptiste Velliquette, who was a veteran of the War of 1812! Come in and find a surprise yourself!

Peggy

Remembering our past Curator Barbara Petersen Bailey

Barbara Bailey, who was curator of the museum for many years, died recently. She was a native of Port Clinton and a military wife who returned home to spend many years preserving our county history.

Barb was truly dedicated to the county and its history and left the museum many books on local history and genealogy that we did not have in our collection. Memorials in her honor were made by: Mr. & Mrs. Lockwood Zeis, Mrs. Donald Bothe, Mary Kuhn, Cathy Allen, Lee & Natalie Bredbeck, Bob & Joyce Frederick, Mike & Sharon Heinberger, Eva Jean Petersen, Elinor Zekany, Robert and Lorie Seggaard, Nancy Sundstedt, Mary Engler Butchko and the PCHS Class of 1949.

Other Memorial Donations

Lock and Janie Zeis: Alma Guba, Kells Pugh, Bill Benedict

Inclusion in Will

Thank you to a donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) for including the Ottawa County Museum in his will, leaving his collection of local postcards to the museum on his death. You can do this, too, or you might call us when clearing the estate of a friend or loved one.



We have had many membership renewals and a number of new ones—
THANK YOU!!! The enclosed sheet names everyone who has joined or
renewed for 2012 to 2013. We await the rest of you!



The weather was brisk when volunteers took a guided tour of Lakeside with long-time resident Carol Murray. Row 1: Joanne Fleming. Row 2: John Gibson and Bill Smith. Row 3: holding hands, Elsie and Dick Ward.

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- Meet People**
- Have Fun**
- Learn**
- Help Out**
- Inside**
- Outside**
- All Around the Town**



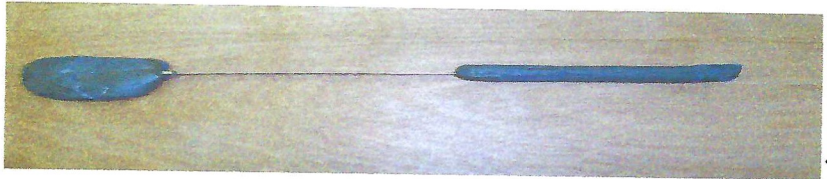
The curator and museum board members said "thanks to volunteers for their hard work!"
Left: Jerry Tarolli, Jan Kerul, Natalie Bredbeck, Elsie and Dick Ward. Standing: Kevin and Amy Winters. Right: Lea Debien, Lock Zeis.

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The Ohio Historical Society and the Wood County Historical Society are sponsoring a digitization project through AMERICORPS that has come to Ottawa County. Of particular interest are our Bataan collections, Indian artifacts, the Battle of Lake Erie, and fishing and boating industries. On January 4th, Nick Napoli, technology coordinator for the project, held digitization training for volunteers, who will help scan and record documents and items in the museum and the Ida Rupp Public Library. Nick will also help us set up a system for managing our museum inventory. If you are interested in helping out and/or learning how to scan, please call Peggy at 419-732-1039 to sign up.

History Mystery!!! Museum Members Marge and Bill Benedict donated this item that was owned by Bill's Aunt Agnes .Do you know what this was used for? Answer in next newsletter!



FACEBOOK—Volunteer Kevin Winters has jazzed up our Facebook page with photos and will be continuing to make it more fun. Take a look—[Facebook.com/Ottawa County Historical Museum](https://www.facebook.com/Ottawa-County-Historical-Museum).