

**Looking for:**

- *Reflections of Rocky Ridge 1830 to 1939* (book) by William Jay Risch
- *Revistas from 1957 through 1963, 1974, 1979, 1981 and later*
- *Photos of old Rocky Ridge*
- *Used vacuum cleaner and string trimmer*

**Thank You!**

- Bud & Pat True**—Ledger and certificates from the Port Clinton Improvement Corporation
- Janet Stephenson**—local history books including Langlois' *Put-in-Bay Retrospect*
- Peg & Skip Ormsby**—old postcards, Fireman's convention collectible plate, historical books, two duck decoys made by Paul Turinsky
- Jerald Hyde**—1874 *Hardesty Atlas*
- Meridith Beck**—*Lonz of Middle Bass* by Barr
- Wal-Mart**—Supplies for camera, office, storage

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**OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM**

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**NEWSLETTER Spring 2013**



*Greetings from the Curator!* As we ask you to renew your membership, I would like to assure you that we are being good stewards of what you give us. Some of the best ways we do this include extensive use of volunteers, as well as seeking donations for both artifacts and administrative equipment. The fellows at left with me (Kevin Winters,

Randy Fields, my brother Joe Debien, and Chuck Grindstaff) moved office furniture donated from the Superintendent of Schools' former office for use in the museum, primarily in my office. (Other donations we use daily are computers, printers, chairs, and display cases, acquired through Ottawa County Community Foundation and Stensen grants as well as from individual donations).

Volunteers do so many things for us: organizing and maintaining the archives, putting together exhibits, collecting artifacts, mailing newsletters, clipping and filing news articles, gardening, greeting visitors, cleaning and painting and anything else that is needed. We could not run this museum with out YOUR

**There are some moves afoot!**

We will be replacing the furniture in the curator's office with some "new" furniture available from the Port Clinton City Schools. We have moved the commercial fishing display to the Elizabeth Denney room and will be converting the fishing room to a storage room during and after the renovation. All should be completed in May. Please excuse our disarray.

**Memorials**

- Don & Maxine Waggoner for Barbara Bailey
- Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Warnicke for Dick Wolfe
- Mr. & Mrs. Lock Zeis for Oliver "Bud" True

**IRA Charitable Rollover is Back**

Recently, Congress continued the popular tax-law provision known as the "IRA charitable rollover" that had expired at the end of 2011. The rule allows many investors 70½ or older to transfer as much as \$100,000 a year from an individual retirement account directly to a qualified charity without having to pay income taxes on the money. Please consider this charitable rollover provision to help the Ottawa County Museum. It's a win-win for both you and the museum!

### UPCOMING EVENT(S)

**Back by popular demand:** March 10, 2 pm, Ida Rupp Public Library. Chuck Grindstaff will do a repeat program of photos of early 20th century PC using glass slides donated by Rudy Dracka. He will be comparing these with photos he took in November 2012 from the same vantage points.

#### Firsts and Lasts!

While organizing our newspaper files, volunteer Peg Ormsby has come across many interesting tidbits. Here are two:

Port Clinton's first mayor was Dr. William Greene, who came from Vermont in 1848. (May Hesselbart, August 1961)

George (Hoppy) Stein was the last tenant to leave the Lake House Hotel in June of 1963 before it was torn down. (The Daily News, June 30, 1963)

**FREEBIES!** We have office items available for anyone who will haul them away. Call Peggy at 732-1039 if interested:

Four-drawer file cabinet, rusted on bottom.  
Large older metal desk, taupe color.

**YARD SALE!** We are planning a spring yard sale of items that don't fit our mission: e.g., Avon plate, college artwork,

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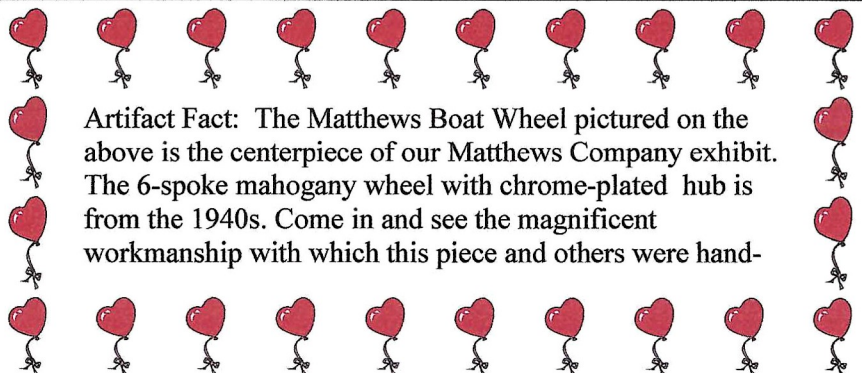
#### History Mystery!

This hitching post can be seen at 318 Madison St. in Port Clinton.

Where can other hitching posts be found throughout Ottawa County?

Let us know!

We have a new printer! Thanks you Ottawa County Community Foundation!



**Artifact Fact:** The Matthews Boat Wheel pictured on the above is the centerpiece of our Matthews Company exhibit. The 6-spoke mahogany wheel with chrome-plated hub is from the 1940s. Come in and see the magnificent workmanship with which this piece and others were hand-