

Looking for:

- Draft cards from WWII, Korea, Viet Nam
- County high school yearbooks
- Photos of this winter's storms
- Used ink cartridges to recycle
- Book: Winous Point: 150 Years
- A History of Oak Harbor Schools . . . by G. Thierwechter

Thank You!

Kevin Winters—Ben Richmond print with Lakeside Pavilion

Janet Stephenson—books published by Ottawa County Genealogical Society

Clarabelle Bothe—WWI draft cards

Many of you—used ink cartridges to recycle

Anonymous—books/CD on Indian artifacts

Joanne Fleming—150th anniversary booklet, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor

Brian Jensen—old school lessons/report card

Carolyn Tewers—papers of Mayor Geo. Tewers

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NEWSLETTER

SUMMER

2014



From the Curator—I have noticed a pattern emerge every spring! Men clean their garages and barns, and then they come and bring us treasures that they have found. They always seem to be men (not women) who do this, and we are so grateful to them! This year, we received a unique Matthews gift—one that not even Bob Reynolds (at left inspecting the gift)

had ever seen or heard of. One day, a nice man walked in with what appears to be a salesman's sample of a Matthews cruiser, complete with beds, curtains, commodes, sinks, sofa, wine rack, dinghy and life raft! The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but I can tell you that his father and grandfather worked at Matthews and he lives in Oak Harbor. We were amazed, and so will you be when you see this gem! Volunteer Dottie Douglass spent several hours with artists' paint brushes cleaning up the dust. The paint is very fragile and I think we will need to acquire a nice case to display this model in to protect it. Along with the model were several sales catalogs. From them, Bob Reynolds identified the 38' standard cruiser as the closest model. The life saver ring on the side of the boat says Anna June III. Anyone who knows who might have been the craftsman who made this model or anything else about it, please call me!

Peggy

Memorials for

Dorothy Bergeman—Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Warnicke

Jeffrey Glenn Below—Mr. & Mrs. Lockwood Zeis, Annamarie Colston & Family

Lea Debien—Joanne Fleming, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Leonard, Jeanne Wonnell, Mr. & Mrs. Lockwood Zeis, Elinor Zekany

Jerry Higgins—Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Warnicke

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Julie Quayle—Mr. & Mrs. Lockwood Zeis



AUTUMN IS COMING!

Museum Winter Hours resume after Labor Day—Wednesdays from noon to 3 pm.

Or anytime by appt. with Peggy—419-732-1039



NEW HISTORY MYSTERY! Volunteer Chuck Grindstaff found these three hand-turned wooden tubular boxes. The two small ones are 3.5 inches high and the large one is 4.5 inches high. They were donated by first museum curator Mae Hesselbart, and we have had some suggestions of their purpose, such as tooth pick or match holders. Any ideas?

Facebook page for local history: You know your from Port Clinton/Catawba Island if . . . [we know it should read you're]

GENEROSITY NEWS! Our museum has been the grateful recipient of two grants this year:

Stensen Foundation gave us \$5,000 to replace the overhead fluorescent lights throughout the old part of the museum. Work to be done by A.T. Emmett.

Ottawa County Community Foundation gave us \$1,000 toward converting the restroom in the old part of the museum to a staff work room and for purchasing a display box for our Italian POW jacket.

Volunteer Chuck Grindstaff will take the lead in demolishing the old restroom facilities with the help of other volunteers. Materials for the work room will be purchased through Gordon Lumber and Young's Flooring. **Volunteer Kevin Winters** will frame the POW jacket.

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Meridith Beck and Kay Eberth working on inventory.

Volunteers Meridith Beck and Kay Eberth have taken on a project that has never been completed before according to our records. They are doing a complete inventory of the items on exhibit in the museum, which amount to about 95% of our artifacts. Meridith lives on Catawba, though she is originally from Oak Harbor, and Kay is a native and current resident of Genoa. They bring a great perspective on the county that those of us in Port Clinton don't have. In her spare time, Meridith counts butterflies in the PC area for the Ohio lepidopterists' records. Kay expresses her creativity by making beaded jewelry. They have spent hundreds of hours working together and enjoying each other's company—wonderful times for two who are friends since childhood!



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HISTORY MYSTERY SOLVED! Vera Kolb was an artist whose sketches of local scenes were published in the News Herald and sold for 10 cents a print. Thanks to Marlene Gulas, we learned that Vera and her husband Ken and daughter lived in the Catawba Cliffs circa 1967 to 1989. She belonged to the PC Artists Club and her husband did beautiful woodwork, making jewelry boxes and small chests that were works of art. When they left Catawba, they moved to another part of Ohio to be near their daughter. Thank you, Marlene!