

We're looking for:

Photos and stories of:

- Local dairies
- Spring floods

Memberships:

—Enclosed is a letter asking you to renew your membership for May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Thank you! Memberships, donations, and grants are our only sources of support.

If you find an error in the list of members, please let Peggy know by phone or e-mail.

Volunteers:

—We have a great group of volunteers—why not join us and have a laugh or two while working for a good cause!

Coronavirus closing:

We do not know yet when it will be prudent to open the museum, but feel free to call Peggy at home if you want or need to.

Donations

Annamarie Colston made a donation in honor of Don Meek for his most recent birthday.

OUR BOARD MEMBERS:

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Or whenever you want—call Peggy Debien: 419-732-1039 (home)

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2020



Hello, friends,

One day several years ago, a man came in and told me he was researching the dairies in the area. For some reason, I did not take his name and number. **Does anyone know who he might have been?**

◀◀◀ I ask now because we just received a nice donation of Kirk Dairy implements from Dave and Joyce Dubbert, who is a member of the Kirk family. I am hoping her daughter Kay will do an oral history from her mom

about growing up on a dairy farm. I remember the Cedar Point tickets we used to get with the milk that was delivered to my grandparents' back porch from, I believe, the Esmond Dairy. **We would like more items or information about Ottawa County dairies.**

The last newsletter had a small article about the Port Clinton Bottling Company, located at 717 E. Third St. Some of you know Lee Warnke, one of our members who stops in often. Lee lives at that address and says they find a lot of broken bottles in the yard as well as candy wrappers from the candy company that succeeded the bottling company. Christine Hostrup Krell wrote that she walked past the bottling company every day. *Peggy*

SPECIAL THINGS WE LOVE TO DO

We have had the opportunity to put together families who haven't seen each other for years and to share photos that would have been lost to families. For example:

- One volunteer reunited with family members whom she hadn't seen for a years after they saw a tombstone for her father in the museum. We made an appointment and they got together for a little family reunion in the museum.
- Two cousins who had not seen each other for a while, both interested in history, were surprised to meet up in the museum.
- We linked one woman who was here for her PCHS reunion with a long-lost relative in Denmark. For years, each had been trying to find the other through genealogy research. We saw the connection and put them in touch with each other.
- Recently, we received two cases of photographs from the friend of a deceased local man. Volunteer Chuck Grindstaff noticed some family photos, and after four phone calls, we found the family members, who came in and found photos they had never seen.

We knew about these folks because they were members, but we would do this for anyone looking for information.

Who keeps the museum going during this “stay at home” time? Our volunteers have been helping out while at home. Jo Fleming, Linda Higgins, and Barbara Clark (our newest volunteer) are folding and stuffing envelopes for the mailing in which you find this newsletter. Ed Stover has been keeping our ornamental grasses in good nick for a couple of years. Judy Peters of Rock Ledge Inn donated plants, and with Linda Higgins, planted them around the grounds. Chuck Grindstaff continues to scan and organize photos and post them on FB.

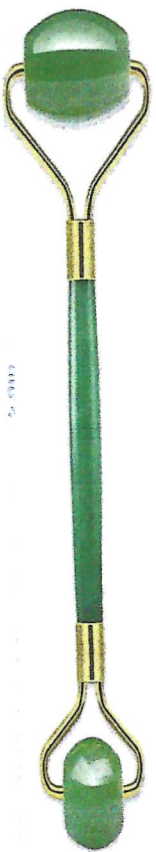
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- Meet People
- Have Fun
- Learn
- Help Out
- Inside
- Outside
- All Around the Town

Volunteer (s) needed!
We normally have PCHS kids who do raking and yard cleanup in the spring. Because of the early school closure, we have not had that help this year.

Is there anyone who would like to come to the museum and rake up the sweet gum balls from the lawn and parking area and/or clear leaves from the stone beds? We have some tools, gloves and leaf bags and we can take the bags away for pickup if you call Peggy at 419-732-1039.

Happy 90th Birthday to our young at heart volunteer, Lou Worthington, on her April birthday!



◀◀◀21st Century model.
The item at left is on the internet in April 2020. It is described as a “Jade Roller for Face & Beautiful Skin—Detox - Reduce Wrinkles, Puffiness, Aging Facial, Body Eyes, Neck Massager Tool - Beauty Roller for Tightening, Slimming...”
\$11 to \$29 online.

HISTORY MYSTERY REDUX! Do you remember this? Museum Members Marge and Bill Benedict donated this item that was owned by Bill’s Aunt Agnes. It was a History Mystery in Spring 2011 and was described as “The Dorothy Gray Patter,” a special instrument for stimulating the facial muscles without irritating the skin and particularly beneficial to reduction of a double chin. It also restored contour to flaccid muscles by the only scientific method promoting the circulation. You were to pat a thin face gently, a plump face firmly. Dorothy Gray, NYC. They were popular in the early 20th century. For a fun story, Google “skin patters” for a description of various beautifying skin tools. This 20th century model is made with a soft clay circular patter. ▼▼▼

