

**COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWS AND CALENDAR
FALL 2009**

The Spring and Summer activities are now history. Thank you to everyone that worked at the Art and Authors. Homecoming went well. Again thank you to everyone that helped make our booth and open houses a success. The August open house saw a few people stop by to see the recent donation of Columbia school band and dance team uniforms from the late 1980s to early 1990s.

We want to congratulate Mary Ellen Jenkins on her award as Columbia Citizen of the Year 2009.

Please Mark Your Calendar.

There will **not** be a September open house.

September 8, (the day after Labor Day) 7:00 P.M. we will meet at the Columbia Library Parking lot to car pool to the Hickories. Leaving at 7:05 P.M. Those wishing to drive on their own meet us at 7:30 at the Hickories at 509 Washington Ave., Elyria. Please let Mary know (236-8170) by September 4 if you are planning on going so I can let them know how many are coming. They will have a docent for about every 10. The Hickories is the Lorain County Historical Society's museum and office. It was home to the Garford family. Mr. Garford originated the padded bicycle seat and built the Garford car. It is a lovely home to tour. The group rate is \$4.00 per person.

October 13, meeting - Columbia Town Hall, social time 7:00 P.M. Program 7:30 Meeting to follow. Program to be announced.

Bronson House Clean up – who can help on Wednesday Sept.30 or Oct. 3. 9 – 11 A.M. if we need another day it will be Oct. 24th.

October 31 – Halloween Open House at Bronson - Hours as set by the Township Trustees. We hope to have a sign on the front lawn ahead of time. All members are welcome and those that wish to dress in a historic manor are encouraged to do so. Today bright electric light is everywhere, we can demonstrate to visitors the gas lights and kerosene lamps that people used before electric came to Columbia Township.

Sunday - November 8, meeting – Columbia Town Hall. 2 – 4 P. M. A change of time and date. We are contacting some of our Veterans to give short talks about their experiences. Our members are encouraged to also say something about the time they served or to invite others. The stories do not have to be centered on combat, for example having to re qualify for marksman after a late night party.

A nominating committee for the election of officers in December will be selected.

December 5 – Decorate Bronson for a Christmas Open House 9 – 11 P.M.

December 6 – Christmas Pot Luck at the Columbia Town Hall. Gather at 1P.M. and eat at 1:15 P.M. Then on to Bronson for the Open House 2:30 – 4:30. Jeanne Boey will provide Christmas Music.

A number of topics were discussed at the officers meeting:

A need for someone to step up for Vice President. Sally has been the V. P. for several years now and has other commitments that need her time.

We need someone that likes to write. Sharon has done publicity for several years and would like to devote more time to research. Sharon would help with getting the email addresses and dead lines. And if anyone really likes to write a series of articles in the RU would be nice.

There is a need to review our collections. If we have duplicates should we remove them and sell them. We have received books from Shirley Grills, items in memory of Gordon Jones, and from the Worcester Family. Our space is limited.

A tour of Bronson was given to the Kirby family as Rich and his wife were in town from Australia. The family thought that we have done a wonderful job with our museum.

We have been invited to participate in the Liverpool Twp./ Valley City Bicentennial with a display and/ or to be in their parade on July 4. Ideas brought up, 1) to do a small float on the back of a pickup or 2) use Dave Burnett's small 8' x 4' trailer. It was thought if we could come up with a couple of ideas for themes we could alternate and be in our own Homecoming Parade without a lot of work.

Should we present the Columbia Story and/or Block House days to the community at the Library.

Mary Ellen Jenkins asks for the persons that lent her pictures and material for the book to contact her (236-5505) so she may return your items to you.

It was suggested that the society have Business Cards with the street address, mailing address, web site and email address.