

1807 – COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP - 2007
COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS LETTER
SPRING & SUMMER 2007

Take time to mark you calendar now for our upcoming events.

April 27 – Bronson House: Clean up, sorting, and docent walk through.

9 – 12. Some want to start at 9 and leave at 11. Some want to come at 10.

Docent walk through will be at 10 for those that would like to help with the 3rd grade.

May 1 – Meeting – Town Hall, 7:30. NOTE THE DATE CHANGE DUE TO VOTING MAY 8

The history of the library in Columbia – Mary Melnyk, 25 year employee of Columbia Branch Library of the Lorain Public Library System.

Any one that worked at Columbia or Grange member knowledgeable about the help the Grange gave to the library is invited to come and share their stories

May 6 – Open house at Bronson Museum – 2 – 4 P.M. The Colbrunn Lamp collection will be the focus. This is a very nice collection from primitive oil lamps to whale oil to kerosene.

Members that have not seen it come and bring a friend.

May 30 – Columbia Story slide show at Copopa for the 3rd grade

May ? - Block House Days slide show for the 5th grade.

June 1 - Bronson House tour for the 3rd grade. Starting at 11:00, 11:45, 12:30 & 1:15 giving each room 45 minutes.

June 10 – Open House at Bronson Museum. – 2 – 4 P.M. This is engine show week end.

Bob Hitchcock will show a portion of his model tractor collection.

June 12 - Meeting – Town Hall 7:30 P.M.

The first showing of our Farmer's Stories Video. Families spotlighted in this video are the Crocker (Morlock), Dengler, Ives, Malik, Ross, Rising, and Dick Coffey who drove a milk truck for Leon Rising. We hope others will be interested in adding to our store of knowledge for another volume in the future.

Homecoming: We will have a float – The school bell, the Rollie Fitch models made for the Sesquicentennial, the new Citizen of the year and former Citizens of the Year.

Set up June 28 – Time – TBA

June 29 – Open 5:00 P.M. Citizen of the Year presented @ 5:30 P.M.

June 30 - Open 10:00 A.M. Bronson House open 3 – 5 P. M.

July 1 - Church at 10:30 Open booth at noon.

Parade line up at 2:00, Parade starts at 3:00

Bronson House open 1 – 3 P.M. & 7 – 9 P.M.

Fire works party 9:30

July 2 - take down booth – Time - TBA

What an interesting year this has been so far. We thought with global warming winter was going to give us a pass. Instead we had to cancel the February meeting due to a snow storm. It will be rescheduled in the fall.

Sally did a wonderful job while Mary and Alan were away in the sunny southwest and Mexico. The Richards Family program brought out a lot of people. It was interesting family story and covered an area that gets very little attention. Thank you to Mary Ellen Jenkins, Karen & Jerry Richards and Janelle Richards Seamonds. The program was video taped.

April was the pot luck. The usual very good food was carried in. Harry Bigler gave a short presentation on the progress for the mural in the park. Then it was upstairs for Columbia Radio Theater. While much is the same from the Christmas play in this version 2 characters have been added and one taken out. A Columbia Bicentennial Reunion was written by Mary Ellen Jenkins. Those attending the reunion were Benoni Adams, Sally Bronson Adams, Bethia Baker, Robert I. Bastard, Sherlock Bronson, S.D. Crocker, Moses Deming, Samuel Hitchcock, Elsie French Stinchcomb, Martha Bastard Squire, William Squire, Howard Tiltjies. These people from the past commented on the past and present. The society members that gave their voices to make the past come alive are Elizabeth Davis, Jim Hitchcock, Dale Krismanth, Robert MacIntrye, Elane Martin, Ralph Malik, Alan Melnyk, John Richard Metter, Peter Munk, Gloria Roth, Ken Roth, Sally Stone. Many thanks to all who took part in the play. The play was video taped.

The book WE REMEMBER by Mary Ellen Jenkins is coming along. We are going to set a prepublication price and the final price. Mary Ellen says that as long as she holds up and more information keeps coming in there will probably be Vol. 2 and maybe more. So keep those pictures, stories and information coming.