

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SPRING – SUMMER 2009

This winter into spring season has been very interesting and busy.

The February meeting went on as scheduled. For two years we had to cancel due to bad weather. The program was on the Columbia Airport, which brought out several local people who had memories of flying out of Columbia, when it first got started, and other small local airports. Many of those small fields are no longer in existence.

The March program was on cemetery preservation. They covered information on cleaning, handling, resetting and putting broken tombstones back together. A booklet on all this information will be at the Bronson Museum.

The April pot luck was well attended. At the meeting field trips were discussed. We came up with 3 possible destinations. As we could not decide on one, we are going to do 3 trips. Come to the next meeting for further details. Our entertainment for the afternoon was Jeff Cavallo, "Island Jeff". He brought his palm tree and steel drum. We were all surprised at the mellow sound of the Pan, the proper name for the instrument. Jeff has his own recording studio so he supplied his own accompaniment.

The ceiling in the dining room has been repaired. Also repaired were ceilings in the kitchen, upstairs hall and first bed room to the left as you come up the stairs. Doing the repair was Competitive Contractors – Brad Surman –who was raised and is living in Columbia.

There have been 2 work sessions at Bronson inside and out. Many workers make the work much easier. Thank you to all of you.

Remember to put our dates on your calendar so you won't miss our spring meetings – the second Tuesday of the month.

Meeting - May 12, Columbia Town Hall – 7:00 – 7:30 P.M. Social time.

7:30 Program – General U.S. Grant will speak. Kenneth W. Bach has been portraying General Grant at Civil war reenactments. Mr. Bach is a retired art teacher from the Elyria City School System. Meeting to follow. The program and meeting are open to all who are interested.

May 22 – The Columbia Story slide show is presented to the 3rd grade 2:10 P.M.

May 26 – The Third Grade tours the Bronson House. There are four class rooms and they will start at 10:00 A.M. and follow every 45 minutes. We will need several people.

If you don't know all the stories come and listen. After you have heard the stories a few times you too will know them.

Block House Days slide show for the Fifth Grade date to be determined.

June 7, Bronson House open house. Instead of 2 – 4 P.M. we are going to move the time to 1 – 3 P.M. as the Engine Show is ending at 3 P.M. We need a special display.

Meeting - June 9, Columbia Town Hall 7:00 – 7:30 P.M. Social Time

Program – 7:30 Indian Points (arrow heads) and Stories. Our speaker will be Kathy Kraus. She is a retired Art Teacher. She had a desire to be an illustrator for archaeological digs. When she was a graduate student the professor challenged his class to make their dreams come true. Over the years Kathy has succeeded. She has done illustrations for Cleveland Natural History Museum including Ohio Archaeological Identification. She has gone to Mayan ruins in Belize, caverns in Spain and Indian ruins in the southwest. She will help us identify our points and other artifacts in the historical society collection. If those attending wish to bring something of their own please feel free to do so. Meeting to follow. The program and meeting are open to all.

June 20 is the Arts & Authors in Columbia Park.

June 26 – 28 is Homecoming.

The society will be in charge of Citizen of the Year, forms are at the Town Hall, Library and on line.

Set up the booth TBD. Tear down on the 29th

Bronson – Open Sat. June 27 3 – 5 P.M.

Sun. June 28 1 – 3 P.M. and 7 – 9:30 Party to follow.