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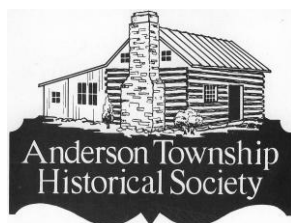
## Upcoming Programs

### Wednesday, August 3, 2016 Annual Picnic

Join us as we continue the long tradition of the ATHS summer picnic. Come and enjoy the comforts and air-conditioning of Anderson Center. Tables and chairs will be set up in the Lower Atrium. You can walk outside before dinner and listen to the sounds of the interpretive trail around the ponds if you like or take a look at the many displays in the History Room.

The Society will provide the meat, drinks, plastic utensils and paper products. Bring your own utensils if you like to save on plastic waste. The rest of the feast is provided by the members; please bring a dish to serve at least eight people. We are asking ATHS members whose last names start with **A – D** to bring **salads**; **E – L** to bring **vegetables**; **M – R** to bring **starches**; and **S – Z** to bring **desserts**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

*ATHS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850*



*Five Mile Road, Lower Atrium, near the History Room, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are free and the public is invited. Refreshments and fellowship follow the*

*programs. We look forward to seeing YOU at these interesting and informative meetings.*

See ATHS on the web:

[www.AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org).

### Miller-Leuser Log House Open Houses 2016

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on the first and third Sundays, through October. Mark these dates: August 7 and 21; September 4 and 18; and October 2 and 16.

### Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

**Tim Jeffries**, our September speaker, might better be known as "Mr. Camera." He and his wife Jenny, long-time Anderson Township residents, joined Lucy Moore's Beechmont Squares Dance club several years ago. Tim has been inspiration for the last two ATHS programs this spring. He has done photography work for designers David and Barbara Day and for Spring Grove Cemetery's Historian, Phil Nuxhall. Come, relax and enjoy a beautiful showing of Tim's **Cincinnati scenes**. Maybe he will share a few of his colorful Iceland photos, also!

Tim says he has been into all manner of new and vintage cameras since high school and has "revived" old cameras and collected them for 15 years. This work has enabled him to record scenes from everywhere he and Jenny travel. Tim has had gallery showings, supported non-profits, and had photos published (for example, the Butterfly Calendar at Krohn Conservatory). His favorites are iconic landmarks, buildings, landscapes and cityscapes in all seasons and time of day.

### Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

Cincinnati Museum Center Heritage Program docent **Jay Kathman** will talk about a somewhat unique group of German immigrants who immigrated to Cincinnati in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. They came from Westphalia, Germany; but these "Inwanderers" did not go "Over the Rhine," instead they settled across the Mill Creek in an area that would later come to be called "**Wooden Shoe Hollow**." They were gardeners and truck farmers and, for nearly 100 years, sold their produce in downtown Cincinnati markets. They lived together in a fertile hollow north of Spring Grove Avenue and Winton Place, where many of their greenhouses can still be seen. The group carried on the tradition of wearing wooden shoes in their gardens, worshipping in their German Church and dancing on Saturday nights to the music of their homeland. This program presents their history from the mid-1850s to the present.

- Lucy Moore & Lyn Scheper, Program Co-chairs

### Membership Dues

**ATHS annual dues for the year May 2016 through April 2017 were due on May 1, 2016. Please send in your dues payment renewals. THANK YOU.**

Please send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The rates are:

Single	\$ 10.00
Couple	\$ 20.00
Family	\$ 25.00
Corporate/Patron	\$ 300.00
Lifetime – Single	\$ 150.00
Lifetime – Couple	\$ 200.00

**Thank you!**

### Marjorie Frame Historian Awards 2016

This spring ATHS gave **Marjorie Frame Historian Awards** of \$200 each to Anderson, McNicholas and Turpin high schools to be given to outstanding history students. The Turpin High School recipient was **Seth Boyce**, a National Merit Commended student. The McNicholas High School recipient **Matthew Cornell** sent a thank note expressing his delight at being selected. The McNicholas advisor wrote that Matthew also received the high school's highest award at graduation, given to an outstanding student who best exemplifies the type of graduate McNicholas strives to develop. Matthew will be attending the University of Dayton. Anderson High School chose not to give the award to any student this spring but will do so next year. We congratulate Seth Boyce and Matthew Cornell and wish them well.

### ATHS E-mail Notices

If you want to receive notices of monthly meetings, send us your e-mail address. If you have given us your e-mail address and are not receiving these notices, let us know. E-mail ATHS at **athsloghouse@yahoo.com** and we will add, correct or delete your e-mail address as you wish.

The *Surveyor* is the quarterly newsletter of the Anderson Township Historical Society, mailed to all members. If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address, please contact ATHS at P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230 or send an e-mail to ATHS at **athsloghouse@yahoo.com**.

Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to [picapica@msn.com](mailto:picapica@msn.com) or give me a call at 231-3390.  
– Janet Heywood, Editor

### Log House Pathway Work Underway

During the week of July 11-15, 2016 the David Vogel Landscape Company worked on rebuilding the pathway from the parking lot to the east side doors of the Log House and around the southeast corner of the house to the front door. Here are a few images of the work.



*On Monday, stones were picked up. Excavation work to install a deep compacted base was begun.*



*By Friday, the base layer was in place and compacted. Workers carefully pounded stones in place at the edge of the soil near the Log House. Step stones at the front door were installed. Come visit, see the results and test out the new pathway.*

### Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members who joined recently:

**Jamie Ericson & Family**  
**Diana M. Kinley**  
**Jane Kinley**  
**Virginia N. Long**  
**Doug Magee**  
**Marcie Smith & Ruth Flinn Smith**  
**Christine Stamler**  
**Margie Thomas**

## President's Message

We are half way through 2016 and I believe things are going very well. The following notes cover some of the highlights but I am sure I will forget to cover important topics.

**Plant Sale** - The 2016 ATHS Plant Sale set new record of over \$4,800. **Great Job!** The entire Plant Sale Committee did an outstanding job again this year. As an additional attraction, we opened the Log House for the Plant Sale on Saturday May 14 as well as on Sunday May 15. We had a total of over 125 visitors to the house on those two days.

**Anderson Township Garden Tour** - ATHS participated in the Garden Tour this year. An amazing amount of work went into preparation for the event and the results were outstanding. We had loads of visitors to the House and gardens that should result in new members and growing interest in ATHS.

**Country Store** - Country Store is scheduled for September 24 and 25 at the Log House. Kenny Burck is acting as chairman for this event again this year and has most of the "ducks-in-a-row." I know you will feel free to contact him or any of the committee chairpersons with your offer of time or items.

**History to Schools** - The History to Schools program for the fourth year went very well. We hosted well over 600 children in seven days of visits by 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Forest Hills School District and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from IHM at Anderson Center. We had a great number of responses to the History Challenge by the children. A lot of the children brought their parents to the Log House as a part of the project. Thank you to all the members who helped make these activities a success.

**Open Houses** - As an experiment, the Open House season started in April this year. So far, attendance has exceeded our expectations. The early opening allowed us to open for the Plant Sale and gave the students a chance to visit shortly after being a part of History to Schools program. The Garden Tour visitors were also a nice bonus.



*Don and Sharon painting the trim on the Brick House. June 29, 2016. Does anyone remember the last time the trim was painted? Photos by Janet Heywood.*



*Log House, front room, the earliest part of the house. June 5, 2016.*

The Log House displays were updated over the winter, presenting a new look to the building. I hope you will make time this summer to check out the new look and possibly sign-up to work a shift or two at the Log House or History Room.

**Property Committee** - The Property Committee continues their efforts to improve and repair our holdings. The chinking on the house has been repaired and we should see new, safe pathways within the month. They are soliciting bids for replacement of the gutters on the barn on Bartels Road, repair of the roof on the Browne House side porch and removal of two of the outbuildings on the upper property on Bartels Road. Finally, the trim on the Brick House should have received a new coat of paint by the time you read this report.

I hope all this activity encourages you to continue your support of ATHS. We can always use helping hands and minds for our many ongoing projects.

- Don Perry, President



*Lou Trent, chair of the Property Committee, arranged for Desmond O'Donnell to repair the chinking of the Log House.*

*Lou was very pleased to report that O'Donnell chinked a number of holes, including the big ones, in one day on June 8, 2016.*

## 1976 - Forty years ago - Do you remember?



*ATHS float at the local U.S. Bicentennial Parade in Mt. Washington, July 4, 1976.*

In the mid-1970s the United States celebrated the bicentennial of the creation of the nation with many events leading up to the weekend of July 3 and 4, 1976, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. At the March 1976 meeting of the ATHS board, the members agreed the ATHS would participate in the two local Bicentennial parades. At the June 15, 1976 board meeting, ATHS president Ruth Smith reported that plans for the ATHS parade float were in progress. Edmund Motz generously offered the use of his flat bed truck and offered to supply sod to cover the bed of the truck. Judy Johns made a painting of the Log House on wood for the float. The Anderson Township parade along Beechmont was held on Saturday July 3 as part of a two-day festival with a Junior Olympics competition on Sunday. The Mt. Washington parade was on Sunday July 4 followed by a celebration at Stanberry Park. The ATHS float took part in both parades.



*ATHS Members Amy Lowery and Edwina Rees (L to R) standing at the right by the ATHS float. Can anyone identify the youngsters participating?*

The painting of the Log House was the centerpiece of the float. The sides of the truck were draped in burlap decorated with large felt flowers. A spinning wheel, some vintage farm implements and other

artifacts were displayed on the float. Several youngsters in appropriate costumes rode on the float. ATHS members, also in appropriate garb, marched alongside the float.



*ATHS float at the Bicentennial Parade in Anderson Township along Beechmont, July 3, 1976.*

## Kroger Community Rewards Program

You can help ATHS by participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Programs. ATHS will receive a donation from Kroger based on your registering your Kroger Plus Card, using it and selecting ATHS as the charity of your choice. Register your Kroger Plus Card at any time online at the website: [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). You must reregister your card once a year starting in April. Choose ATHS as the recipient of the funds by using our organization number 80156. **Thank you for supporting ATHS and spread the word to your families, neighbors and friends!**

## WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

Summer is almost over, but it may still be appropriate to consider that interesting piece of swimwear - the bikini. It was 1946 and a very eventful year. Soldiers were home, and the world war was over. In physics, tests of the atomic bomb were starting on the Bikini atoll. In fashion, designs for a new type of swimwear were well under way.

Now let's consider this new swimsuit. It was daring and designed to accentuate almost every asset of a woman's figure. The new swimwear could be a game changer, but what should it be called? When modeled, males seeing it for the first time were so excited, it was like they had seen an atomic bomb. Fashion experts agreed that it was an explosive new design, and in some respects, much like the world changing atomic tests on the atoll. After some deliberation, the designers decided to name it the Bikini. There has been only one change to the name since it was first sold in 1947. The "B" is no longer capitalized.

- Lou Trent

## Plants and Gardens Update

The gardens around the Log House area looked great for the **Anderson Township Garden Tour** on Sunday, June 5. We participated for the first time this year. The Township Tour route included 10 gardens. Approximately 160 guests came to see our gardens and to visit the Log House and Annex exhibits. It was a great day!

People enjoyed our property, especially the Memory Garden on the west side of the Log House. We distributed a brochure that included the list of our known plants and information about the Society. Hosts and docents were available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and refreshments were served. The chairs of this special event were Diane Schneider, Ann King and Nancy Krueger. Thanks to all who helped to make this project a great success. We have been asked to participate in the Township Garden Tour again next year!

A great deal of effort has been made to identify the plants, trees and shrubs that are growing in Log House garden area. **Plant Labels** have been made for 75 plants growing in the Log House gardens. A **Plant Notebook** has been assembled. It includes information and illustrations for the plants we have identified. This Notebook will be kept in Log House during the Open House season and in AHS library in the Brick House during the winter. The Notebook is a work-in-progress. If you have additional information about the plants growing in the Log House area, please let Ann or Nancy know. We will make labels for plants as they are identified and add information about them to the Notebook.



*Memory Garden at the Log House. June 5, 2016. Photos by Nancy Krueger.*

Please come visit our gardens and notice the marvelous plant labels that have been installed. Stop by the Memory Garden, look at the plants and enjoy the garden benches. Admire the 15 stars and 15 stripes U. S. Flag, a replica of the official U. S. flag from 1794 to 1818. There are great memories



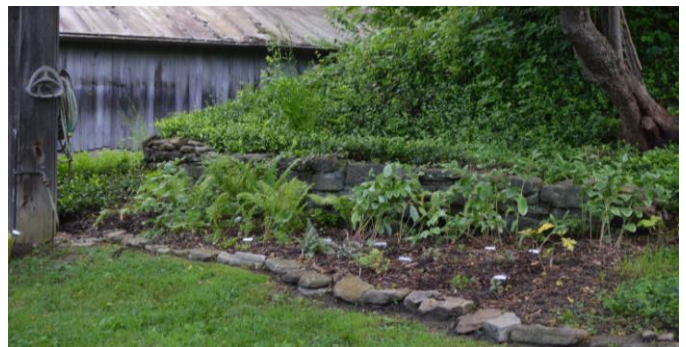
*During the Garden Tour, plants for sale left from the May Plant Sale were attractively arranged in the area of the corn crib, outhouse and barn.*

in this garden -- memories of the settlers who built the Log House, of those who lived there until 1963, of those numerous volunteers who had the vision to acquire this house and property to preserve it for the future and of those volunteers who have worked so tirelessly to make AHS what it is today.

The new **Memory Garden sign** was made by Sue Liggett and mounted by Don Perry. It is a great addition. Many visitors on the Garden Tour commented on how lovely the garden area looks and took many pictures of the sign and the plants. Thanks to Sue and Don for their creativity in making the right sign for this special place.

Each week the grass around the Log House and Brick House area is cut and trimmed by Landers Landcare Inc. **Tom Landers** has generously donated this service to AHS since 1993. We are very grateful for this volunteer service. We thank **Dan Motz** of Motz Turf Farms Ltd., who built and donated the benches for the Memory Garden. We also thank **Dave Vogel** of The David Vogel Landscape Company, who has donated tree care and tree maintenance services at cost to AHS. Thank you so very much.

- Garden and Yard Committee. Ann King (513-315-1629) and Nancy Krueger (513-478-7480)



*Plantings behind the Log House near the hillside. Notice the new plant labels.*

## Log House Open Houses and Tours Update

Would you believe over **500 visitors** toured our Log House between April 3 and July 3? Many who come say “I’ve always wanted to stop in. I’m so glad the Log House was open today.”

The Sunday Open Houses averaged 30 visitors. At the Plant Sale on May 14, seventy-five shoppers also toured the house. On May 26 third graders from Mercer Elementary School made the annual walk down the hill for a tour of the Log House with their teachers and several parents (134 visitors).



On June 5 the Log House was a stop on the Anderson Township Garden Tour. The Tour attracted over 140 guests to the Log House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on a beautiful June Sunday.

*Ann King and Nancy Krueger (l to r) are ready for visitors for June 5 Garden Tour. Don Perry and Bob King are on duty at the refreshment table.*

The visitor count also included one appreciative traveler all the way from her home in California. Beulah Dowers’ granddaughter, Jamie, wandered through the house and grounds, just enjoying the ambience of our Log House, and reminiscing about her childhood days dressed as a pioneer girl helping out at the Country Store.

If you could help as a tour guide, please contact Diane Schneider for information. Docents are needed.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair, 232-6552



*One group of Mercer Elementary School third graders hurry into the Log House. The classes split up into smaller groups and spent time at various stops, including the outhouse, the Annex, the root cellar and the rooms of Log House. May 26, 2016.*

## Thank You from Mercer Elementary School

ATHS received thank notes from the Mercer third-grade classes who visited in May. Here are a few comments from the students.

*“We really appreciate what you have done to set up this awesome field trip.”*

*“I liked the toaster you showed us. Also the irons you showed us were amazing. I wish I could have seen the bath tub but the time ran out. You were the best.”*

*“It was very helpful you told us to go switch places by ringing the bell. My favorite part is when we went upstairs. It was fun. I hope to go there again. It was fun seeing how people slept in the old days. They slept on rope.”*

*“Thank you for ringing the bell when we were supposed to switch. Otherwise we’d be all over the place. Thanks for keeping us in order.”*

*“I thought it was the most fun thing we’ve ever done in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Thank you again so much and I hope to come again some time. I really enjoyed it.”*

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*Photo above. Volunteer Jerry Cunningham rang the bell to tell the groups to change places.*

*Photo below. Don Perry talked with students in the Annex about the farming displays. “Yes, on the 1850 census there were more pigs than people in Anderson.” Photos by Janet Heywood.*



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK . . .

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

- Lou Trent

## Country Store 2016

It is getting close to our major fund-raising event of the year for the Anderson Township Historical Society, the Country Store. This year the two-day event will be Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 25 from noon to 5 p.m. As usual, the set up for the Country Store will be Wednesday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m. Soon many of you will be asked to think about a contribution of a bakery item or to prepare a homemade dish for the kitchen. Many members will bring soft drinks or bottled water to the red Brick House a few weeks before our event to sell at our liquid refreshment booth. We will have many volunteer opportunities, so please think about joining us this year. The Country Store Chair is **Kenny Burck at 513-851-9549**.

We have already removed the large wagons from the barn as we begin to set up for the Cobweb Corner flea market. All committee chairs have been selected. This year we are changing the entertainment a little. Due to several requests of members, The **Cincinnati Dulcimer Society** will play both days from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. We again plan to offer a grand prize of a Dinner for Eight people of your choice in the 220-year old Miller-Leuser Log House. We hope to offer these tickets early in able to sell more tickets. It takes much volunteer effort and expense to "pull this dinner off" so we need to raise more money to justify the event. We also will stipulate a reasonable timetable for when the Dinner for Eight will be served.

We will again have the usual areas of interest, homemade food, homemade bakery goods, children's games, a farmer's market with flowers and produce for sale, handcrafted stitchery and other crafted items, Anderson Township related books for sale, a silent auction of donated items from local businesses and the ever popular Cobweb Corner. In the past we have also sold homemade pickles and local honey. We are always open for new ideas. If you have a suggestion for new item to sell or some type of old-fashioned demonstration, do not hesitate to give us your ideas. Please help to make the Country Store a success by attending the Country Store and bringing your friends, relatives, and neighbors. **SPREAD THE WORD.**

We thank our many volunteers, past, present and future, for their magnificent spirit and generosity of their time as they assist the Anderson Township Historical Society in its mission to preserve at least some of the Township history.

- Kenny Burck, Country Store Chair



*L to R: Charlie Wallace, Linda Magee and Country Store chair Kenny Burck, greeting visitors on September 20, 2015. Farmer Burck reminds us all: "Volunteers are needed for September 2016!" Photo by Bob King.*

## Country Store Bakery News 2016

Bakery Babes are preparing for the exciting Country Store coming this fall! We thank the bakers, buyers, monetary contributors, volunteers and friends who have made the Bakery a great success. We will be calling to ask for donations again this year. Each of the last four years we have made over \$1,000, reflecting our "sweet" support of the Log House and surrounding property! Please help us with your delicious donations so we can do the same or greater in 2016! We will be calling!!

Home baked or favorite store baked cakes, breads, cookies, pies, buckeyes, brownies, fudge, candy, and some interesting snacks have been found on our "sale" tables! If possible, resale package size helps us, with labels stating contents such as sugar-free, gluten-free, contains nuts, etc. If bakery goods aren't possible for you, we are always pleased to receive a donation of money.

The downstairs of the Brick House is where the Bakery happens! Just walk down the ramp on the west side of the house and you're there! A sign-in sheet will be on a table. Please fill it in to help our planning. Donation drop-off days are Friday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bakery room preparation help is needed on Friday, September 23.

A huge THANK YOU is extended to Lucy Moore, Co-Chair of the "Bakery Babes" for the last seven years. She is now a "Babes Advisor" and has promised to help during the sale, so stop by, drop off your donations, buy some favorites and chat with Lucy! Thanks again, Lucy! **Call Marcia Jelus at 513-474-4377 to volunteer or ask questions.**

## ATHS FUND RAISER at Bob Evans on Tuesday, August 9, 2016

ATHS will have a fund raiser at BOB EVANS RESTAURANT on Tuesday, August 9, all day long from 7:00 a.m. till 9:30 p.m., at the Cherry Grove location, 510 Ohio Pike, State Route 125. In order to participate, a flyer/coupon must be given to the restaurant when paying your bill. Then the restaurant will send ATHS 15% of the check. **A copy is enclosed with this Surveyor.**

Dine-out fund raisers are an easy way to make some money for ATHS projects and for the costs of maintaining the Log House and other properties. Please "mark" the date on your calendars. Keep your coupon handy to take with you. Hope to see you. Please ask your family, neighbors and friends to come have lunch or dinner and support ATHS.

- Barbara Christman, Dine-out Fund Raiser



Fund raiser on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at Bob Evans, 510 Ohio Pike.

### Member Meetings Snacks

Thanks to all of those who helped with the snacks the last three months. Since I missed the June meeting myself, I can only name a few and hope I miss no one! **Helen Fehn** and, of course, **Don Perry**, thanks go out to you. If you are interested in giving us a sample of your favorite treat, be it homemade or store bought, please bring it to our up-coming meetings and/or call Sharon Perry (513) 231-4304. - Sharon Perry, Refreshments Chair

### Visit the History Room This Summer

Come visit the History Room during its open hours: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. Learn about the history of Anderson through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level. The History Room is jointly sponsored by ATHS and Anderson Township. Volunteers from ATHS staff the History Room.

## Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
<b>August 3</b>	<b>Annual Picnic</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>August 9</b>	<b>Fund Raiser at Bob Evans</b>	
August 17	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 7</b>	<b>Member Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Sept. 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>Country Store</b>	<b>10 a.m. to 5 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Country Store</b>	<b>Noon to 5 p.m.</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>Member Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
October 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Member Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Nov. 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Member Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

*Remember members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish. Board Meetings are held at the ATHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike.*

### Aluminum Can Recycling

We continue to collect Aluminum cans. We have some cans to recycle but can always use more. Bring your cans to the monthly meetings or leave them by the Log House Outhouse or call Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and arrange to have them picked up.

### Thanks for Your Service

**Kenny Burck, Marcia Jelus, Ann King, Nancy Krueger, Lucy Moore, Don & Sharon Perry, Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider, and Lou Trent** for contributing to this issue.

**Linda and George Scheper** for printing envelopes for the *Surveyor*.

Many thanks to those members who served as docents for the History Room in May, June and July 2016: **Janet Heywood, Lucy Moore, Sharon and Don Perry, Michael Rhein, and Charlie Wallace.**



Display set up by ATHS volunteers in the History Room for the History to Schools program at Anderson Center this spring.