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Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

We welcome two re-enactors, Mike Miller and Jennifer Moran, who portray none other than General Ulysses S. Grant and Mrs. Julia Dent Grant. The title of our program is "An Evening at Home with the Grants."

It has been said that General Grant was a man of few words - except in battle, when he gave orders to his troops containing words that would make even a sailor blush. In private conversation, however, with Mrs. Grant and others, he was polite and soft spoken. Legend has it that the reason Grant spoke few words at home was that he was usually unable to get a word in "edgewise!" Do come to this one and meet this remarkable couple of re-enactors who are known far and wide. Please do NOT miss this one!

- Connie Whitaker, Programs Chair



ATHS
handmade
ornaments will
be on display
on the
Christmas tree
in the History
Room in
December.

Happy
Holidays!
January 1,
2014 No
meeting
tonight.

See ATHS on the web: www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org.

Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

Tonight we welcome a gentleman who has been given the title of "The 20th Century Audubon" - Mr. John Ruthven. John's beautiful wildlife paintings are known far and wide. An amazing current endeavor is a 6,000 square-foot mural of "Martha, the Last Passenger Pigeon" which appears at Eighth and Vine streets, downtown. An amazing feat for a man of John's age - done entirely with a 4" brush!

John's friend, Thane Maynard of Cincinnati Zoo fame, is quoted as saying "Never a greater naturalist has lived in this region than John Ruthven. He's played a leadership role for decades, helping the Zoo, the Nature Center and the Natural History Museum."

Please don't miss this opportunity to meet and greet John Ruthven, a man whose magnificent art has enriched our culture and our lives for many years. See all of you on December 4th! Holiday refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

We will welcome once again a good friend to ATHS, **Mr. Bob Genheimer**. As you may know, Bob is the George Rieveschl Curator of Archaeology in the Cincinnati Museum Center. His topic this night will be "The Excavations at Hahn."

Please mark your calendars to attend this first official meeting of 2014! We can't think of a better way to kick off the brand new year!



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.

2013 Dues are OVER DUE

ATHS annual dues were due on May 1, 2013. Please double check that your dues payment is up-to-date. Send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The membership rates from May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014 are:

Single \$ 10.00 Couple \$ 20.00

Family \$ 25.00

Lifetime – Single \$ 150.00 Lifetime – Couple \$ 200.00

Annual Fund gifts from ATHS members are most welcomed, needed and appreciated.

Need a Gift Idea? Give the Gift of History!



You can give a gift membership in the Anderson Township Historical Society. It is a good way to get a friend, relative or neighbor interested in what ATHS does.

Individual memberships are only ten dollars, a couple is \$20. Or a membership could be given to a child/grandchild to stir their interest in history. ATHS publications make good gifts and stocking stuffers and are for sale at the History Room.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members who joined recently:

Joyce Ewers (Lifetime)

Josh Gerth Andrew Pappas

SAVE THE DATE! Wed., March 5, 2014 ATHS Annual Dinner & Election of Officers

Reserve this Wednesday for the 46th Anniversary banquet. Dinner is followed by the election and installation of Officers and entertainment. Details and reservation forms will be in the next *Surveyor*.

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 <u>picapica@msn.com</u> or give me a call at 231-3390.

— Janet Heywood, Editor

President's Message – Change of Seasons

Log House Dinner for Eight – We need volunteers to help serve and clean up on Saturday, November 2. Most of the food items for the turkey dinner will be donated; one more vegetable/side item would be appreciated. If you help serve or clean up, you will be treated to a delicious dinner at the Log House after the raffle-winning family leaves. Call Lyn at 232-1559.

Country Store – A sincere thank you goes to Don Perry, our outstanding chair for 2013. He did a great job organizing the numerous pieces of the puzzle before, during and after the event. Aided by his wife/assistant Sharon Perry, they organized, created a beautiful one-of-a-kind Heritage Quilt, sold raffle tickets and delivered the prizes to the winners, and did many other behind-the-scenes tasks

Unfortunately, I cannot list everyone who had an impact on this event's success. It takes the whole society to get this two-day event off the ground and successfully executed. A pat on the back goes to all who helped to make Country Store 2013 a success. If you helped in any way, I thank you!

Memorial Garden - Did you see the newly-created Memorial Garden patio & contemplation benches? Ann King, Kathy Hoelscher, Lou Trent and numerous other gardening gurus made our grounds a real show place this fall. Their efforts to save many heritage plants from damage or destruction during the Clough Pike sidewalk construction are truly heroic. Note: Two trees near the parking lot were removed by the Township in preparation for the sidewalk project.

Open House Tours – Thanks to **Diane** and the many members who kept the Log House open on Sundays this season and helped conduct group tours throughout the spring and fall. Our efforts are well worth it, as we averaged about 30 visitors each Sunday plus numerous scout and tour groups.

Let There Be Light – We have new adjustable LED lights in the Log House front room. They operate on a motion detector. Yeah, no more fumbling in the dark for the spotlight switch!

Anderson Adopt a Roadway – It has gotten easier and easier to clean up the roadway now that we do it on a quarterly basis. If you miss the October 19 clean-up morning work session, try for Saturday December 14 morning clean-up. It's easier to see and reach any missed items on the road sides after the leaves are gone.

- Linda (Lyn) Scheper, President

Log House Yard Work: Summer 2013 Projects

The plants growing in front of the Log House were removed in preparation for the work to be done by Anderson Township and Hamilton County on Clough Pike in the coming months. A sidewalk is being installed along Clough Pike in front of the Log House.

The digging up and moving of the plants was hard because of the many rocks in the ground. We moved all the plants we could and placed them in other areas where they can survive and grow until better places for them can be found. The timing of the move was not ideal since many were blooming or about to bloom.



Edge near the parking lot. Photo by J. Heywood.

All of the gardens around the Log House were cleaned up, weeded, and trimmed. Rocks were collected from the property or from the nearby creek and placed around the shrubs, trees and gardens to enhance the plantings and to make it easier to maintain the various gardens.

The antique rose bush next to the front door was trimmed. Mulch was placed beneath it to protect this "Moss Rose" from the construction that will be taking place. The plantings in front of the Brick House were also weeded and trimmed.

The garden area behind the kitchen building used during the Country Store was weeded and trimmed as well. Some plants were potted or transplanted to other areas. The plants here include white violets, wild ginger, chrysanthemums, hosta, azaleas, sedum and various ferns. Rocks were used to create a walkway.

In the fenced area to the west of the Log House a new **Memorial Garden** has been developed to honor the memory of the many ATHS members who have given their time supporting the mission of the Society.



Benches made and donated by Dan Motz. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

Four punch benches for the Memorial Garden were made and donated by **Dan Motz**, son of Edmund Motz. A rock patio with two of the benches and a barrel planter was installed in the northwest corner of the garden area.



In the Memorial Garden. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher. Plants growing in the Memorial Garden area include: wild ginger, lamb's ear, lily of the valley, oriental poppy, white and pink phlox, buttercup, chrysanthemum, Chinese lanterns, rudbeckia, sedum, grape hyacinth, violets, and ferns. Other plants will be identified when they appear in the spring. The following plants have been recently added: deep vellow, copper, and chrysanthemums (bloom in the fall); aster (purple blooms in the fall), sedum (Bertram Anderson Stonecrop -- pink blooms in the fall) and eupatorium (dark red blooms in the fall). The plan is to label the plants in this garden.

Many weeds were cleared from along the creek. The plan is to put in a fence along the creek using fence rails and to add plantings.

The following people worked on these gardens:

Ann King, Kathy Hoelscher, Nancy Krueger, Brenda Greer, Diane Schneider, Mary Bailey and Lou Trent.

- Ann King, Trustee

2013 ATHS COUNTRY STORE: Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29

Country Store 2013 is over and was again a success. We had excellent weather on Saturday, sunny and pleasant, but were threatened with rain most of Sunday. Saturday's results were, it seems, on a par with the past but Sunday seemed slow. As of October 17, 2013 the Society has cleared over \$10,000.



Those who didn't come missed a lot. As usual, both the food and bakery goods were outstanding! A steady crowd was passing through the

summer kitchen, past the drink booth and then eating in the tent alongside the Log House.

The layout of baked goods in the lower level of the Brick House was amazing! There were cookies,

cakes, pies, candies, and



delicious goodies as far as the eye could see. It would be nice if we could move the Bakery to a more visible location.

The many items in the Log House drew interest from young and old. Sales were brisk throughout both days.





Scenes from Country Store 2013. Photos by Don Perry.



Raffle table in action.

The raffle drew lots of attention again this year. All of the prizes were won by non-members.

The **Log House Dinner for 8** was won by Cheryl Krause. The dinner is scheduled for November 2. The added feature prize of the **Heritage Quilt** was won by a young lady by the name of Anais Reverendo. We were fortunate enough to watch her negotiate with her parents for the right to spend her money for the ticket and see her joy when she accepted the prize. The silent auction and book sales also drew a lot of attention because of the very nice selection of items.





The largest draw of the Country Store continues to be the Cobweb Corner. A very significant percentage of the receipts come from this source. The variety of items

donated and the selections by customers are always very interesting.



The Farmer's Market, once again this year, produced great returns. By the end of Sunday, nearly all of the produce and plants available had been purchased.



Adults and children were nicely entertained by the remaining activities. The musical entertainment on both Saturday and Sunday were very well received. The children accompanying their parents were made happy playing the various games and painting on pumpkins and slates.

The Country Store cannot exist without the efforts of dozens of volunteers. It is impossible to give credit to everyone without forgetting someone. The people involved include not only those you see at the Store but also all those who donate items, work hours setting and tearing down, and doing all the other tasks that no one thinks about. To all those members and non-members, the Anderson Township Historical Society owes them thanks for allowing us to continue our efforts to preserve and inform others of our past.

- Don Perry, Chairman Country Store



Country Store 2013 Results as of 10/17/13 Department Net Figures

Bakery	\$	1,196.00
Beverages		211.60
Books		91.00
Children's Games		49.00
Cobweb Corner		4,580.75
Crafts and Dolls		724.25
Farmer's Market		733.23
Honey sales (consignme	nt)	85.00
Kitchen		1,126.43
Raffles		703.00
Silent Auction		243.00
Slate Painting		53.00
Stitchery		889.00
Total	\$	10,685.26

Expenses, overall

Band (Saturday)	(140.00)
Dulcimer Players (Sunday)	(125.00)
Officer (Saturday & Sunday)	(360.00)

NET (Country Store Profit) \$ 10,060.26

Country Store 2013 Farmer's Market

We would like to thank everyone who helped us, including those who donated plants, vegetables, pickles, fruit, etc. to the Market. Many ATHS volunteers helped and several non-members donated time and items as well. THANK YOU!!!



Bob King worked very hard, starting with the set up on Wednesday, driving to pick-up the mums on Thursday, and picking up apples, pumpkins, etc. at Fries Brothers on Friday. Since the Fries Brothers didn't have any pie pumpkins, Bob made a special trip to Hillsboro to get some. He worked on

Bob King & Sherry Vogel

Saturday and Sunday to set up and take down the materials. Bob was up early and had most of the Farmer's Market booth set-up before I arrived. So an extra big "Thank You" to Bob.

Thank you also to all who helped carry, lift and move the market items that needed to shifted around during the Country Store days and who helped carry the items to the cars of customers. We took in 22% more money for ATHS than last year

- Sonia Shively, Farmer's Market Chair

A Big "Thank You" from the Bakery 2013

Your co-chairs, **Lucy Moore** and **Marcia Jelus**, want our ATHS members and friends to know how thrilled we were to see our Bakery's earnings top last year's total. Even with a rainy Sunday, we raised over \$1,000 for Log House support. Thank you very much to all of our "home bakers," our "store-purchase" bakers and some who made monetary gifts. The tables in our traditional red and white checkered shop were loaded down with cakes, even two cute green caterpillar cakes, pies, cupcakes, lots of cookies, fruit breads, shortbread and sweet fudge and buckeyes. Our distinctive Log House cookies returned with brownies and leaf candies.



A very attractively decorated bookcase greeted shoppers as they came into the bakery set-up in the lower level of the Brick House. Many visitors were our bakers and members, others were new friends. Our spot is a fun social place to gather!

Big thanks goes to our faithful committee who also had calling lists to contact, baking to do, and took scheduled time slots to work on Saturday and Sunday. It all flowed so well!

The 2013 Bakery Committee "Babes" are:

Bev Robinson
Debby Lovelace
Judith Malinzak
Julia Dowers
Bonnie Dowers

Betty Gleason Kathy Hosking Pat Planitz Randi Eastland Gloria Zielasko

Yes, once again we were able to treat our dulcimer musicians on Sunday and to provide refreshments for the ATHS October meeting.



With gratitude, Lucy Smalley Moore and Marcia Jelus Bakery Cochairs

Some Bakery Babes. Photo from Lucy Moore.

Thanks from Country Store Kitchen 2013

A huge THANK YOU to the Country Store Kitchen team. Because of their donations of food and time, the delightfully delicious smells and tastes came once again from the kitchen at the Country Store.

Ed & Janet Yorgen **Mary Bailey** Steve & Mary Lou Van Eman **Kay Lawler Kathy Hoelscher Linda Jacobs Shirley Warden Cindy Sieber** Gretchen Sherman **Sherri Margraf Greg & Diane Schneider** Linda Magee **Charlie Wallace Nancy Meyer** Lyn & George Scheper **Ann King Brenda Greer Sonia Shively Bob Malinzak Debby Lovelace Sharon Perry Gregg & Cindy Dietrich Carol Voorhees Sue Wettstein Betty Howell** Kathy Rigney

Diane Schneider, Kitchen Chair 2013



Kitchen ready for customers. Photo by Lucy Moore.

Country Store Stitchery Department

Thanks to Connie Whitaker, Kathy Hoelscher, Sue Wettstein, Bill Dreyer and Don Perry for help with coverage. We took in \$889 this year with the help of donated new and



vintage items from several members and relatives of the late Beulah Dowers and Jack Ewers. A new line of "pillowcase" dresses did well; and three of Mary Brafford's hand-stitched baby quilts also sold.

Lyn Scheper, Stitchery Chair

A Note of Appreciation from the Cobweb Corner

Thanks to Kathy Hoelscher, Brenda Greer, Dan Lovelace, Nancy Meyer and Dillon Ware for helping with the barn sale. Also thanks to Don and Sharon Perry for picking-up donations for the sale. Listed below are the names of ATHS members who brought in donations for the barn sale. A huge "Thank you" goes out to them.

Peter & Flor Brooker **Lucy Moore Ann King Chapman** Sally Motz **Barb Christman Don & Sharon Perry** Al & Bev Robinson **Bill Dreyer** Jim & Kathy Hoelscher **Debbie Ruehlman** Linda Jacobs John & Meredith Roos Marcia Jelus George & Linda Scheper **Bob King Shirley Warden**

Ed & Janet Yorgen

- Mary Bailey, Cobweb Corner Chair



Silent Auction table. Photo by Janet Heywood.

Many Thanks to Our 2013 SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Our Clough Pike Neighbors:
Anderson Township Pub
Appearance Plus Cleaners
Arden Courts
Family Pet Center
Greenfield Plant Farm
True Colors Hair Design
Urban Chick
And ATHS members:

Gary Lee Hicks
Bev and Al Robinson
Linda Scheper



Cobweb Corner sales. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.



Sharon and Don Perry & Heritage Quilt raffle prize. Photo by Lucy Moore.

2013 Sunday Log House Open Houses

The Log House was open 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. the first and third Sundays each month this summer June through October. The average attendance each Sunday was 27 visitors. Many people say "I've always wanted to tour this log house."

The ATHS volunteers were very busy guiding guests through the inside, upstairs, cellar, garden, outhouse and barn. Thank you to these members who served as hosts and hostesses.

Charlie Wallace Al Robinson Sue Wettstein **Bev Robinson Connie Whitaker Bill Dreyer** Diane Schneider **Ann King Sonia Shively Bob King Sharon Perry Lucy Moore Anne Ross** Don Perry Linda Magee **Bob Greer Brenda Greer** Lyn Scheper **Barb Christman** Janet Hevwood

Contact **Diane Schneider**, Projects Chair, at 232-6552 if you would like to get a Docent Notebook to prepare for next year or schedule dates for special group tours next season.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair

With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Joyce Ewers** on the loss of her father, ATHS member **Jack Ewers**, age 94, on March 3, 2013.

Our deepest sympathy goes to member **Lee Beringhaus** and her family on the passing of her husband **Bill Beringhaus**, age 91, on August 4, 2013. In recent years Bill spoke at ATHS meetings about his experiences as captain of a B-17 in the US Army Air Corps during World War II and also entertained us with demonstrations of fine wood working, including the making of Windsor chairs.

We were saddened by the death of ATHS member **Thomas Whitaker**, age 79, on August 19, 2013. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife **Connie Whitaker** and her family. Tom was elected a Trustee in 1995 and devoted much time and energy in support of and service to ATHS since the earliest years of the organization.

Our deepest sympathy goes to members **Patti and Rick Bukosky** and their family on the loss of Patti's sister Denise Gleason, age 62, on September 3.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathies to member **Edwina Rees** on the passing of her husband **Wilbur Rees**, age 95, on September 9, 2013 in Waynesboro, Mississippi. Edwina and Wilbur were active in ATHS since its beginning. Wilbur was elected a Trustee in 1971 and served many years as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of ATHS member **Genevee Vontz**, who passed away at age 95 on September 22. She was elected a Trustee in 1974 and helped with the Dried Arrangements Department at many early Country Stores.

Our deepest sympathy goes to member **Helen Fehn** and her family on the loss of her son Stephen Fehn, age 58, on September 27, 2013.

ATHS E-mail Notices

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders for all the monthly meetings, send an e-mail to athsloghouse@ yahoo.com and we will add your e-mail address to the ATHS e-mail list.

Aluminum Can Recycling

We continue to collect Aluminum cans. In September ATHS received \$125 for recycling them. Bring your cans to the meetings or leave them by the Log House Outhouse or call Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and arrange for him to pick them up from you.

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
Nov. 6	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
January 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 5	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 5	Annual Dinner	6:00 p.m.
March 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Remember members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish. Board Meetings are held at the ATHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike. Note that winter Board Meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

Visit the History Room This Winter

Come visit the History Room during its open hours: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 9 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.

Member Meetings Snacks

The donations for the meeting snacks in October came from the Country Store Bakery. So, thank you to one and all for the goodies. If you are interested in "treating" us at an upcoming meeting, please contact Sharon Perry at 231-4304.

- Sharon Perry, Refreshments Chair

Thanks for Your Service

Kathy Hoelscher, Lucy Moore and **Don Perry** for photographs of the Country Store.

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

Mary Bailey, Ann King, Lucy Moore, Sharon and Don Perry, Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider, Sonia Shively, Sue Wettstein and Connie Whitaker for contributing to this issue.

Those members who served as docents for the History Room in August, September and October: Bill Dreyer, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Sharon & Don Perry, Bev & Al Robinson, Diane Schneider and Charles Wallace.