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President's Message

07/01/2021 – Don Perry

Welcome to yet another President's Message in the Surveyor.

It is also my last as the Society will be welcoming a new slate of leaders at the August meeting. This is an important meeting. We delayed the annual dinner from March to August, believing that many of the Covid restrictions would be lifted. Thankfully, we guessed right! The meeting will be held at the Patriot Center on Clough, just East of the Log House. We will be serving a picnic-like meal that reduces contact but should provide plenty of goodness in place of our traditional pot luck meal. The cost is \$15 per person. Instructions for making reservations can be found in other parts of this Surveyor.

Your Society cranked up to full operation after the release of the last Surveyor. It almost seems like we didn't miss a beat! The Urban Farm is outstanding. The garden plots are amazing and the grounds are beautifully maintained. Our flock of chickens is growing and we expect to receive a permanent chicken coop for them on July 10th. This new coop was entirely paid for by designated contributions to AHS. Speaking of contributions, we are working on plans to renovate the upper barn for more use, entirely with donated funds. We will be rolling out these plans in the coming months. The lower property is also sparkling. The gardeners hastily prepared for the Anderson Garden and History Tour with great results. On June 13th, we displayed both areas of the Society as well as the Clark House. Each location had over 50 visitors during the day.

Since the last Surveyor release, we have held several successful events. We participated in the Anderson Yard Sale this spring and sold quite a few excess items. **Our most successful Plant Sale ever was held on May 8th followed by the annual Seed Bash on May 22nd. We even sold over 120 special design Cicada tee shirts this spring.**

Maintaining our various properties is always a task. Fortunately, at the present time our buildings and grounds are in excellent condition. We will have challenges in the coming months but do not anticipate any major problems.

Leaving office is bittersweet for me. Working with our many members and the community has been a rewarding challenge. However, I must admit that I am looking forward to my second retirement with more free time knowing the Society is in good hands and strong.

Annual Meeting August 4, 2021

By Robert King

The 2021 ANNUAL MEETING was postponed last March due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

It will be held on August 4, 2021 which is our Annual Picnic.

It will be held again this year at the Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Since the Annual Meeting is being combined with the Annual Picnic, instead of the typical buffet, it will be more of a box lunch/picnic style with a selection of individually wrapped wraps, individual servings of tasty salads and fruit, a variety of chips, coffee, water, iced tea and delicious homemade cupcakes.

The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Send you payment to A.T.H.S., P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230.

Your payment MUST be received by Monday, July 26, 2021

in order for me to give a final count to At Your Service NOW caterer.

You can check out her Facebook page to see some recent pictures of her events.

This meeting is important. We will be electing the officers and trustees for this year.

2021 Plant Sale

By Nancy Kreuger

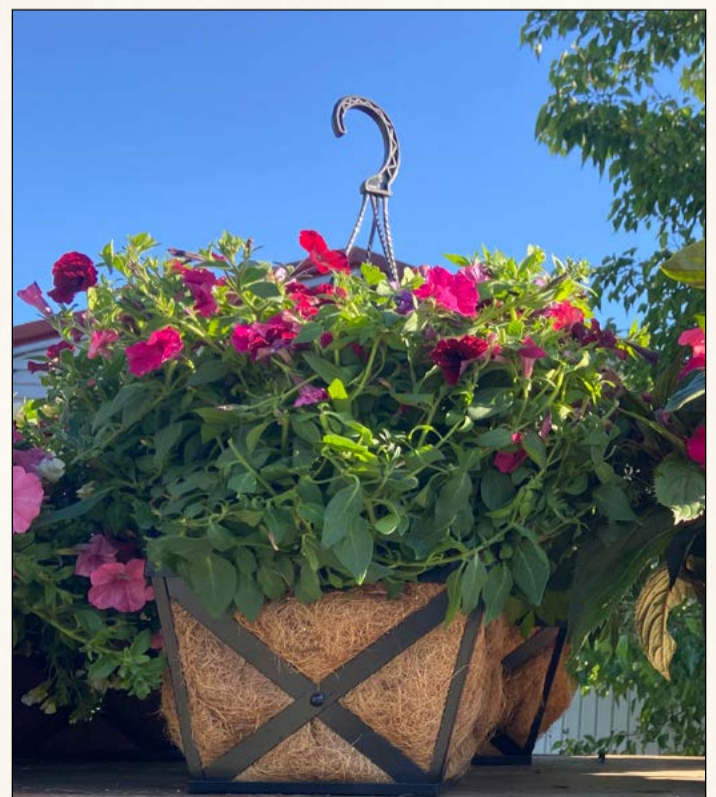
The May 8th Plant Sale followed in the tradition of our past, legendary sales for many reasons.

Many dedicated gardeners, volunteers and an appreciative public turned out on a perfect sunny day to see what the Historical Society had to offer after a year of uncertainty due to the Pandemic. And they weren't disappointed!

The selection of plants and garden related items included annuals, hanging baskets, herbs, vegetables, perennials, trees, shrubs, pollinators, natives, Mother's Day attractively potted plants, gardening tools and yard ornaments.

It was a gardener's pot potpourri.

Thanks to everyone that contributed in any way including offering your moral support. **The \$8,532 that was added to the treasury will definitely contribute to our future projects as the Society grows and diversifies to include history and community.**



General Announcements

The Miller Leuser Log House

The Miller-Leuser log house will be open 1:00 to 4:00 the first and third Sundays through October. Stop by July 18, Aug. 1, Aug. 15, Sept. 5, Sept. 19, Oct. 3 or Oct. 18 for a grand tour. This is a great opportunity to bring friends and family by to see the interior of the house, the barn, and of course the outhouse. Children who have read the "Little House on the Prairie" series will be especially interested in seeing artifacts from the 1800's.

Private tours are also available. A family of six visiting from Memphis, Tennessee recently enjoyed the entire tour then went to the Urban Farm to see the chickens. Call Diane Schneider (513 232 6552) to schedule a tour.

If you are interested in becoming a docent for open houses or other tours, training is available, including a docent handbook. Call Diane Schneider to volunteer 513-232-6552.



The Anderson Township History Room

Will be open on Sunday afternoons 1:00 - 4:00pm

Beginning in May

Let's see how this works and we may add Wednesday afternoons as well.

COVID Restrictions -

Please keep all groups that are larger than 10 people (including tour guides and chaperons) such that there are 6 feet of distance between groups of up to 10 people.

- All must wear a mask
- No Food or Drinks in the History Room
- Groups can reserve a tour of the room.



I welcome people who would like to be trained as a Docent for the Anderson Township History Room, please contact Charlie Wallace at wallacedesign@gmail.com

Wanted History Lovers Willing to Share Their Love of History

Open Houses at the log house are often a family affair or just interested folks stopping by. We often hear, "We have driven by many times and always wanted to see inside." Docents are needed to welcome and guide these visitors around the property the first and third Sunday afternoons May -October.

Docents share information as well as learn from visitors. Training sessions for new docents will be held in April with a docent handbook packed with facts and stories about our property available.

If you would be willing to learn then share information about our property with guests please call Diane Schneider 232 - 6552

Saturday Volunteer Work Days

The First Saturday of Every Month we need volunteers to help on the Urban Farm, general cleanup and supervised projects.

Check the calendar for more information

<https://andersonurbanfarm.com/events/>

A Fabulous Fourth!!

With the Pandemic on the run, the Sixteenth Annual Anderson Township Fourth of July Parade came back to Beechmont. And it was a beautiful day, low humidity plenty of sun and lots of fun had by all. We want to thank all of the members and volunteers that helped put together this year's parade entry into the history books. And a special thank you to Dave and Lisa Vogel and for their use of truck trailer and Brook Cox for the sound equipment.

And while the "Un-Parade" pulled together by Daryl Meyerrenke in 2020 was a wonderful moment in an otherwise horrible year, the return of the parade to our township was just what the doctor ordered!



Anderson Township History and Garden Tour

By Ann King

2021 Anderson Township History and Garden Tour was held on Sunday, June 13, from 10-4.

It was held at the Log House area and at the Urban Farm area. Originally, the Historical Society had decided not to participate because of Covid 19 but they later decided to participate, it took the Garden Committee a lot of hard work to prepare for this special Tour.

The Log House Gardens look great! Sixty-two people came to see the Log House, Annex, Barn and the Gardens on that special day.

Please come see the Log House Gardens because the Log House Garden Group - **Nancy Krueger, Marilyn Stringfield, Carol Taylor, Shari Eberle, Suzi Wycoff, Carol King, Diane Schneider and Ann King** made them look so beautiful!!!



Welcome New ATHS Members!

The following are gardeners who are new this year:

Lew & Eric Beck
Elizabeth M. Carrick
Marilyn Klump-Stringfield
Ken Maddux
Vi Powers
Julia Sandman
Steve & Debi Schuh
Laurie Stephan
Jerry Sutton

Daan Faulkner
Derek Garrison
Arity & Scott Hasson
Nancy Hodges
Jeff Hooker
Theda Jones
Kasia & Alexander Keara
Sara Lyons
Bart Sharkey

Holly Shoemaker
Peter Sullivan
Eric Waits.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

A smile is the quickest way to brighten up a room.



Lightning Strike!!

On **Wed June 30th 2021** Lightning made a strike on our pine tree on the lower property.

Many of you will remember the storms that night with some of the loudest thunder claps so far this year.

As you can see from the picture on the left the lightning scarred the bark and put some cracks in the tree from the top to it's base.

The blow was strong enough to not only strip the bark but also send some of it flying toward the brick house where it hit and broke one of the windows on the back porch.

Sadly this was the fourth bit of damage to one of our trees this year. 2021 has not been a good year for our trees.



Urban Farm Update

By Lexie Stevenson and Janet Quilligan

Renowned Barn Artist to Attend Harvest Fair

Local artist Robert Kroeger has agreed to do a painting of the barn on the upper property, which will be auctioned or raffled off as a fundraiser for the barn renovation effort. He will also do a painting demonstration at the Harvest Fair on October 16. Mr. Kroeger has made it his mission to locate old barns throughout Ohio, make paintings of them, and collect their unique stories. He recently published a book of his paintings and essays entitled "Historic Barns of Ohio" which will be for sale as well (another fundraiser for us). Mr. Kroeger recently spent an afternoon visiting both our upper and lower properties, and was very complimentary of the efforts of our Society in preserving the structures in our care. Stay tuned for more details on how you could own a painting of our barn!



Robert Kroeger on the far left talks with Left to Right, Don Perry, Janet Quilligan, and Charlie Wallace



Left to Right: Barb Bennewitz, Diana Bisbing, Pam Murphy with the fruits of a bountiful harvest

Mid-Summer Bounty at the Community Garden

After a cool, wet start in May, our Farmers are reaping a bountiful harvest in their plots. Many people had particularly good luck with their early crops of lettuce, spinach and beets. Now that the heat of summer is in full swing, the zucchini is coming on strong (just ask Bob King!). The underground cistern that collects rainwater from the barn roof is just about full, thanks to our recent rains, so the Farmers are able to keep their crops watered as we head into July. We will be having a Victory Garden effort again this year. But rather than having a dedicated Victory Garden space, Farmers can donate the excess produce from their own plots, which will be delivered to various Society members.

Chicken Project

The Urban Farm Chicken Project has grown! In mid-May we acquired five new chicks to add to our existing flock of five. The older hens are now one year old, and volunteers enjoy collecting their eggs on the days they care for them. The new birds are officially "pullets" now that they have lost their downy baby feathers. Once they begin laying, at around six to seven months of age, we will officially call them "hens" like their big sisters. By the next issue of the Surveyor, there will be a new home for all of our chicken friends behind the big red barn. It is a coop being built by a company in Pennsylvania and will allow volunteers easy access to the chickens. Farm friends will be able to enjoy seeing the birds in their new home very soon! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the chickens, please send a message to: chickens@andersonurbanfarm.com.



Where Did That Come from?

By Louis Trent

Have you ever had a **charlie horse**? Not much fun. Did you ever wonder why the muscle cramp was called a charlie horse? There are two stories typically used to explain where the term came from, but neither are a for sure bet. The first story is that in the 1890's, an old horse named Charlie pulled a roller around the Chicago White Sox baseball stadium. He was so old that his muscles would get stiff, and he could hardly walk. When people got a muscle cramp, they thought of the old horse Charlie. It was logical to call their cramp a charlie horse.

About the same time, the term "horse ail" was used to describe any obscure ailment of a race horse. In addition, a night watchman was called a "charlie", and many probably had sore muscles after pounding the cobblestones all night. Foot or leg cramps experienced by a charlie might have been associated with the distress experienced by a lame racehorse, thus producing the term charlie horse. Both stories are interesting, but we will probably never know for sure which, if either story, is correct.

New Resident On The Farm



The Urban Farm is home to many different creatures from birds, groundhogs, chipmunks, squirrels and more.

But over the last month one of our resident farm deer gave birth to a beautiful little fawn.

Mama deer has moved her about the property over the past few weeks and had her resting at one point near the new buckeye tree in front of the Browne House.

Urban Farm Standing Committee leaders made sure there was some water for mama on the property and plenty of space for our newest resident to get some rest and peace from the outside world.

Just one more wonderful moment that happened at the Anderson Urban Farm!

Marjorie Frame Scholarship Awards

Robert King

Each year the Anderson Township Historical Society gives out the **Marjorie Frame History Award** to a graduating senior at each of the three high schools in Anderson Township. This year the award was \$250.

The **Anderson High School recipient was Anna MacLennan** who plans to go to Harvard College in Cambridge, MA to study Government and Physics. She hopes to pursue a career of public service through government, non-profit sector and/or policy work.

The **McNicholas High School recipient was Ian Phillips** who plans to attend the University of Cincinnati with a major in History and Psychology and minoring in Education. He plans to pursue a teaching career.

At this time we have not been provided with any information on the Turpin High School Recipient.

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Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the Surveyor are always welcome.

E-mail them to nick@gressle.com or give me a call at 513-680-4771. – Nick Gressle, Editor

ATHS annual dues for the year May 2021 through April 2022 are due on May 1 2021.

Please send in your dues payment renewals. **THANK YOU.**

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