

Sharing the Secret

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President's Report by Fred Troutwine

Great news! I am very excited to report that as of December 1, 2009, the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society is officially out of debt. Second National Bank was paid, \$2,084.09. This calls for a celebration!

On January 14, 2010 we are having our annual Carry-In Dinner/Election of Officers Meeting. It's a special event this year as we celebrate the great achievements of our members and community volunteers who have donated their time and talents in making AWTHS what it is today.

Attendance at our special programs continues to grow. It is with gratitude that I thank Nick Engler, Sue Cummings and Glynn Marsh, and Tom and Liz Stephens for providing exceptional programs. The September Show and Tell event with the theme, "Bring an Item with Personal Significance," was a lot of fun.

It has always been a commitment of our organization to share our resources with people in our area. We have seen the implementation of new outreaches as well as continuing many of the ones that have been successful.

- This year we opened the House to the community on Saturdays during the Farmer's Market. People were able to come in and browse and chat.
- Annette Stewart offered a workshop on genealogy and ancestral researching. This is only the beginning of being able to share our gathered memorabilia and resources.
- Bill Gunder expanded our website and continues to add vital information.
- Oral histories were gathered by Keith Furlong and his committee of Jane Staley and Pat Jones for future reference and enjoyment.
- Keith and Carolyn Furlong and Fred Troutwine continue to provide historical tours of Arcanum and the Historical House, connecting our organization with the school.
- An Essay Writing Event is planned for Old Fashioned Days with 5th graders from our school participating.

An organization is only as strong as its members. Generous gifts, grants, fundraisers and projects have made it possible to renovate our building and pay off our debt. Monies this year have come from: membership, book sales, brick sales, rentals, 127 Yard Sale, Fair gate, Christmas Bazaar, Old Fashioned Days, soup sales, wine tasting party, grant and generous donations.

As you can see, many hours and hard work on these projects have resulted in being able to pay our debt and go forward with improvements still needed to keep the House in good repair. Thank you all.

Food for the January Membership Meeting Carry-In Dinner has been organized in the following manner.

A – F Meat or meat dish

G – P Dessert

Q – Z Salad or Vegetable

Punch and coffee will be provided along with plates, cups and silverware.

AWTHS Officers and Directors

President	Fred Troutwine	692-8939
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	Keith Furlong	548-6556
	Wendell Miller	692-8425
	Jeff Puterbaugh	692-5304

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January 14, 2010

Annual Membership/Election of Officers Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Committee Reports**Acquisitions:** 2009 Acquisitions Continuation Dick Troutwine 692-5128 and Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

- 09291 – United Brethren dinner plate setting
 09292 – Mortar & Pestle – Jean Aukerman
 09293 – 1947 & 1949 Monroe year book and Herman Baker note book – Jeff Puterbaugh
 09294 – 2 school books on loan by – Cary Wogoman
 09295 – Cokesbury and Excelsior Hymnals & 1929 Arcanum National Bank Ad (Roland Gilbert estate) – JoAnn Hill
 09296 – Railroad Crossing Sign – Eldon Erdmann
 09297 – Richard Patterson address book Newton Manufacturing ad
 09298 – Hency's John Deere notebook
 09299 – Souvenir Booklet 1921-22 Delisle School, District #5
 09300 – Arcanum Trojan Coffee Mug and Hoffman Shot Glass – Marilyn Graeff
 09301 – Many Arcanum Garden Club program books from the 40, 50, 60 & 70's – Arcanum Garden Club
 09302 – 4 club program books – Wayne Trail Garden Club, Arcanum Commercial Club,
 Antiques Study Club and Sororsis Club – Marilyn Strickler
 09303 – Box of Kincaid Kleeners, Arcanum National Bank and Crouses Men's Store pencils –
 09304 – Framed photo of Shirley, Phyllis and Dean Furlong & goat cart, 1936 – Keith Furlong
 09305 – Arcanum Sesquicentennial souvenir envelopes – Clair & Wayne Wilt
 09306 – Red gingham bonnet and dress and yellow gingham shirt and bodice – Barb Deis
 09307 – Many photos of school, popcorn factory, fire truck, etc. (Harry Sarver collection) – Connie & John Loxley
 09308 – School related articles, class pictures, 1st basketball team 1908 and ball team 1921 – Joan & Duane Reynolds
 09309 – Arcanum High School class picture 1927 – Sharon & Ray Fellows
 09310 – 1917/18 Arcanum 8th grade report card of Olive Ropp – Butch Wysong
 09311 – Ladies black felt hat circa 1930 – Carolyn Furlong
 09312 – Smith's Big Store 1851 – 1995 T-shirt
 09313 – Photo of swimmers & swim fashion circa 1930 – Ron Gilbert
 09314 – Matchbook Stutz and Sando Funeral Home – Jack Bechtol
 09315 – Historical Vol#1 "Memories of the Miami Valley 1919"
 09316 – 1956 Boys Basketball State Champs Welcome Home Celebration photo booklet – Sue Hunt Besecker
 09317 – Arcanum Eastern Star platter
 09318 – Arcanum Eastern Star glass salt cups
 09319 – Troutwine's Service Station & Brown's Service Station 1960 Calendars
 09320 – News article 1990 "Auto Memories" – Dave McKibben
 09321 – Wooden shipping box addressed to Roy Hines
 09322 – Ladies kitchen apron
 09323 – Pioneer Hybrid corn seed sack
 09324 – 2 small child's school slate chalk boards – Jean Aukerman
 09325 – Photo of 1st A.H.S. basket ball team 1908/09 – Vivian Van Rusdal
 09326 – Child's birthday card circa early 1900 – Marilyn Strickler
 09327 – Photos of the Village of Sampson tornado 1900
 09328 – Dress-up period cloths for "teaching area" – Marilyn Graeff
 09329 – Arcanum Centennial ash trays souvenir
 09330 – 100th anniversary book of the Grand Chapter of Ohio Eastern Star – Arcanum Chapter Eastern Star
 09331 – 1935 July Reader's Digest – Jean Aukerman
 09332 – Dick Kincaid's Arcanum village photos – JoAnn Hill
 09333 – Baker Brother's Implement Store "The Last Supper" mirror ad – Naomi Pyle Baker Kellick
 09334 – Arcanum H.S. News, senior edition and Arcanum post cards – Marilyn Strickler
 09335 – The Freedom Collection magazine – Linda Newbauer

Publications: Barbara Deis 678-7832

Books Available For Purchase	Title	Author	Price
The Secret Town – the Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio	1999	Bill Gunder	\$20.00__
Arcanum, Ohio Business History	1852-1968	Anita Short	\$25.00__
Arcanum Chronicles	2008	Anita Short & Bill Gunder	\$20.00__
Arcanum Chronicles – Volume 2	2008	Bill Gunder	\$18.00__
		Postage & Handling	\$ 5.00

Mail Orders to: AWTHS Attn: Publications Chairman, P O Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

Also available at the Historical Society and Farmer Brown's Restaurant

Program: March Membership Meeting - March 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. - Friend or Foe?

For the answer, come to the March Membership Meeting and listen to a panel of former area tobacco growers' talk about such things as the destructive hornworm. Hear their stories of preparing the seed as well as planting, topping, cutting, curing, stripping, and eventually selling their "labor intensive" crop. Oh how we miss the sights of the tractors inching along slowly as the tobacco planters painstakingly put thousands of tobacco plants in long rows. The driver, turned and facing backward, kept a watchful eye over the planting process.

Want to learn about the art of tobacco farming? Possibly you were one who raised tobacco and have a story to share. Our evening of information and reminiscing promises to be very interesting. Dale and Betty Sease along with Joan Rench and Gerald and Sandy Brehm will lead the discussion with information, photos, and a display of items that were used in the tobacco growing process. Gerald and Sandy have a CD produced by Ed Johnston of ABN detailing their raising and handling of the tobacco crop.

Questions will be raised as to why we no longer consider tobacco a viable crop...what happened? What about the hornworm? How significant was it? Most importantly will be an explanation of the history of tobacco raising in this area.

Come with your tobacco stories and memories. Bring friends and family for this enjoyable evening!

Renovations: Limestone Window Sill Project – Keith Furlong 548-6556

Several months ago, the AWTHS Board approved the replacement of the limestone window sills. Of the 22 sills, 20 have deteriorated to the point of needing to be replaced. Previous attempts to repair them have proven to be ineffective. Several of the sills have large chunks of limestone missing, thereby allowing water to seep into the brick structure. This needs to be rectified to prevent further damage to the bricks. This will also stop the white limestone leaching down the side of the building.

In addition, five lentils above the windows are also in need of repair. This will be done with a special resurfacing compound.

The old sills must be carefully removed and new custom made sills, by Gregory Stone Co. in Dayton, installed, mortared, caulked and sealed. The surrounding bricks must be reinstalled or replaced. A local stone mason, J. D. Hill, will be performing this restoration.

The material and labor for each window sill will be about \$600 or \$12,000 and \$2,500 for the lentils. The total cost for the project will be about \$15,000.

Restoration has already begun with three windows on the west side and one on the east side now complete. Work will resume next spring when the weather is warmer.

It is the Board's desire not to borrow any money. The completion of this ambitious project is dependent on current cash flow. We are waiting on the results of a submitted grant. Also a couple of donations for this project have been received and are very much appreciated.

If you have any questions about this project, please give me a call at 548-6556.

Genealogy: Annette Stewart 692-6462**RESEARCH CABINET UPDATE**

Thanks to the historical society for providing a locked cabinet in the back room to be used for research materials and books. Thanks to Dave Flora and Keith Furlong for installing the doors and locks. We appreciate your efforts. After the Holidays, we will be cataloging the materials on hand, organizing them, and placing them on the shelves. The index of research materials will be available online for researchers who have inquiries about our reference items.

For those who have specific questions or wish to research at the house, please call Annette Stewart at 937-692-6462 or to arrange a research time. You may also email at ajstew@embarqmail.com. For those who have documents, genealogy materials, or reference books they wish to donate to the historical society, also contact Annette Stewart. If you wish to donate your time to help those researching or help with the genealogy section, also contact Annette. The genealogical Registry is available in the front room to inform the society and other researchers which family names you are researching. Please encourage guests and members to sign in. Any suggestions or questions, please let us know as we are laying the ground work for this exciting process.

Ways & Means: Jenny Quigney 459-8090.

As the year draws to a close I am pleased to let everyone know that our efforts in the fund raising department were very successful.

The fair gate this year went smoothly. I would like to thank everyone that worked the extra shifts this year. I feel that having shorter shifts makes this project much more agreeable for everyone. This project brings in \$900.00 and again thanks much for all you help.

The Wine and Beer Tasting and Auction afterwards were well attended and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Dick and Sharon Troutwine and Barb and Jim Deis for their work on this. We had a profit of \$2,150.

This year's Holiday Bazaar also saw a profit of around \$2700.00. I would like to thank everyone that donated items to sell. Also, big thanks to the bakers in our society that donated to Grandma's kitchen. It was a big success and yummy as well. I would like to thank all the people that helped to set-up, work the day of the bazaar and helped to clean up afterwards. Their help was greatly appreciated and this project would not be successful if we did not have all this help. I would like to ask if anyone has anything to donate (new or gently used items) for next year's bazaar now or throughout the year please call Fred or Dick Troutwine. All donations are appreciated.

Winners of the 50 – 50 raffle are as follows:

1st prize - \$190.00 – Brad Bixler, 2nd prize - \$114.00 - Kris Rinehart, 3rd prize - \$76.00 – Tom Staley

Winners of the in – house raffle:

#1 Framed Christmas Photo – Donated by Jack & Marlene Creech was won by Terry Mills

#2 Ladies' Pamper Kit – Donated by Carolyn Furlong was won by Karen Young

#3 Longaberger Ginger-bread basket – Donated by Jenny Quigney was won by Tom Stephens.

#4 Hand Carved Santa – Donated by John Wiesenberger was won by Barb Byrne

#5 Holiday Centerpiece – Donated by Rose Lambert of the Rose Post was won by Keith Furlong.

#6 Gentlemen's "Fun" Basket – Donated by AWTHS was won by Helena Schlafman.

Again, thank you to everyone that had donated time and items for all of our projects this year. As you can see we have had a very successful year.

Membership Year 2009:

We are very happy to welcome the following new members. Linda Besecker, Linda Hamilton Campbell, Ryan & Becky Dynes, Anita Troutwine, and Franklin & Judy Vanscoyk. Listed are all members who paid their membership dues for 2009. Remember, you dues are payable Jan 1st of each year. The dues are needed to help maintain our beautiful building.

Ed & Janice Armacost, Brenda Arnett, Jean Aukerman, Joe & Wanda Bailey, Sue Ellen Besecker, Lawrence Boyd, Permilla Brawley, Edgar & Lova Brown, Ivan & Geraldine Brown, Merrie Ann Brown, Ned & Marian Brown, Rodman & Phyllis Brown, Samuel & Lucy Brubaker, Phyllis J. Bunger, Miriam Clark, Robert & Joyce Colville, Ernest & Marion Cooper, Patricia Cox, Jack & Marlene Creech, Richard & Carolyn Davison, Robert & Marian Davison, James & Barbara Deis, Norman Dohner, Ryan & Rebecca Dynes, Mark & Lois Eilerman, David & Beth Flora, Alan & Judy Fourman, Bev & Janet Fourman, Michael & Kathy Fout, Martin & Eleanor Freese, Keith & Carolyn Furlong, Connie Garber, Phil Garbig, Richard & Marilyn Graeff, Cheryl Gray, William Gunder, Phyllis Hahn, Harry & Hana Hanes, Tom & Jean Hanes, Glenna Hayes, JoAnne Hill, Mildred Hoover, Mark Hughes, Dick & Cheryl Hunt, Lloyd Hunt, Christine Jones, Thomas & Patricia Jones, Sharon Karns, Jerry Karmer, Eldene & Phyllis Lambert, Esther Lenhert, Galen & Sara Lenhert, Samuel R. Lenhert, Philip & Miriam Lockman, Doug & Nora Mahoney, Dick & Dee Mathais, Bill & Gayla Metzcar, Wendell & Jean Miller, Terry & Judy Mills, Yula Jean Munn-Hillis, Betty J. Murphy, Michael & Linda Newbauer, Carol Null, Howard O'Dell, Paul & Linda Pease, Dean & Marcia Sue Pitzer, Jeff & Susan Puterbaugh, Jewell Puterbaugh, Jenny Quigney, Beverly Rench, Gene & Joan Rench, Duane & Joan Reynolds, Linda Riley, Richard & Marilyn Rinehart, Tim & Peggy Sanders, Helena Schlafman, Dale & Betty Sease, Helen Shank, Anita Short, Jane Staley, Staley's Antiques, Sue Stammen, Tom & Liz Stephens, John & Ella Stevenson, Annette & Rex Stewart, Marilyn Strickler, Gary & Denise Swabb, John Trigg, Anita Troutwine, Fred & Carolyn Troutwine, Phyllis Troutwine, Richard & Sharon Troutwine, Lynne & Carolyn Trump, Franklin & Judy Van Scoyk, John Weisenbarger, Robert & Susan Weisenbarger, Tom & Denise Wetzell, Lew Williams, Kerlin Wilt, Wayne & Claire Wilt, Cary & Teresa Wogomon, Bill & Mary Wolke, Jean Yoemans.

If we have inadvertently left off your name, please call Carolyn Furlong 548-6556.

Business History of W. George Street**13 West George Street**

An early 1990s photo of this building shows a two story brick structure. It had two businesses, 13 and 15 W. George. First business listed in Anita Short's Arcanum business book at number 13 was Kester Furniture and Undertaking. From then until 1953, the year a fire destroyed the entire structure; there were furniture makers, a bowling alley, saloons, restaurant and groceries & meat markets. Most businesses stayed only a few years.

Roy Sutton purchased the land from the Adam Stockum family estate in 1954. Work began immediately to clear the fire debris. A modern building encompassing both lots was soon ready for Sutton's Thrift "E" Super Market to move from the south side of George St.

Roy had been in the grocery business since 1936. The new store was operated by son Benjamin (Ben). When the store began an affiliation with Super Value in 1960 the name was changed to Sutton's Super Value.

Then, in 1976, Ben and his wife Janet (Bolinger), along with sons Scott and Kirby, opened the grocery in a new and larger building at 605 N. Main St. Kirby's daughter Shala is the fourth generation to be part of the business which is in the 84th year serving Arcanum.

Richard and Judy Kemp purchased the building from the Suttons and opened the Art Gallery Buffet. A few years later the restaurant was sold to Mr. Benken. The ownership then went to Harry and Carolyn Siculan for their contact lens distribution center, Bradford Optical. The business was started in their home on North Street. It wasn't long when the house next door was purchased for the growing business. In 1996 Bradford Optical moved to George St. Still needing a larger distribution center, the next move was to St. Rt. 571 East.

Katie (Boston) Smith rented from the new owner, Dan Burns, in the early 2000s. Her dance studio was later relocated across the street to 102 W. George St. Jody Burns currently owns the building which is vacant and for sale.

15 West George Street

Prior to the 1950 fire which destroyed the businesses and building on lots 13 and 15, a hardware store was at this location since 1899. The succession of owners was Warren Spittler & Mr. Cloppert: E. E. Olwine & F. M. Tullis: Walter O. Moore: Clayton Houk & Jess D. Miller and Roy H. Bromagen.

The second floor above 13 & 15 W. George St. was used for various sports from 1908 until the 1953 fire: pool, billiard and bowling. There is reference to a business, Arcanum Bottling works; proprietors were Howard "Johnny" Floyd & Leo Puterbaugh.

Article references are from *Arcanum, Ohio business History (1852 thru 1968)*, by Anita Short and *Arcanum...a secret place -Sesquicentennial Book* compiled by JoKay Miltenberger. More about these businesses and buildings may be learned from books available for purchase through the historical society.

2010 Membership Form – Due Date January 1st
Clip and Mail to AWTHS, P O Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

Name _____ Phone _____ New ___ Renewal___

Address _____ City, State & Zip Code _____

Annual Membership Fees

_____ \$50.00 Sponsorship

_____ \$15.00 Single

_____ \$25.00 Family

_____ \$150.00 Corporate

_____ \$1,000 Lifetime

Your tax deductible additional contributions are also greatly appreciate \$_____

Your participation is needed in order for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you are willing to serve.

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___Flower Garden Care

___Yard Care

___Genealogy ___Publicity

___Design/Displays

___Publications

___Adopt A Highway

___Oral History Preservation

___AWTHS Open Hours Hosts

___Set up for Hall Rentals/Meetings

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society Calendar of Events

January 5, 2010	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 14, 2010	Annual Membership Meeting Election of Officers	7:00 p.m.
January 15, 2010	Euchre Party	1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
February 2, 2010	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
February 5 & 19, 2010	Euchre Party	1:30 - 3:00
March 2, 2010	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 5 & 19, 2010	Euchre Party	1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
March 11, 2010	March Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.

On Going Projects

Euchre Parties - First and Third Friday of each month January through March – Fred Troutwine 692-8939

Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 Aluminum Recycling - Wendell Miller 692-8425

For Sale - Historic Arcanum Books and Christmas Cards & Note Cards - Bill Gunder 692-8000

Donation of Appreciated stocks(s) - Richard Troutwine 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206

Newsletter is edited by Barb Deis and formatted by Helena Schlafman. Contact Barb at 678-7832 or bdeis@core.com with information for the newsletter. AWTHS would be happy for you to write your own story for the newsletter.

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