

Sharing The Secret

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The summer fundraisers were very successful. Thanks to Larry and Annabelle Wallace the Farmers Market profited \$775.05. The Rummage Sale chaired by Richard and Sharon Troutwine brought in \$1150.55, thank you for your hard work. The Darke County Fair Board paid \$1000 to AWTHS for manning Gate #3. Keith and Carolyn Furlong did a great job scheduling workers for that event. I want to thank all members and friends of the historical society who helped make these projects successful.

The Checking/Savings balance as of August 31, 2012 was \$5,388.17. Total revenue for the first 8 months of this year was \$9,362.16. Total operating expenses for the same time period were \$3,848.20.

Improvements to our grounds this summer were laying the brick base for the black cast iron yard furniture. Bricks used were from original sidewalks in the village. The Storage Building got a fresh coat of stain.

We were pleased to have the Darke County Center of the Arts present one of the Coffee House performances here at AWTHS in September. The Russian Duo gave a spectacular performance for the 65 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the Russian desserts and beverages. After deducting expenses from monies donated for refreshments we made \$65.75. Thanks to Rose Lambert of Rose Post for providing floral arrangements for the evening.

The Christmas Bazaar is in the planning stages. Sharon and Richard Troutwine will oversee set-up and pricing. Joan Rench and Barb Deis will co-chair responsibilities for the Bake Shoppe & County Store. The Little Boutique will be coordinated by Carolyn Furlong.

Our annual membership meeting will be January 10th. Elections of Officers will be held on this evening. Plan to attend this important meeting.

Also January 1st is when all membership fees are due. Your prompt payment is appreciated.

The 2012 membership dues brought in \$2,195.80. An additional \$505 was contributed at the time of membership payment. Your membership fees and contributions help us meet our operating expenses.

Be sure to see the new displays. Come in to read family histories and articles written about Arcanum by Arcanum residents which are in our research and genealogy library.

Let's not forget - there is more to our historical society than bricks and mortar.

AWTHS Officers and Directors

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November 8th Program

7:00 p.m.

Family Stories Make Valuable Heirlooms Presented by Annette Stewart

An heirloom is defined as "any possession handed down from generation to generation". AWTHS Reference Materials Coordinator Annette Stewart will be sharing her love of genealogy, family history, research, preservation, photos and incorporating these ideas into heirlooms for future generations.

Come and learn how to find your family's history and how to organize it. Pick up some tips for research and displaying artifacts.

Annette has researched her family in Darke County, Ohio and in Pennsylvania. She will share her stories of visiting their homesteads, cemeteries, and meeting "long lost cousins"

Annette's ancestors were either preachers or farmers and settled in Darke County in the 1830's. Several ancestors served in the Revolutionary War and War of 1812.

Married to Rex Stewart the couple farm and live on the property which has been in her family since 1928. Annette is the mother of 2 children and she has 4 grandchildren to whom she will pass on these heirlooms.

Besides researching, Annette enjoys reading historical novels and fiction, and herb gardening. She is active in her church, Piqua-Lewis Boyer DAR, and Arcanum Criterion Club.

Join us as we continue our fall programs offering hints and guidelines on researching your own family. Following Annette's presentation the reading room on the second floor will be open for you to see materials available for research.

Committee Reports

Acquisitions - Carolyn Furlong- 548-6556 and Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

Thanks to all who have donated items.

11001 Arcanum Jr. High basketball schedule - 1945-55	Wayne Stutz
11002 Green badminton racquet - Dayton Racquet Co. Arcanum, OH	
11003 Dayton Racquet Co. pen	Bev Jay
11004 (2) pair of wire rim eyeglasses from his family	Paul Shuttleworth
11005 Class picture of Monroe (circa 1900) Pitsburg, OH (Clara Fourman Fasick in picture and Mary Fourman, sister)	Howard Donald Fasick
11006 Small can of Bokar coffee	
11007 Picture of movie, Clark Gable (drink coaster)	
11008 Christian Becker Measuring Weight Scale	Arcanum Butler School
11009 (4) books - Arcanum Garden club - years 1954-84 Minutes	Arcanum Garden Club
11010 Dedication booklet of Arcanum School additions - 1974	Sue Stammen
11011 Picture of Stutz and Karns Furniture Store (IOOF Building)	Sue Karns Stammen
11012 Picture of 1st Award given at Old Fashioned Days Golf Outing (1989)	Sue Karns Stammen
11013 (2) grinding stones and (1) hammer dated 300 yrs, B.C. found in Castine, OH	Zaida Morgan and brother, Jack Hemp
11014	
11015 (2) 50# popcorn sacks - Blevins Popcorn Nashville, TN, Arcanum, OH	Gertrude Brehm
11016 1st place trophy at 1st Old Fashioned Day Golf Outing	Gene Rench
11017 Genealogy of the Troutwine Family	Fred and Carolyn Troutwine
11018 (2) bricks from original N. Main school	Jean Cox Aukerman
11019 Brick from West George Street	
11020 Scrap book - kept by Mrs. Laura Rhynard circa 60s & 70s of Future Teachers of America Club	Butler School
11021	
11022 Example of Valentine greeting card (circa 50s)	
11023 Shoe sizing unit for Cobbler - metal (4) pieces	
11024 White and red round doily (handmade)	Jenny Clark
11025 1957 Reserve Basketball team (2 copies)	Jenny Clark
11026 1951 and 1952 3rd Grade class (2 copies)	Richard Troutwine
11027 1952 Arcana Yearbook, Arcanum High School	Richard Troutwine
11028 Booklet compiled by Abraham Lincoln - History of Gordon, OH	Mark Mills
11029 Cooks Grocery Store notebook	Chuck and Pat Cunningan
11030 1956 Track and Field Meet program, 1967 and 1969 Ohio High School State Basketball tournament programs, 1967 State High School track Champion ship A-AA program, 1971 Arcanum alumni Association program	Carolyn Fourman Fisher
	Richard Troutwine

Displays

Sandy Brehm is sharing her collection of infant nursing bottles. This collection is on loan to AWTHS for a short time. Sandy started her hobby in the early 1990's when she was given the first bottle, a gift from her mother. This large collection can be viewed in the community room of the historical house. Sandy will also be sharing her antique Kewpie Dolls collection. Look for the display in the near future.

Adopt-A-Highway

This is the 7th year AWTHS has participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Jim Deis, Deo Miltenberger and Dick Troutwine cleaned up along St. Rt. 49 in August. During the 3 pick ups a year, the number of bags filled averages 7 bags of trash and 1 bag of aluminum cans.

Aluminum Can Recycling

Thanks to all who have donated aluminum cans. Through the end of August of this year we have profited \$370.21. This amount will pay utilities bills for two months. Keep the cans coming in.

Membership - Carolyn and Keith Furlong 548-6556

Welcome Tim Becker and Morgan Reinbold, our newest members. AWTHS membership drive will start in October. All membership fees are due January 1st. For new members, if you join during the last few months of the year your payment will cover 2012 and 2013.

We thank you for your support through memberships. If you have any questions contact Carolyn or Keith.

Ways and MeansResults of Summer Events***Rummage Sale*** Richard and Sharon Troutwine

The annual rummage sale was again very successful with a profit of \$1150.50. All unsold items were donated to Tim Becker, one of our newest members and the owner of the old blacksmith shop and house across from AWTHS. Tim will be having a giant sale in Greenville with proceeds benefiting his 15 year old critically ill niece.

Thank you all for your donations and your help. Special thanks to Terry and Judy Mills for all of the items from Trinity U.M. Church and to Sally Kattau for the Faith U.M. Church items.

The Great Darke County Fair - Gate 3 Keith Furlong 548-6556

Carolyn and I want to thank each of you who helped man the fair gate this year. There were 59 different individuals involved over the 9 day period. Even more encouraging were the number of new people who stepped forward to help.

For some individuals, there appears to be certain preferred dates that fit in your schedules. In a later issue, I will include a calendar that reflected, to the best of my knowledge, your 2012 dates. These will carry forward to next year. Looking forward to 2013.

P.S. No knee replacements during the fair week.

Up Coming Event * Christmas Bazaar

Mark Saturday Nov. 24 on your calendar for the Christmas Bazaar, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. As in previous years we will have a **50-50 Raffle, an In-House Raffle, and a Door Prize.**

Treasures of slightly used Christmas items - much to choose from. Contact Richard & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128, for pick up of Christmas items, or leave your items at the house. They will appreciate your help in setting up and pricing items.

Wood Items - AWTHS Elves are busy in the **wood working shop** making winter decorated bird houses, newly designed snow people, angels, stars, trees and decorative sleds.

Wreaths, etc. - It won't be long, the AWTHS designers will be reeling their hot glue guns, decorating wreaths, trees and garlands. Buckeye ornaments, mini trees and other Buckeye items will be available.

Bake Shoppe and County Store - Please bring your homemade baked goodies, candies, snacks, frozen soups, and any thing else you want to make, to the house Friday 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Joan Rench and Barb Deis will be there to take the items for pricing.

Aprons are the hot items this year. Look for aprons made from the backs of jeans, ruffled aprons, full and half, kids and adults, all sorts of designs and prints.

Little Boutique - We want adult and children's hats, scarves, purses, gloves and accessories. Contact Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 if you have an idea of items for the boutique.

Preservation of Arcanum Times from 1899 Through 1971 Fred and Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

Anita Short's family donated her collection of Arcanum times (1899-1971 to the Historical Society. We have agonized over how/what should be done to preserve one of the most valuable records of Arcanum's history. After months of fact finding, it has been decided by the Board to proceed forward with attempts to get Grant funding for the "save the newspapers" project.

It has been projected that we will need 12,000 plastic sleeves, materials for 60 binders, hand-held wand scanner, and a computer and printer compatible with the scanner.

The ultimate goal of this project is to make information available that otherwise would be lost to generations interested in the past history of Arcanum and surrounding areas. Once the newspapers are in plastic sleeves, readers will be able to obtain genealogical information, read social and random events of any particular year, and get a feeling of what life was really like through the years.

Twelve thousand plastic sleeves will need to be filled with pages of newspapers. As monies become available, supplies will be purchased. The first priority will be the sleeves and materials for the binders. Hopefully, we will have a designated area and time, when volunteers can come and place the papers in plastic sleeves. We think this will be a great "snowy day" project for the winter. The greater the number of people helping; the sooner the newspapers will be available for reading.

Southern Darke County History Annette Stewart 692-6462

As AWTHS continues to remember our men and women who have served in war times, we want to pass on this information about commemorating veterans of the Korean War.

On June 25, 2012, the Korean War Commemoration Committee launched "The Year of the Korean War Veteran." As part of the commemoration, the Department of Defense (DOD) will issue a certificate of appreciation to honor any Veteran who served in the U. S. Armed Forces from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953.

The military service did NOT have to be in Korea. To register for a certificate, please go to the Korean War 60th Anniversary website, i.e., <http://www.Koreanwar.defense.gov>, click on recognition request and complete the form. Or send the Veteran's name, branch of service and return mailing address to: Korean War 60th Anniversary Commemoration Committee, 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1400, Arlington, VA 22202.

To add to displays at AWTHS of the various wars and conflicts we appreciate donations of artifacts from the Korean War such as photos, letters, diaries, awards, uniforms, newspaper clippings, stories, and such. We are looking for items and information from the Southern Darke County area. We wish to honor all those who served during any war or conflict. If you would like, items may be on loan for exhibit purposes only.

Christmas In Arcanum

The year Santa first made an appearance in Arcanum is not clear. Although, The Smith Big Store had toy land on the second floor and Santa was there in the late 1800's. We know in 1906 Santa arrived in Arcanum by way of the traction line.

In more recent years Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived by horse drawn carriage, Karaoke wagon, fire truck and vintage cars just in time for the Holiday Parade on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Santa arriving in town accompanied by bands, decorated floats, new cars, school buses, and fire trucks is a long standing tradition. There was a huge Christmas parade Dec. 11, 1940, which may have been the first Christmas parade in Arcanum.

Each year one boy and one girl is selected to ride in the parade with Santa and Mrs. Claus. They are given a gift provided by Alan and Judy Fourman. The children are chosen from letters sent to Santa.

Following the parade and visiting with the children Mr. and Mrs. Claus make their way back "up North" walking along Main Street. They love hearing the sound of car horns tooting and children cheering as the children are surprised to see Santa and his wife walking through town. If the cars stop for the children to get a better look, Santa gives them treats.

Alan Fourman started as Santa's special helper in 1995 then in 1998 Judy became Mrs. Claus' special helper. Since then these special helpers have been at Santa's house each Saturday in December to visit with the children.

Christmas for the children is a community effort. The Business Association provides film for the photographs and Santa's house which is located at George and Main Streets. Over the years different organizations have provided candy for the children, recently it has been the Business Association. Judy and Alan provide a gift for each child who can not have candy. The Band Boosters schedule students to take the photos. Judy makes sure the inside of Santa's house is decorated differently each year.

Santa's house and a huge donated evergreen are put in place at the corner of Main and George Sts. by city workers then lights & decorations are put on the tree. The year the first Community Christmas Tree went up was 1922 and has been a tradition except for war years and the depression years. The tree was set up in the intersection of George and High Sts. which was considered the center of the business district for many years. 1913 was the beginning of the wide use of Christmas lights.

Residents of all ages have enjoyed the Christmas trees put up by the Business Association and decorated by the businesses - it makes such a pretty site on George Street. The year merchants first put up individual trees was 1949.

December is a busy time for Alan and Judy. A special day for Judy is when she can wear the beautiful red dress and spend the day at the Cancer Treatment Center in Greenville. It is a treat for the patients to visit with Mrs. Claus who of course has a gift for each person, items she has collected throughout the year.

As our churches and organization have done since the 1800's they continue to help families in need especially at Christmas. Each year Judy and Alan select several of those families, along with the help of an anonymous family in town who provides food while Judy and Alan provide toys or/and clothes that are needed, which Santa himself delivers.

During the depression in 1932, 32 families were given Christmas baskets containing food for Christmas Day, clothes if needed and toys donated by Arcanum families and rehabilitated by the Sigerfoos American Legion Post. Christmas of 1941, at the beginning of WWII, the legion provided for 50 needy homes in the vicinity.

Last year a 17 yr old girl showed Judy all 17 photos taken with Santa in Arcanum, she'll be there this year too.

Santa's special helpers look forward to the weeks leading up to Christmas when they can be a part of making Christmas a special time in Arcanum, for the children and families in need.

2013 Membership Form
Clip and Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____
Phone Number _____ Receive Newsletter by Email _____
Address _____
City, State and Zip Code _____

Annual Fees
____ \$15 Single _____ \$25 Family _____ \$50 Sponsorship
_____ \$150 Corporate _____ \$1000 Lifetime

Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____
Your participation is needed for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you can serve.

- Acquisitions Newsletter Membership Programs Ways & Means
Historic Sites Education Nominating Flower Garden Care Yard Care
Genealogy Publicity Design/Displays Publications
Adopt A Highway Typing research Papers

Arcanum Books for Purchase

Table with 2 columns: Book Title and Price. Includes 'The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio' for \$20, 'Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)' for \$25, 'Arcanum Chronicles' for \$20, and 'Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2' for \$18.

To purchase books contact Barbara Deis 678-7832, Bill Gunder 692-8000, Board Members or use our website.

Fire Bell Rings One Last Time

Daily Advocate - Saturday, March 31, 2007 - "The fire bell rang for the final time in the city building's bell tower at 10:40 a.m. on March 18. Arcanum Assistant Fire Chief Bill Oler rang the fire bell 7 times before a crane lifted the 710 pound bell safely to ground."

Have you noticed the bell which hangs from a brick saddle outside the fire house? After 5 years in storage the fire bell has a new home, an appropriate spot where residents can see and appreciate a part of Arcanum's history. The restoration of the bell was a costly project. Thanks to the Fire Department for preserving this part of our village's past.

The original warranty for the bell was discovered carefully preserved in a book of council minutes. Records show the bell was cast at Buckeye Bell Foundry in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was purchased from Vanduzen and Tift Company in 1891. Through research it was discovered the bell is either brass, bronze or a combination of the two and not cast iron.

Although the bell hung in the south bell tower of the Town/Township Hall until removal in 2007 it was not used to alert residents of a fire after electricity came to Arcanum.

Learn more about Arcanum's Fire Dept. and the people who serve our community in Bill Gunder's book.

Take your children and grandchildren as well as visitors to see the bell and tell them how this was the only alert to pending disaster until the installation of a whistle. (Read more in Arcanum Chronicles Vol. 2 Arcanum Fire Department)

A Gentle Reminder

- Need for the Christmas Bazaar Help to set up and price
Ideas for the Little Boutique
New or Like new items for our Little Boutique: winter kid's clothes & accessories.
Scarves, Hats, Purses, Vests, Gloves, Tops, Jewelry, etc. for adults
Gently used Christmas items
Baked goods, candies, snack mixes, soups and more
Aprons of all sizes
2 X 4 Pieces of Wood for snow people
Spray Paint - White/Gold/Silver/Black/Red/Green

Help needed for Preservation Projects of Old Arcanum Times Newspapers

Want memorabilia from Korean War and other U.S. Wars and Conflicts

Want tall glass pedestal cake plate for special events - 8 inches or taller

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Calendar of Events

October 5 & 19, 2012	Euchre Card Party	1:00-3:30 p.m.
October 9, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 2 & 16, 2012	Euchre Card Party	1:00-3:30 p.m.
November 8, 2012	Membership Meeting Program: Annette Stewart Family Research and Genealogy	7:00 p.m.
November 13, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 24, 2012	Christmas Bazaar Christmas Walk -Post Bazaar Sale	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
December 7 & 21, 2012	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
December 11, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 10, 2013	All 2013 Membership fees are due by January 1st Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers	7:00 p.m.

Arcanum Village Christmas Walk November 24th 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The Third Annual Village Christmas Walk will be held Thursday evening Nov. 24th. Many of the stores will have evening hours. There will be horse wagon rides, refreshments will be available while music fills the air and luminaries light the sidewalks. AWTHS will continue the Bazaar during the evening hours.

On Going Projects

Euchre Parties - First and Third Friday of each month September through May - Dave & Beth flora 692-8413
 Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong, 548-6556 Aluminum Can Recycling - Keith Furlong, 548-6556
 For Sale - Historic Arcanum books, Bill Gunder, 692-8000 Arcanum Christmas Cards and Note Cards
 Donation of Appreciated Stocks - Richard Troutwine, 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206

Newsletter is compiled and edited by Barb Deis. Contact Barb at 678-7832 or bdeis08@centurylink.net with information for the newsletter. We would love to hear your stories. Share your memories of life in Arcanum.