



Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum

Clinton County Historical Society

Newsletter

November 2008

AN INSPIRED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The halls of Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum (PGS) will once again be decked in Victorian splendor. This year a special doll collection will be featured. Lial and Betty Knight donated a fabulous collection of dolls to the museum. The Knights donated the dolls with the idea that PGS would sell the collection and use the money to help with operating expenses. In honor of Lial and now in memory of Betty, part of the collection will be featured this holiday season. Some of the dolls depict historic themes, and will be retained as part of the Museum

Collection. The rest will be sold in 2009. Anyone interested in purchasing dolls can contact Catherine Rumbaugh at (989)224-7402.

Holiday hours will run from November 29 through December 21, 2008. The museum is open 2 - 7 pm on Wednesdays as well as 1-4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Special tours are available by appointment. Call Diane at (989)227-9677.

The carriage house and General Store will be open during the holiday season, weather permitting.

Membership Tea Generates Funds for Museum



Catherine Rumbaugh and Karen Kusenda

The Annual Friends of the Museum Membership Tea was a great success. The theme this year was Pearl Anniversary, in accordance with the 30th anniversary of the Museum at its current location. All guests were “decked out” in pearls and their best finery, adding an air of beauty and elegance to the event. Tea is served annually at PGS by invitation only. Each year the tea has been sold out, with a waiting list. Funds generated by the Annual Tea are vital for payment of operating expenses at the Museum. Become a Member now to reserve your invitation to attend the Tea in 2009.

New Acquisition for Dental Office Exhibit

PGS is proud to have a new Dental Chair in the Dental Office Exhibit. Dr. Henry Burkhardt picked up the circa 1940 Dental Exam Chair from Dr. John Meade of Mason. Dr. Meade made some modifications to the chair, eventually getting a patent for his design. The chair is currently at Sundance Body Shop being restored. Sundance has generously agreed to restore the metal parts and the hydraulic base of the chair for the museum at their expense. The Museum is grateful to Drs. Meade and Burkhardt as well as the staff at Sundance Body Shop for this acquisition.



Dr. Henry Burkhardt

Other Recent Acquisitions

Along with the dental chair and doll collection, the museum has also acquired a child's school desk, a furnace door made in St. Johns, Hick's Family Artifacts and a Keystone from the Steel Hotel.

Wish List for Museum Collection

There are many items on the list, including: a stove for the one room school exhibit; anything made in a St. Johns foundry; information, pictures or paper items relating to early Opera Houses of Clinton County; old telephone books (especially pre-1970); pictures, parts, or anything related to the Triangle Truck Co.

PGS is in need of volunteers. There are many opportunities for individuals to get involved at the Museum. There are positions for individuals willing to work with school children on tours, creating displays, inventorying artifacts, cleaning, general office help, bring treats to Museum Events. Special thanks to volunteer Sybil Spencer who created this newsletter.

A Note from Catherine ...

Dear Friends of the Museum:

“Thanks is not enough,” as a friend of mine wrote. Now I’m sending those words to you for the lovely card shower.

The surprise was a surprise!!!

I have so enjoyed your cards, good wishes and memory notes. I shall reread many times.

You may not be aware, at the Tea, when the porch and dining room guests started into the living room, I was about to get up and tell you we still had dessert to be served— then Diane started talking. What a Surprise!

Thank you is not enough.

Love,

Catherine



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November 29 through December 21, 2008
Wednesdays 2 to 7 p.m.
Saturdays & Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.
Special Tours and Programs Available
Call Diane Carlson for more Information
Museum Web site: www.PGSMuseum.org
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TO:

PAINE-GILLAM-SCOTT MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

Remember – the Museum is funded only by Museum memberships and donations by Members of the Community. As a 501C (3) not-for-profit corporation, your membership dues are tax deductible, but please consult your tax advisor.

I am:

- Entering New Friend of Museum 2009 Membership, \$25.00*
- Renewing my Annual Membership for 2009 in the amount of: \$25.00*
- Making Donation of \$_____ in Honor/In Memory of _____

Send Membership/Donations to:

Paine-Gillam-Scott-Museum
P.O. Box 174
Saint Johns, MI 48879

- Making other donation to support Museum \$_____

Name(s): _____

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Comments: _____

*Annual membership is based on calendar year and includes Museum newsletters, invitation to annual events, invitation to annual tea, free family admission to Museum.