

Firelands Postcard Club donates money to local museums and groups

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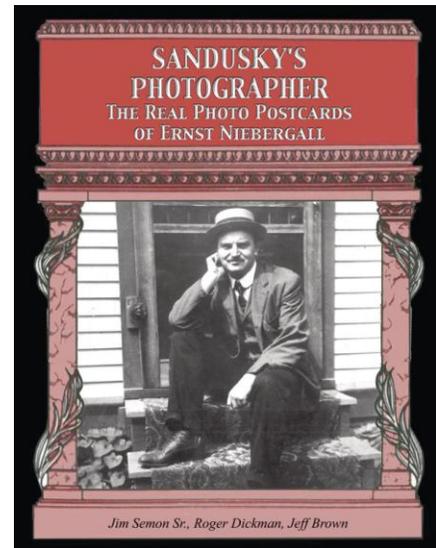
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The members of the Firelands Postcard Club love history. They don't just show it by gazing at old postcards that show scenes of days gone by. The club's 70 members have just donated \$3,400 from the profits of a recently published book to 17 local historical societies and museums. Each group got \$200.

"It had always been our intention to give the profit from the sale of our book 'Sandusky's Photographer, The Real Photo Postcards of Ernst Niebergall' to organizations preserving area history," said Jim Semon Sr., president of the Firelands Postcard Club. "Some of these organizations had made presentations at our club meetings over the past years and created a keen sense of interest with many of our members. In some instances they provided additional postcard images and information for our book," Semon said in an email to the Register. "We also knew that many historians had used Niebergall images in the past, but in some cases he had not received the recognition we felt he deserved. By making donations to this group of societies and museums in conjunction with Niebergall's photographic work, his recognition will be maintained for many years to come," he said.

German-born photographer Ernst Niebergall (1876-1954) took many photographs documenting local history. The club's book included 246 of his photos. Here is the list of the 17 organizations receiving donations:

- Erie County Historical Society
- Castalia Historical Society
- Edison Birthplace Museum
- Huron Historical Society
- Ottawa County Historical Society (Wolcott Keepers House)
- Ottawa County Museum
- Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museum
- Maritime Museum of Sandusky
- Tri-Motor Heritage Foundation
- Old House Guild of Sandusky (Cooke- Dorn House)
- Mad River & NKP Railroad Society, Inc
- Merry-Go-Round Museum
- Firelands Historical Society
- Heritage Society of Erie County
- Catawba Island Historical Society
- Sandusky Public Library (Follett House Museum)
- Kelleys Island Historical Association



The Erie County Historical Society has links to all these organizations on our website:
<https://www.eriecountyohiohistory.com/>

The book is available at \$25 post-paid, from Firelands Postcard Club, P.O. Box 351, Huron, OH 44839 or pay \$20 at a meeting of the postcard club, which meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Erie County Senior Center, 620 E. Water Street, Sandusky.