

THE ERIE CHRONICLE

ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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OUR SECOND EDITION OF "THE ERIE CHRONICLE" HAS SOME REALLY EXCITING NEWS. AS WAS ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER, THE ARTRAIN IS COMING TO SANDUSKY. WE ARE CALLING THIS "THE LYNN AND MAE ROSINO MEMORIAL VISIT OF THE ARTRAIN!", BECAUSE IT IS WITH THE INTEREST FROM THE ROSINO BEQUEST TO OUR SOCIETY THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SPONSOR THE TRAIN. WE HAVE HELP IN THE FUNDING OF THE ARTRAIN VISIT FROM THE FOLLETT HOUSE MUSEUM, THE CITIZENS BANKING COMPANY, THE WOMENS CIVIC CLUB AND A GENEROUS ANONYMOUS DONOR.

THE ARTRAIN WILL ARRIVE AT ITS POST ON THE SIDING AT SOUTH DEPOT ST., JUST WEST OF HAYES AVE., ON MONDAY APRIL 3. ON TUESDAY THERE WILL BE A TRAINING SESSION FOR THE VOLUNTEER GUIDES AND THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE TRAIN WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 9. HOURS WILL BE, ON WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9-2:30 FOR SCHOOL TOURS AND 2:30-5 FOR THE PUBLIC; SATURDAY 11-7 AND SUNDAY 12-7. THERE WILL BE WHEELCHAIR LIFTS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE TRAIN. ANYONE

THE EXHIBIT FOR THIS TRIP IS CALLED "TREASURES OF CHILDHOOD - 150 YEARS OF AMERICAN TOYS", AND CONSISTS OF OVER 200 TOYS FROM THE PRIVATE COLLECTION OF LAWRENCE SCRIPPS WILKINSON. A TOUR OF THE TRAIN BEGINS WITH A SEVEN MINUTE SLIDE-TAPE SHOW WHICH INTRODUCES VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION'S OBJECTS AND EDUCATIONAL CONCEPTS, AND CONTINUES THROUGH THREE GALLERY CARS FILLED WITH THE TOYS, PHOTO PANEL DISPLAYS, AND INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS. THE FOURTH CAR IS A STUDIO CAR WHERE LOCAL ARTISTS WILL JOIN WITH ARTRAIN'S RESIDENT TOYMAKERS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENTS SO THAT VISITORS CAN WATCH THE CREATIVE PROCESS UNFOLD. A CABOOSE IS USED AS AN OFFICE BY THE STAFF. A COMPLETE TOUR TAKES ABOUT 45 MINUTES. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE TOUR, BUT DONATIONS ARE WELCOME.

DURING THE TIME OF THE ARTRAIN VISIT, THERE WILL BE OTHER ANTIQUE TOYS EXHIBITED IN STORE WINDOWS AND IN THE LIBRARY. ANOTHER CORRELATED ACTIVITY WILL BE A MARIONETTE SHOW, "HANSEL AND GRETEL" BY THE POPPINJAY PUPPETS AT THE STATE THEATRE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AT 1:30. THIS IS SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN.

THE COMMITTEE WORKING ON THE ARTRAIN VISIT CONSISTS OF JANET SENNE, CHAIRMAN; GEORGE MYLANDER, FINANCE; DON SENNE, FACILITIES; ELLIE DAMM, GUIDES; VIRGINIA STEINEMANN AND LUCILLE MARTIN, SCHOOL TOURS; JOAN VAN OFEREN, PROMOTION; MOLLIE MIHALEK AND PHYLLIS LIPP, DEMONSTRATING ARTISTS; AND ARTHUR OCHS, OPENING CEREMONY.



MARCH MEETING

WHILE LOOKING FOR A PICTURE TO ILLUSTRATE THIS ARTICLE, I RAN ACROSS A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING ANNOUNCING THE MARCH 1963 MEETING OF THE ECHS, AND GUESS WHAT THE TOPIC WAS! THAT'S RIGHT, JOHNSON'S ISLAND. I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND THE REPETITION, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT WE ARE HAVING AGAIN THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE PRISON FROM A FRESH POINT OF VIEW, AS YOU WILL SEE.

WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE AS OUR SPEAKER THE EMINENT CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN, ROGER LONG. MR. LONG HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS ARTICLES DEALING WITH CIVIL WAR DIARIES, MEMOIRS AND LETTERS. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SUCH PUBLICATIONS AS BLUE AND GRAY, LOUISIANA HISTORY, GETTYSBURG, AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVIL WAR TIMES ILLUSTRATED. HE HAS ALSO LECTURED AT CIVIL WAR SEMINARS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AND OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

OUR MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19 AT 2:30 IN THE FIRELANDS ROOM IN THE FROST RECREATION CENTER AT OSBORN PARK. THE TITLE OF MR. LONG'S TALK WILL BE "THE WOMEN WHO VISITED JOHNSON'S ISLAND PRISON". REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE ASK THEM TO JOIN US.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR THAT WE WISH TO WELCOME:



LINDA COUGHLIN, MATILDA EVANS
ANDY AND ELLEN KRAUSE
KEITH AND KIM KUHN
HUGH AND KATHY LANGE
LOIS SKILLMAN

ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP



Dear grandma, how we all love her; even Hector will lie on the floor and look up into her face, while she tells us of the time when she was a little girl, and how at night the wolves and bears would growl around the house; but they were not afraid, for father's gun was ready, and the door was close barred.

ON FEBRUARY 18 LUCILLE MARTIN, LOIS SKILLMAN, DON AND JANET SENNE ATTENDED A WORKSHOP ON ORAL HISTORY. DR. HUGH EARNHART OF THE YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY HISTORY DEPARTMENT AND FOUR OF HIS STAFF MEMBERS GAVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONDUCTING AN ORAL HISTORY RESEARCH PROGRAM. HOW TO CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW, HOW TO TRANSCRIBE THE TAPES AND HOW TO MANAGE A COLLECTION WERE THE TOPICS. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING SUCH A PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY.

WE HAVE TWO VIDEOTAPES, "RAILROADS OF ERIE COUNTY" AND "THE USO IN ERIE COUNTY", BUT PERHAPS WE SHOULD CONSIDER GOING TO CASSETTES FOR ANY FUTURE INTERVIEWS. A STRAIGHT INTERVIEW THAT DOES NOT NEED PICTURES CAN BE TRANSCRIBED AND IS MUCH MORE READILY ACCESSIBLE.

WE NEED TO THINK OF SUBJECTS THAT ARE OF LASTING INTEREST AND PERHAPS UNIQUE TO THIS AREA. COME UP WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS AT THE NEXT MEETING.



FOR ON YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

MARCH 11-12 ANTIQUE DOLL AND TOY SHOW
1 - 5 LYME VILLAGE, BELLEVUE

MARCH 18 OLD HOUSE GUILD WORKSHOP
VICTORIAN INTERIOR AND
EXTERIOR DECORATION - AT
THE RADISSON HOTEL

MARCH 19 ECHS MEETING AT OSBORN PARK
2:30 ROGER LONG - "THE WOMEN WHO
VISITED JOHNSON ISLAND
PRISON".

APRIL

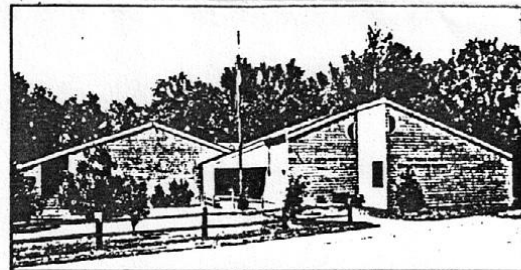
APRIL 5-9 ARTRAIN VISIT

APRIL 6 LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE IN
BOWLING GREEN

APRIL 15-16 QUILT SHOW AT LYME VILLAGE
1 - 5

MAY

MAY 21 ECHS MEETING AT OLD WOMAN'S
2:30 CREEK - MORE ON THIS LATER



Take a step back to nature at Old Woman Creek Sanctuary.