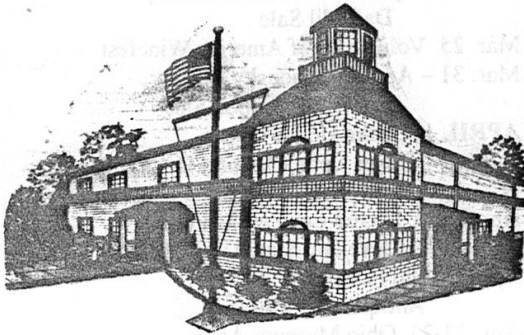


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VISIT THE SANDUSKY MARITIME MUSEUM



Our next meeting will be held at the new Sandusky Maritime Museum at 125 Meigs St. Sunday, March 18 at 2:30. One of their members will tell us about the history of their organization and take us on a tour of their building. We will see where they are starting to build another classic boat. One of our founding members, Gordon Wendt, has been very active in this society, as has been George Mylander. Please bring guests to this meeting to help spread the word about this wonderful new museum. Refreshments will be served.

ELEUTHEROUS COOKE HOUSE

The Cooke House will open for this year on Sunday, April 1 from 12 to 3 P.M. A new feature this year will be a gallery of ever changing exhibits of Sandusky history in the basement. The house will be open Tuesday through Saturday 10-3. The gift shop and office are now open weekdays from 10-12. There is always a need for more tour guides. This is a pleasant place to spend a morning or afternoon a month and a chance to meet some interesting people. To volunteer, call 627-0640.

OHIO BICENTENNIAL UPDATE

The Erie County Committee for the Bicentennial meets every other month to discuss new plans for events. Last meeting we told about our event, the visit of the Brig Niagara in September of 2003. We are also hoping to have the Tall Ships visit or sail by in July. If you haven't seen the Erie County Bicentennial Barn, check it out on Perkins Avenue across from Erie Metro-Parks entrance to Osborne Park. It is on Steinen's horse farm. Seven historic markers will be erected in Erie County as a project of a Social Studies class at Huron High School. The students researched the subjects and applied for grants to help pay for them. If you want to be a part of this committee, come to the next meeting on Tuesday April 24 at the Maritime Museum.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our secretary, Ida Teasel, who is recovering from knee surgery, has agreed to produce our newsletter on her computer, which I am sure will be a lot more interesting than I was able to make it on my 1938 Royal portable. I was surprised to see that the last edition of our "Erie Chronicle" was produced in 1995. Somehow it seems this year that we have had a lot of mail coming in and a lot going on that you all should know about. We'll try to do two newsletters a year during these long gaps between meetings. If any of you have items of interest to the membership that you would like to share, send them to us at P. O. Box 944, Sandusky OH 44870.

Janet Senne

BARN AGAIN

An exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution will be on display in the atrium of the County Office Building downtown from June 30 to August 26. This exhibit has been traveling the country for several years and we are very fortunate to have it come to Sandusky. There are twelve panels showing the history and various types of American barns. The Heritage Society of Erie County will feature a display of Erie County barns at the Erie County Fair. The Heritage Society has brought the "Barn Again" exhibit to Sandusky. Erie MetroParks has recently presented a workshop by the same name promoting preservation and adaptation of barns.

SWEET WATER LADY

Tom Koba of Berlin Heights, who presented his video, "Rebel Fire, Yankee Ice" at a meeting several years ago, has a new video about the Marblehead Lighthouse. Benajah Walcott and his wife Rachel are portrayed and many old photographs are used. We hope to have Tom come to a meeting in the fall and tell us about making this video and what his plans for the future are. The video is now for sale at the Maritime Museum.

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ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS

Our May meeting, which will be held on Sunday, May 20 at the Presbyterian Church, will be a presentation by Natalie DeMuth about one-room schools in Erie County. Natalie is a retired schoolteacher who lives in Vermilion Township. If you know anyone who attended a one-room school or is interested in them, please bring them to this meeting. You will receive a post card reminder closer to the time.

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FOR ON YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH - Hayes Presidential Center
Inauguration Exhibit

Mar. 17 Follett House Exhibit-Quilts & Quilting

Mar. 19-24 American Cancer Society
Daffodil Sale

Mar. 25 Volunteers of America Winefest

Mar. 31 - April 1 Sandusky Library
Used Book Sale

APRIL 1 Cooke House Opens

April 1 Hayes Center Exhibit Opens
"War of Wills-Indian Policy"

Apr. 19-20 Sacred Landmarks Forum
Cleveland State University

Apr. 21 Old House Guild
Antiques Appraisal

Apr. 22-23 Ohio Museum Assoc.

Annual Meeting in Sandusky

April 24 Bicentennial Committee Meeting

April 30 Firelands Council of Historical
Societies meets in Sandusky

MAY 12 Region 2 OAHSM meeting in Marion

JUNE 28-July 1 - Ohio Chautauqua in Huron

June 30 - Aug. 26 Barn Again Exhibit

AUGUST 7-12 - Erie County Fair

SEPT. 8-9 Pioneer Days-Lyme Village.

There will be information about these events at
the March and May meetings.