



# *Reflections*

*...then and now*  
**Loveland Museum Center**

**Spring 2020**

## ***Museum Update***

Due to the coronavirus pandemic beginning early in March, the Museum Center has postponed or cancelled all events until further notice.

Each day seemed to bring more restrictions, and by the middle of the month, we closed our weekend hours in addition to cancelling all events up to June, until further notice.

This shut down does put us way behind with our plans for our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. But we did accomplish some work online or via telephone.

Under Peggy Goodwin's expertise, the strategic planning committee did meet in late March via a conference call. And the board also met April 22<sup>nd</sup> via a conference call.

Individual volunteers did come into the office/library to work on the digital history timeline – continuing to observe all guidelines regarding social distancing, etc. Thanks to Brendan McConnell, Mark Krum, & Pete Bissman who worked on separate projects. Brendan completed the power point for the reconstructing the Log Cabin, and Pete has completed several years of school classes. Mark is working of historic buildings, including current pictures and extensive information.

Jenny Shives and Jan Beller were able to submit a Smith Foundation grant to digitize 52 cassette tapes of oral interviews. Some date back to the late 1950's, so it will be interesting what information we may be able to retrieve.

The March 18<sup>th</sup> Lunch and Learn, featuring Tom Shiffer telling the story of the Peters Cartridge Factory, took the biggest hit, disappointing a sold-out crowd.

Since we could not accept all the people who wanted to come, Mr. Shiffer has agreed to do two performances on the same day, limiting attendance to 50 guests per session. We hope to reschedule in October. We will need everyone to re-register, even if your fee was not returned.

As this goes to print, we are waiting for specific guidelines, but hope to open weekends and small events by June 1<sup>st</sup> or sooner. Check our WEB page for details.

## ***2020 Memberships***

About 65 members still owe their 2020 membership dues. If your mailing label has a yellow mark, that means you are one of those members.

We would like to keep everyone on our membership list! Since we are not getting event income, you can help us with our operating budget by keeping your dues current.

If you have a question about your dues, please call and thanks for your prompt reply! Please add your e-mail if you want to be on our Eblast list.

## **September 24<sup>th</sup> Auction Still a Go!**

Jim Poe has agreed to host a fund-raising auction for the Museum Center. We will be selling antiques, vintage items we cannot use or display, and items that members donate.



We will only take items in good shape – vintage or gently used or even antiques if you want to donate those. Here are some suggestions:

We will NOT take upholstered furniture and NO clothing.

### Items to consider:

Collectables up to the 1970's

Vintages items such as framed pictures, gently used household pieces, decorative pieces, collectable table linens, small furniture, glassware.

We will not accept items until early September. You can take a picture and e-mail to Jim if you have questions.

[poeauctions@gmail.com](mailto:poeauctions@gmail.com)

We are busy taking inventory of our collections to access whether or not each piece is worth keeping (does it have Loveland historic significance; what is its provenance; can it be displayed and shared with the public; do we already have something just like it).



# ***WWII Honor Roll Planning Continues***

As you can see by the enclosed letter, the Museum Center has decided to continue to move forward with planning, fund raising, and restoration of the WWII Honor Roll. We hope we can still have a grand opening on Veteran's Day 2020.



The original Honor Roll at Taylor & Jackson Streets

We have already raised about \$2,000 - \$1,500 from the Loveland Legacy Foundation, \$250 from the Heritage Advisory Council, and about \$300 from individual members. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

## ***February – March Events***

The Museum Center was able to host two events before the March 17<sup>th</sup> shut down.

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 8 meeting was held in the JoAnn Richardson History House on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. About 30 local historical society personnel participated. This was the only state region that was able to hold its meeting.

## ***Step Back in Time with Wine***

About 50 guests enjoyed wine tasting and story telling at the Museum's event February 20<sup>th</sup>.



Amy O'Keefe & Mark from Cappy's pour wine



President Jim Grethel tells an enthusiastic crowd a story about Leonard K. "Teddy" Baehr, who lived in Loveland.



Dan Peterson tells a story about gambling (illegal) in Branch Hill during the 1920's.

## ***Horizons Dixieland Band Wednesday, July 24; 6:00 to 8:00 pm***

Free outdoor event featuring the Horizons Dixieland Band will help us celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The twelve-piece band will play 6:30-7:30 on the porch. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic; light refreshments and beverages available for a donation.

The museum will be open, but we may have to restrict number of guests

### ***Loveland Farmer's Market – online***

Online Loveland Farmer's Market plans to open **May 5<sup>th</sup>** for pick-up at the Linda Cox parking lot from 3:00 to 6:30 pm every Tuesday until restrictions are lifted.

All orders must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Go to the Market WEB: [www.loveandfm.com](http://www.loveandfm.com) to find links to vendors.

Questions? [info@lovelandfm.com](mailto:info@lovelandfm.com)



# ***In Memoriam.....***

## **Betty Gene “BG” (Hacker) Haerr**

BG Haerr died on April 20 in her Maineville home at the age of 94 (3-4-1926 – 4-20-2020).

BG is survived by her husband, Gordon A. Haerr and her daughter, Lucinda (Gary) Peterson, of Maineville. Preceded in death by her sister Barbara.

BG grew up in Loveland and graduated from Loveland High School in 1943. She attended William & Mary for two years, then returned to Loveland and married Gordon in 1947. When her daughter was in the first grade, the principal, Lloyd Mann, called her and insisted BG come and teach. Which she did and completed her undergraduate degree and a master's at night and summer school. She taught 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades in Loveland and later 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades at Indian Hill.

She was a long-time member of the Greater Loveland Historical Society, a member of the Loveland Woman's Club, and the Sycamore Presbyterian Church. She was also active with the Turtle Creek DAR, and she loved gardening, books, and socializing.

A grave side service was held at Evergreen Cemetery, Miamiville on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Kudos to Volunteers***

Dan Peterson for agreeing to help with marketing, mainly posting pictures on Facebook. He will be part of a team WEB managers, Andy Bateman and others, who will address our marketing needs.

Ken Davis for repairing the wall in the History House that the Exterminator made when he treated for termites. Ken also touched up all the chipped paint throughout the room. It looks like new!

Peggy Goodwin for her outstanding computer and leadership skills as she leads the strategic planning committee.

Brendan McConnell for his yard work and computer skills.

A belated thanks to all the volunteers who helped take down Christmas decorations and put up the first 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibit of early donations and school memorabilia – Rob Bauer, Pete Bissman, Jenny Shives, Becky Giver, Brendan McConnell, Roger Beller, and Jo Funke.

Linda & Harold Eberenz who helped get the Winter newsletter in the mail.

Sue Peterson, Jeannie Shumaker & Jenny Shives for getting this mailing out.



The WWII Honor Roll is moved from Bond's warehouse to the museum grounds on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Jim Grethel, Mike Books, and his helpers from Jason Wright's crew, who made this possible.

Renovation will begin soon – thanks to John Hill Construction, Maggie Schildmeyer (formatting names), Jim Grethel and other volunteers.

## ***Current Exhibits***



Thanks to Becky Giver for designing this display of old school desks, the turn-of-the-century schoolteacher & vintage schoolbooks and slates.



A collection of Loveland year books dating to first one in 1927, class pictures, history & pictures about early schools in Loveland.



## ***LMC Celebrates 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Due to covid – 19, our annual meeting, featuring the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary power point presentation, was cancelled. Thanks to Pete Bissman, we do have some interesting photos of inside Bonaventure; some will be posted on Facebook in the coming weeks. Here are a few examples:



Nancy Ford Cones Gallery – Grandma Cones dress and Nancy's Camera equipment.



Early 1800's woven coverlets hanging in the gallery



The doll collection has been moved to the second floor. Shown here are in the first bedroom.

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2020 Membership Application				LMC Membership (Please check level)	
Date	New	Renewal		Corporate	\$50 to \$1,000+
Title: Mr. & Mrs.	Mrs.	Mr.	Ms.	Life Member	\$1,000
Last Name:				Life Member Quarterly Payment	\$250
First Name(s)				Patron	\$500
Maiden Name				Supporting	\$100
Address				Sustaining	\$50
City	State	ZIP		Contributing	\$25
Company				Family	\$15
Phone	Cell			Individual	\$10
e-mail address					
Membership Amount					