

Reflections

...then and now
Loveland Museum Center

Winter 2021

Happy New Year!

COVID-19. This is what 2020 will be remembered for. How everyone interprets this will be different, but everyone is looking forward to discarding the masks, doing handshakes and hugs again, meetings in person instead of in front of a computer screen, visiting with friends. meeting new ones, traveling again. I could go on, but you fill in what you look forward to most.

Although the coronavirus did interrupt our 45th Anniversary celebration, we were able to reschedule two of our Lunch and Learn programs (re-named Snack & Learn) in the fall. And we did participate in Christmas in Loveland albeit, a considerably reduced crowd.

The planning committee did meet to discuss ideas for 2021, but even with the vaccine coming soon, it is still impossible to set exact dates.

We are planning for a Snack & Learn about the Arrowhead Casino in late March or April and hope to have the New Horizons Jazz Band in July. Suggestions for other presenters would be greatly appreciated. Stay tuned into our WEB and Facebook page for event information.



This 1930's wedding dress was part of our displays during 2020. A second dress from our collection was also on display – designed by Becky Giver. Unfortunately, only a few guests were able to see it and other artifacts on display in the Gallery, including school memorabilia, rare documents, Carl Zimmerman prints, and more.

2021 Memberships due this month

The Museum membership year runs January 1 through December 31st. If you have not already paid for this year, please complete the enclosed form, and return with your check as soon as possible. (you may use PayPal if your information is current).

Your dues are used to support our activities, maintenance of buildings and grounds, public relations, and this newsletter, which as you can see has changed. Be sure to include your current e-mail address if you want to be included on our E-blast.

Welcome new members:

Michael & Kristy McNally 330-697-2936
412 Ohio Avenue
Loveland, OH 45140

Victor Lee & Teresa Napier 678-3398 (VL)
6865 O'Bannon Bluff 245-1059 (T)
Loveland, OH 45140

Corp. Jimmy Hooper 513-488-6385
Hometown Café/Loveland Catering
111 Railroad Ave.
Loveland, OH 45140

Many thanks to the current members who became Life members last year – Kay Napier and Jim & Judy Poe. Their names will be added to the recognition board in Bonaventure in January.



Bonaventure after bushes were removed

Annual Giving 2020 Report

Thanks so much to all the generous members who donated to our annual giving campaign. The total amount of \$7,295 was more than last year.

\$1000 Level

Jane T. Stanton (in honor of Jan Beller)

\$500 Level

Peggy & Michael Goodwin
Norman Neal
Sue & Dan Peterson
Jenny & Barry Shives

\$250 Level

Janet & Roger Beller
Carolyn Bingaman
Ken & Rebecca Davis
Peggy French

\$100 Level

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Barbara Rockwood Alexander
Katie Atwood Batson
Rob & Pam Bauer
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Patricia Benton
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Kathryn M. Lorenz
Kay Napier
Jim & Ann Rhoda
Shirley Scharfenberger
John & Bonnie Schneider
Curg & Maggie Shields
Charles C. Waple
Fran Warm

Other \$

Janet Lindle
Nancy & Kelly Morgan
Robert & Kimberly Molloy
Linda Slusher
Stan Seto
Jeff & Kendall Strunk
Gerald & Joyce Thalheimer

Museum Receives Loveland Legacy Foundation Grant

Thanks to Dan and Sue Peterson, who wrote and alerted us about this grant, the Museum received \$1,000 from the Loveland Legacy Foundation. The funds are to be used for the interactive timeline.



President Jim Grethel accepts check from Steve Max, Loveland Legacy board. Dan Peterson looks on.

The Loveland Legacy Foundation was formed in 2018 after the Memorial Day fire in old Loveland. It was created out of the generosity of members of the Loveland community and businesses that responded to the fire. The affected businesses who received this financial support, in turn, agreed to start this foundation to “pay it forward” and provide a resource that leaves a lasting legacy in the community.

Steve explained the Museum Center meets this goal in its tireless effort to preserve the Loveland legacy for the community and future generations. The museum also received a grant of \$1500 for restoration of the WWII Honor Roll in 2018.



Brendan McConnell receives a gift from Director Jan Beller for his dedicated service during 2020. He has been like an intern working on the interactive timeline, but his talents extend to helping with gardening, decorating, working with the Cones prints, and more.

Restoration Begins

Consequences from COVID-19 may have delayed the start of renovation of the WWII Honor Roll, but as 2021 began, so did work by John Hill Constructions personnel.

During the past year, Jim Grethel and his team of volunteers & contractors were working on all the planning details of the kiosk – city permits, design plans for the names and insignia around the top, decisions about lights and hiring specific experts.

By Monday, January 4th, the trucks arrived and work on installing electrical connections and the framing for the cement began.



First workers dig the hole



Framing is complete by Tuesday afternoon

Cement was poured on January 7th, so the kiosk can be moved to the base and restoration of the shell can begin.

Although we had a highly successful WWII Honor Roll campaign (total of \$7,325), we are about \$8,000 short. If you did not contribute to the campaign or wish to increase your contribution, it is not too late to donate. Send a check to LMC or use PayPay. Please share this information with other potential donors.

John Hill assures us we can have a grand opening on Memorial Day, 2021.

2021-2023 Board Slate Chosen

The nominating committee was busy this past fall recruiting a new slate for the next Board of Trustees. Here are the names for election in March.

President:	Jim Grethel
V. President:	Ken Davis
Recording Secretary:	Amy O'Keefe
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathryn Lorenz
Treasurer:	Mike McNally
	Members at Large
Andy Bateman	Pat Benton
Pete Bissman	Kim Grethel
Mark Krum	James O'Keefe
Sue Peterson	Jenny Shives

At the request of the current treasurer, Nancy Morgan, Mike McNally will be appointed treasure at the January Board Meeting and will be working with Nancy for several months before new members start.

Since we cannot schedule a regular membership meeting in March, the board has decided to do the election differently – as members, you can vote by acclamation – voice any objections to the above slate by February 28th and unless there are an overwhelmingly large objection to one or more candidates, then the slate stands as is. This should meet the rules of our constitution.

Auction Great Success



Thanks to Auctioneer Jim Poe, LMC took in about \$7,750 at the September auction. The prize item, the RR routing box sold for over \$5,000 to a collector from Iowa. Although everything did not sell, we cleared out many unwanted items.

More Auction Pictures



Ken Davis & Mark Krum show off bidding cards



The big ticket item went for \$5,250.00

Rescheduled Programs

Thanks to Cappy's, the food truck, Jim Poe, and all our volunteers who helped organize items over the summer and outside, we managed a fun and successful auction, despite COVID restrictions. We had 30 bidders and sold adult beverages and food.

Thanks to our volunteers, Brendan McConnell, Pete Bissman, Ken Davis, Mark Krum, Jim Grethel, Dan & Sue Peterson, Rick Roesel, Jenny Shives, Nancy Morgan, Jan Beller and our bidders

LMC was able to reschedule two of the Lunch and Learn sessions that were postponed due to COVID, although both limited in number of guests permitted and a change to a "Snack" instead of sit-down lunch. Everyone wore masks inside the History House.



Everything was viewed outside before the bidding



"Before They Were Titans – Generals Grant & Lee" presented by Rick Roesel was enjoyed by about 25 guests on October 7th. Both this session and Peter's Cartridge Factory were recorded live on Facebook.



Dan Peterson shows a tray of items before bidding starts



Tom Schiffer and his son get ready to talk about the Peter's Cartridge Factory. About 25 guests attended each of the two presentations on November 6th. The developer, Ken Schon, also gave an interesting summary of the development of the property and what is coming.

2021 Valentine Lady



Member Jeannie Schmaker is surprised to be selected the 2021 Valentine Lady inside the museum on Dec. 15.

“Jeannie Shumaker embodies and lives all those wonderful characteristics and attributes we use to define the title of Valentine Lady,” writes Peggy Goodwin who nominated Jeannie. And with her lifetime of giving and caring within the Loveland community, she is a most deserving candidate to represent Loveland.

Jeannie spent 35 years as a Certified Medical Assistant in Loveland and with Bethesda North Hospital. She is active in the Loveland Museum Center, Loveland Woman’s Club, and the Loveland United Methodist Church. In her spare time she volunteers weekly at the SPCA in Sharonville. Jeannie and her husband Eddie have two grown sons. Married 51 years, Eddie passed away in 2015.



In addition to Peggy Goodwin, these past Valentine Ladies welcomed Jeannie in the Museum Gallery.

Due to COVID-19, Valentine festivities will not be the same, although she will help stamp Valentines in February. No school or nursing home visits and no Valentine Breakfast, but she will be Loveland’s Valentine ambassador throughout the coming year.

Christmas In Loveland

The Loveland Museum Center participated in the Little Miami River Chamber of Commerce sponsored annual event, following all the virus restrictions and modifying all the usual activities. The museum was decorated, but we did not allow guests on the second floor and there was not a crowd of people inside. No food was served.



All the entertainment was outside – here is one of several small groups who sang carols on the porch.



The player piano was a big hit – Nancy Garfinkel gets “help” from a young guest



More children get to play



Students from the Loveland Music Academy entertain in the Rich Log Cabin – in front of a roaring fire.



The train was waiting to go, but few children showed up to ride. Big thanks to our sponsors – Accounting Plus, Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home, and Great Clips.



Some of our helpers go outside to listen to the music. Tami Funke, Jeannie Shumaker, Judy Poe, Jenny Shives, Becky Giver, & Sue Peterson
Thanks to Becky & Gary Giver for decorating the large wreath with all natural materials.



Part of the Santa Display in the Gallery



Front Parlor Christmas Tree



Nutcrackers on loan from Jenny Shives



Wizard of Oz Display on loan from Jo Funke

Thanks to all who helped set up the Christmas display in November, both inside and outside:
Becky & Gaary giver, Pete Bissman, Mark Krum, Roger Beller, Dick Binzer, Jenny Shives, Jeannie Shumaker, Tami Funke, Jo Funke, Jim & Kim Grethel, Brendan McConnell, Jim & Judy Poe.

Congratulations to Heather Stein Russell Enquirer's 2020 Woman of the Year

Congratulations to member and Loveland resident, Heather Russell, for being chosen as one of 10 area women who have supported philanthropic efforts and who have improved civic life through their investment of time, energy and their belief in helping others.



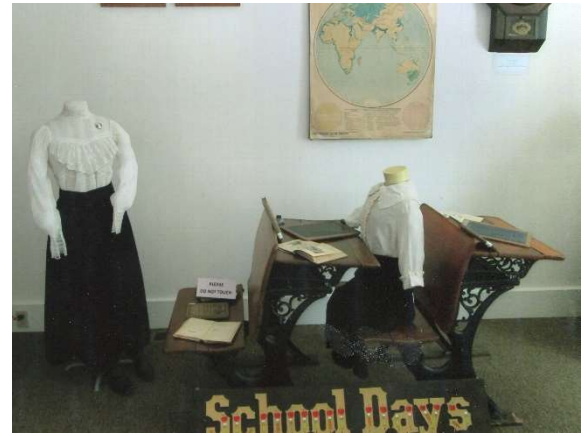
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Heather runs Change Court, a specialized docket in Hamilton County Municipal Court and a restorative program that allows women who have been sex-trafficked to get help and reclaim their lives.

Those backing her nomination said not everyone can look back and see the difference they've made in the lives of others. Heather was instrumental in starting Change Court in 2014. Two Cincinnati police officers talked to Russell about these so-called criminals who were suffering as victims. She responded, bulldozing a path for human-trafficking victims in Greater Cincinnati with this specialized program.

Heather is married to Randy Russell and they have two grown children. She went to Miami University and University of Cincinnati College of Law.

When asked what inspires you to give back, she answers "I wish everything wasn't so politicized. If we, at a local level, could reorganize ourselves to say, "Who wants to work on this problem, we would find we have more in common than what separates us."



One of the displays in the Gallery as we celebrated our 45th anniversary in 2020.

The old school desks are from Loveland Schools. Other display items included school memorabilia, such as year books, pictures of old school buildings and information about the school system over the years.



Framed turn of the century quilt squares, too fragile to use for a full sized quilt.

Explore Ohio History at home

The Ohio History Center publication "Echoes" offers a list of stay at home programs since the Ohio State Museum is closed. Everything from grade level resources, museum collections, architectural landmarks, newspapers of 1789 to 1963, Encyclopedia of Ohio History, and more.

You can also find virtual learning programs, such as Art of Weaving; Ohio on the Rocks; Ohio's First Ladies; Wild Ohio Animals; Pleasure of the Cup; Commander in Drinks; Queens of the Heartland; Shawnee State Park's Rare and Beautiful; Art of Soul! Awards Ceremony and Exhibit Closing Event and more.

Go to ohiohistory.org and find the subject you are interested in. Some charge a fee and most are at a specific date and time.
Or call the Ohio History Connection 614-297-2300.

Loveland's Best Kept Secret



The JoAnn Richardson History House available for rent
Call 513-683-5692 for details

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Thanks for your support!!

Memorabilia For Sale

The Museum Center continues to sell the Historic Site Coverlet in both green and cranberry (\$48.00) and the 25th Anniversary Cookbook (\$10.00). Also books by local authors, including Paul Pfarr, Hazel Cole Kendle, Lester Horwitz, and Larry Hamilton, John Vial, Kay Bolin and County Historical Books. **The Museum Gift Shop also** has Loveland Memorabilia, T-shirts and sweat shirts, the numbered hand painted Bonaventure ornament, Loveland pottery, Nancy Ford Cones cards & prints and more!

"Passages Through Time"



Published by Greater Loveland Historical Society, this fascinating book is brimming with period photographs and historical information. Copies are available in the Museum Gift Shop for \$15.00 each. All proceeds benefit ongoing programs & preservation.

We'll be happy to mail a copy anywhere in the U.S. for an additional charge - \$5. Please send check along with mail instructions to Loveland Museum Center, 201 N Riverside Ave.; Loveland, OH 45140

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