

# BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## President's Message

Cathy Flament

May 2021



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### Accessions

We are excited to share new discoveries in the collection with you. Work continues with the museum inventory and we are beginning to make headway with the main floor. Windows, woodwork, walls and floors are being washed so we look our best. Pictures are being hung. Displays created. Our goal at this point, which may need to be adjusted, is to open July 11<sup>th</sup>. Opening entails not only the preparation we have done over the last year and a half, but having volunteers to man Rose Hill's visitors. All of the work we have done would be diminished if we aren't able to share it with guests. There has been a signup sheet sent out to the membership. Please consider volunteering. We will be open on most Sundays from 2-4:30 until the end of December. We will have a training session to familiarize you with procedures and some displays, so if you haven't volunteered before, you will be fine. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Recent discoveries found in just one drawer included over 100 original drafts of sermons given during the 1920's at Bay Presbyterian Church; music written by Lyman A. Tuttle who was not only a composer, but taught at Baldwin Wallace College in the mid to late 1800's; Valentines from the 1800's and scrapbooks from the late 1800's with postcards and various ephemera. There are so many amazing discoveries we are making. Volunteer and become part of the process!

The girls are back! Pam Ebert, using the earlier stand-ups as a guide, has painted the four Cahoon sisters who will be greeting our guests. They look amazing and are a welcome addition to the museum. Be sure to check out the hair on each which was drawn with precision.



Again, thanks to those who recently assisted with this massive undertaking: Larry Bennett, Mike Boettler, Nancy Clark, Cynthia and Eric Eakin, Pam and Gary Ebert, Paul Flament, Doris Gorgas, Marge Gulley, Sue and Herman Jachnick, Marilyn Lahnen, Cindi Lindgren, Chuck McKee, Denny and Diane Pavan, Peg Phillips, Bob and Gayle Reid, Steve Ruscher, Barry Ward and Marianne Waterman. We can always use additional help, so please join in this rewarding project. A current need is to have records alphabetized. How easy is that?

We are still in need of someone to oversee the gift shop. Do you like to set up vignettes? This wouldn't take a tremendous amount of time, but a little creativity. Spring cleaning? If you find any items that you think might be something we could add to the shop we would appreciate it. Size is a consideration, smaller items in good condition only, no furniture, and items that will be easy to sell. Due to space concerns, if we are unable to use it, or it doesn't sell in a reasonable amount of time, it will be passed on to another local historical society or non-profit. Please contact Cathy Flament at [bvhsrosehill@gmail.com](mailto:bvhsrosehill@gmail.com)

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A new addition to the gift shop is a book penned by Joan Hozza Query, an author and illustrator, inspired by Bay Village and for Bay Village. "Bay Village from A to Z" is an illustrated alphabet book that she created around 1940, when she was 12 years old. The drawings and the verses in the book reflect the spirit of the era and capture the charm of Bay Village, both past and present. Our first shipment sold out in a couple of days. Don't miss out on this special addition. The book is softcover and priced at \$15. Email "info@bayhistorical.com" for more information.

We are looking for a couple of outdoor chairs or a loveseat for the westside porch that would be appropriate. Anyone replacing their outdoor furniture?

Results have come back on the stabilization project of Rose Hill last year. The house has moved a negligible amount and will continue to be monitored over the next year. This is encouraging news as we look toward the future.

The Bay Village Foundation has awarded us a grant for the coming year to assist with our signage throughout Rose Hill including digital links and the updating of our website. We are very grateful for their generous support.

Much needed repairs are being made to the cabin (see pictures below). Floor repairs revealed standing water below the floor and that the main supports had rotted out. They have been replaced and we are on stable "footing" once again. The Reid's and Boettler's have graciously offered to man the cabin on Sundays in the summer and fall when Rose Hill is open which is a great relief. Bob Reid has created a program to hand out describing the history of the cabin that I think everyone will find interesting and informative. Cleaning, inventory, and the set-up are still needed, but we are well on our way to once again sharing our early history.

Many of you are aware that the 350-year-old oak tree on Abby Sammon's former property was recently cut down. A number of ideas are being discussed to commemorate the tree and relay our local history. We will keep you posted.

Just a reminder to send your membership in. Your financial support has allowed our transformation to take place. We still have about a year to go to have it completely finished. Hopefully I am not still saying that in a year!

Be well and keep those masks on.

*Special kudos to the city employees. Rick Young and Dave Kohl, who worked diligently all winter at Rose Hill and recently with the cabin. Once this weather really breaks there are additional improvements they will be doing outside. We have been the fortunate recipients of their attention to detail and superior craftsmanship. It has truly been a pleasure to work with them. Al also installed electrical improvements at both locations and Joe assisted at the cabin. Kudos to all.*

**Wish list:**

**Flexible cover 3-ring binders**

**Baseball/trading card holders**

**Plastic or wood display stands**

**Cup/saucer display stands**

**Watch stand**

**Cut glass punch cups – we don't need a bowl**

**Vintage tobacco pipe**

**Regular size hammer**

**Pint or quart size plastic pots—we need 100!**





## Native Oak

**Will Krause**

As a tribute to the Abbey Sammon Oak Tree, Will Krause will be potting up 100 oak seedlings from another native oak tree in Bay Village. These seedling pots will be part of a commemorative display that will be available for viewing when the museum reopens sometime in mid-July. The seedlings are free for the taking to anyone interested in planting a legacy.

## Century Home Plaques

**Will Krause, Historian**

### Bay Village Century Home Plaques

Once again, the Bay Village Historical Society is offering plaques to the owners of homes in the city that are more than 100 years old. The plaquing program was temporarily suspended because the Cuyahoga County Archives were closed due to Covid-19. Therefore, the tax records that verify the date of construction were not available.

The County Fiscal Office lists a year built on the on-line property records. But these dates are only estimated and are notoriously inaccurate. We are currently working diligently to verify the age of homes for which plaques were requested shortly before or during the pandemic.

The plaques, made of cast aluminum and colored black and gold, are 10 inches by 14 inches oval, and include the words "Bay Village," "Century Home" and the year of construction.

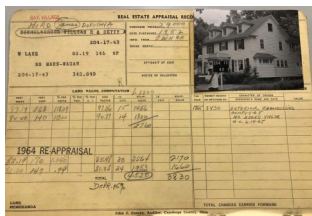
The cost is \$125.00, which includes delivery and a one-year membership in the Bay Village Historical Society. For more information call (216) 386-5997.

Listed below are the results for three homes for which plaques were requested. It is obvious that all three are well cared for and loved by their current owners.



### **24463 Lake Road**

This substantial, dormered, Colonial Revival was listed as constructed in 1920 according to the County Fiscal Officer. However, a Hopkins Plat book for 1920 did not show a home on the parcel which extended 548' south of Lake Road. Perusal of the tax records showed the owner of the property as Walter C. Myers in 1923, with still no building value listed. In 1924 the new home and garage on the parcel were valued at \$6,940, the land at \$3,760, for a total value of \$10,700. At this time Mr. Myers owned the north part of the parcel with frontage on West Lake Road as well as the center and southerly parts of the parcel which fronted on both sides of Bruce Road once it was cut through. The garage which may be the original one is shown in the same location as the garage today with access off of Bruce Road.



One bonus at the County Archives was a photograph attached to the building card, probably taken in the 1950s. The building card states that a porch was enclosed in 1949 by the then owners David C. & Dorothy C. Nay. New owners purchased it in 1952 for \$29,000. In 2023 the current owners will be eligible to purchase a century home plaque.



### **281 Parkside Drive**

This charming vernacular home with over-sized windows in its little dormers sits among well-tended gardens on the northeast corner of Parkside Drive and Lake Road. While the County Fiscal Officer lists the date of construction as 1920 it is a bit older than that. It appears on a 1914 plat of the S. H. Kleinman Lake Erie Park Subdivision. The building card lists the date of construction as 1912. Additional research confirmed that Mr. Christian A. Eppers purchased

## Century Home Plaques-continued

**Will Krause, Historian**

**29428 Osborn Road** This home was in the Vanica family for 56 years, until it was sold out of the family in 2015. It was purchased by the new owners in 2020. Rather than just go for the contemporary farmhouse look popular on HGTV and many new houses in Bay, they have updated what looks like a real farmhouse. The house is in a gable wing form popular in the Western Reserve and has some nice original Colonial Revival features like half fan windows in the west facing gable on either side of the handsome brick chimney.



We have confirmed that the home was constructed in 1912 by Robert F. Pickering. He purchased a 2.6 Acre parcel from Reuben and Eunice Osborn for \$275 in 1911. The parcel he purchased was originally 177' wide and 645' deep. At one time members of the Osborn family owned land all the way from Lake Erie to the north side of what is today Osborn Road. This Reuben was the grandson of the builder of the Reuben Osborn house which is now the Bay Historical Society's Learning Center. The grandson Reuben was also the first Mayor of Bay Village.

Robert Pickering owned at least one other home on Osborn Road around the same time and other property in the Cleveland area so it is not clear if he ever actually lived in this particular home. Sadly, he was declared a lunatic and was appointed a guardian in 1935 and the home was sold in 1936 for \$2,736.

## "Bay Village from A to Z"

**Cynthia Eakin**

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"Bay Village from A to Z," is an illustrated alphabet book that she created around 1940, when she was 12 years old. The drawings and the verses in the book reflect the spirit of the era and capture the charm of Bay Village, both past and present.

Joan Hozza Query was born in Cleveland in 1928 and moved to Bay Village at the age of two. At the time, her family's home was at the end of a country road, surrounded by woods and berry farms. She attended Bay Village public schools and graduated from St. Augustine Academy in 1946.

Her artistic talent was recognized early. She became an illustrator for American Greetings while still in high school. Joan Hozza Query went on to study art and costume design at Pratt Institute and Catholic University and found her calling as an art teacher. For more than six decades, she shared her talents with students, even instructing classes at The Cleveland Museum of Art. She experimented and excelled in several artistic media, including wood block carving and printing, watercolor painting, ceramics and textiles. She currently resides in Lakewood, OH.

"Bay Village from A to Z" is available through the Bay Village Historical Society and is priced at \$15. Visit [www.bayhistorical.com](http://www.bayhistorical.com) for details.

## Board Members

**Cathy Flament**

*Thank you* to both Jack Hanley and Beth Conroy as they move on from their positions on our Board.

I am pleased to announce the following volunteers for board officers for the 2021-22 year.

### OFFICERS OF THE BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY JUNE 1-MAY

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Diane Pavan, trustee

## Membership

Eric Eakin

Your dues are due!

Please note that annual dues for your Bay Village Historical Society are due by May 31. A letter was sent to all members containing a membership form and complete information. To download and print a dues-payment form please visit [www.bayhistorical.com](http://www.bayhistorical.com). You may also pay online at the society's website via PayPal.

Donations in support of your society are most welcomed anytime. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

**Thank you to the following individuals for their generous financial donations to the Bay Village Historical Society (as of 8 May):**

**Benefactors (\$150 and above):**

Cindy Bauman  
Claire and Mike Boettler  
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## 2020 Audit Report

Eric Eakin

Below is a synopsis of the income and expenses of the Bay Village Historical Society for calendar year 2020:

Total revenues	\$20,577
Total expenses	\$22,412
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Steve Ruscher was engaged to perform specified auditing procedures for the society's 2020 financial books and records. The audit examined all cash and investment records and reports for the year. The audit report presented to the Board of Trustees was issued and dated May 8, 2021. Based on results of the audit, no matters were identified to indicate that cash transactions and assets of the society have not been fully accounted for. The report also made several recommendations regarding financial record-keeping and reporting which will be taken into consideration.

## Cleveland Walking Club

Stephanie West

Thursday, June 10 at 8:30 am beginning at Reece Park - HISTORIC LAKE ROAD EAST BAY HIKE mostly along Lake Road, then on Bruce - 6 miles total

Thursday, June 17 at 8:30 am beginning at Cahoon Gazebo - HISTORIC LAKE ROAD WEST BAY HIKE mostly along Lake Road, then down Bassett - 6 miles total

Sunday, October 10 at 10:00 am, I will lead HISTORICAL BAY VILLAGE HIKE from the Cahoon Gazebo, along Lake Road down Porter Drive to Wolf to Dover Center - 6 miles total

