



BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Potluck and Program Holly Tramba, Vice President

Thursday, November 16—Bay Lodge

6:00 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner, 7:00 p.m. program

Main Dish of sliced turkey will be provided by The Bay Village Historical Society

Last name beginning with:

A-M bring a side dish for ten; **N-Z** bring an appetizer or dessert for ten.

Bring your own place setting.

Please bring a beverage of choice. Alcohol is permitted at Bay Lodge.

There will be a \$10 charge for non-members at the door.

Learn the Cleveland Clinic History via Postcards

Randy Geise, Bay Village resident and Senior Healthcare Facility Planner at the Cleveland Clinic, will speak on "Cleveland Clinic via Postcards." Geise will showcase the progressive growth of the Cleveland Clinic, some interesting ties to Cleveland and a disaster on Lake Erie.

RSVP to Holly Tramba; 440-537-1581 or e-mail:

htramba@sbcglobal.net by November 9.

WISH LIST AND PIONEER CAMP NEEDS Cathy Flament

Here is our updated "wish list" of items requested for Christmas and Pioneer Days. We are always looking for items for our gift shop. Do you have any items that were gifted to you that you haven't used? Looking for a special gift? Consider a handmade rug or runner made on our 1830's loom or a Bay medallion ornament. All donations help support your historical society.

- Small Nutcrackers
- Viewmaster with discs (also for museum use)
- Kaleidoscopes (also for museum use)
- 2 hand-crank old fashion coffee grinders
- Folding cart with wheels
- Ink wells
- Marbles
- Felt: rusts, oranges, pinks and purples
- Black floss
- Cross-stitch needles
- Block of candle wax – no candles please
- Candlewick
- Single electrical burner
- Lincoln logs
- Working glue gun and glue sticks -
- Large metal wash tub
- Rug beaters
- Hand crank clothes wringer washer
- Wooden buckets
- Ivory soap
- Old vintage-looking items students can wash!
- Large quilting hoops (inner hoop)
- 6" paper doilies
- Large pan such as a Dutch oven, doesn't need to have to have a lid
- Tall narrow metal pot to melt wax for candles, like a coffee pot
- Balls of worsted yarn in a variety of colors for weaving. Variegated would be wonderful.
- Bandanas
- Wooden beads with hole – approximately 3/8"
- Computer ink
- Newer crayons, markers and colored pencils
- Ream of paper
- Plastic straws – regular size
- Small paper plates
- Solid color (brown paper preferred) paper bags with handles
- Children's pioneer aprons and caps.
- Chatelaine
- Vintage golf club(s) to go into our newly acquired golf bag that was used at the Dover Golf Club

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President's Message

Cathy Flament

What a time we have had since the last newsletter!

We were just notified that the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board has selected the Bay Village Historical Society as the recipient of the 2023 OHRAB **Achievement Award!** The award is in recognition of the Portrait Gallery Project. We are honored to be recognized and will keep you updated on the award presentation.

“**Silhouettes of Style**” proved to be an outstanding event that was truly enjoyed by everyone involved. We ended up turning people away and plan to book a larger venue next year. The costumes collected and created by Marie Albano and Marie Smith were inspiring. Marie A.'s description and explanation of the historical significance of each took the event to a higher level making it not only entertaining but educational. Pamela Ebert and Monica Thomas coordinated the entire event flawlessly. The raffle baskets, silent auction and mystery baskets were a total success and even the 50/50 had a unique twist. My sincere gratitude to all of those involved. Take a peak at what was reported at <https://www.cleveland.com/community/2023/09/bay-village-historical-society-looks-back-at-1800s-womens-fashion.html>. There will be additional photographs on our website.

I can just imagine Henry Wischmeyer with a big grin on his face now that his plans for a pram were followed precisely to create the boat Ed Neal and his team fashioned. They truly outdid themselves. The launch at Huntington Beach, by my count, was attended by 46 people on Henry's 151st birthday, Sept. 27th. The “**Lil' Henry**” was even given a christening of Catawba wine in honor of the Wischmeyer winery that graced the shores of Dover. Then Ed rowed the boat on its maiden voyage into Lake Erie near where the Wischmeyer home is. The boat will now be used in front of the Rock-n-roll Hall of Fame to help clear debris and keep our waterfront looking its best. If you would like to view the building of the pram, go to <http://cabbs.org/wischmeyer-pram-nearly-ready-for-launch/>. Additional photos of the launch will be on our website.

It is hard to believe that we are gearing up for **Christmas**. Due to the amount of planning and work to put the event on, we have decided to be open on Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20th from 4-7 p.m. along with our traditional Sundays, Dec. 1, 8 and 13th from 2-4:30. There will be daily demonstrations and special events throughout the month. Why not make this an annual event and be sure to spread the word to family and friends? If you are willing to help with set-up and take-down, please let me know.

This Christmas, we are honored to be able to share the artwork of Thomas Jones, an accomplished Bay Village native artist. You may remember that Tom generously donated copies of his original watercolor to commemorate the 2010 Bicentennial event for Bay Village. He was also commissioned to paint rooms in the White House for two Christmas cards for Ronald and Nancy Reagan and two for Dick and Lynne Cheney. Copies of these will be on display along with other holiday prints he has drawn over the years.

The long-anticipated model **gristmill** is in the final stages of production and will be on view at Rose Hill for Christmas. The Cahoon family, assisted by neighbors, built the first one in the area on Cahoon Creek in 1813. Numerous individuals have taken a unique interest in the creation of this treasure.

The wallpaper and valances are going to be replaced this winter in the **Victorian Parlor** due to water damage over the years. Now that we have been assured the addition has been stabilized, we are ready to move forward. December will be the last time to view the parlor before we give it a facelift. Be sure to stop by before it becomes a glimpse of the past!!!

We are soooo close to releasing the updated **website**. Larry Bennet has been working diligently to get it ready, as have Michele and I. When we are ready, we will send out an email. There are some great additions we are excited to share with you.

The “**Glimpse of the Past**” has proven to be even more popular than we anticipated. We love sharing our history and collection with the public. Unfortunately, due to the amount of research time involved with each article, we are going to begin publishing once a month beginning in January. We still have many documents in the collection we have not been able to address. There are still boxes and files of unprocessed documents. If you would like to become involved, just email bvhsrosehill@gmail.com to help speed up the process. I can guarantee you will find some fascinating aspects when you volunteer.

Pass the word about **Pioneer Days**, July 22-26 as we expect it to fill up quickly. It is designed for children going into grades 3 through 6. Sign-up will take place in the spring through the Bay Village Rec Dept., but children do not have to live in Bay. We will send out a reminder when we are given an exact date the sign-up will begin. It will be held Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. We are extremely excited about the activities we have planned and are sure the children will enjoy them. We are looking for adult and teen volunteers. *Happy Holidays everyone! Cathy*

Light Up Bay Village for the Holiday Season

Eric Eakin



Once again this holiday season, the Christmas spirit will shine a little more brightly in Bay Village.

The Bay Village Historical Society and the Bay Village Kiwanis are asking Bay Village residents and children of all ages to join them in celebrating an old-fashioned community Christmas on three Sundays and three Wednesdays in December. A kickoff to the holiday season, these events will include the reading of holiday stories, caroling and crafts, the Kiwanis Christmas tree sale, a visit by Santa Claus and the lighting of the community tree in the Cahoon Memorial Park gazebo.

Follow Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus on their journey through the streets of Bay Village aboard a fire truck on Sunday, Dec. 3. They will leave from the Bay Lodge on Bradley Road at 2 p.m. and will arrive at the gazebo in the center of town for the holiday tree lighting ceremony around 4:30 p.m.

Rose Hill Museum will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season. This year's display will highlight the White House Christmas cards designed by artist and Bay Village native Thomas William Jones, along with other Bay Village scenes. While you are at the museum, you can search for the hidden holiday Nutcrackers. Rose Hill Museum will be open free of charge on Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, and 17, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Guides will be dressed in period costumes. The Victorian Parlor at Rose Hill will be getting a facelift this winter. Come see it as it has been for the past 50 years.



"The Night Before Christmas" will be read at the museum by Preston Postle on Dec. 13, 17, and 20. The Bay High Choraleers will sing carols at Rose Hill on Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. The Bay Middle School seventh grade strings will perform on Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m.

There will be spinning and weaving demonstrations every day the museum is open. The Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild, the Lorain County Spinners and Weavers and the Crooked River Rug Hookers will be leading these demonstrations. See the 1830's loom and purchase items woven on it. The museum gift shop will be open for holiday purchases. This is also the opportunity to see the newly constructed working model of the Cahoon family gristmill.



Have your family (even the dog!) photographed with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus aboard a refurbished wooden sleigh on Dec. 10, from 2 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A donation of \$20 is requested, cash or check payable to the Bay Village Historical Society, collected at the event. Photos will be emailed to you. Visit www.bayhistorical.com to see a full schedule of holiday events.

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