



Programs 2023

March

Show 'n Tell

April through December will be determined after the meeting time vote (see front page article)

Crosby Township Historical Society Newsletter

JANUARY — MARCH 2023

March: An Important Meeting

New beginnings are always important. They set the pace for the start of something worthy of our effort and careful attention. March is the beginning of the new season for our historical society. It will open the year with some old traditions, and the start of some possible new ones.

In March we will be working once again with a limited number of board members. They are a loyal and very effective group of people. The officers are: Melba Guard, President; Tony Torres, Vice President; Chuck Heis, Treasurer, plus two Trustees. We have not secured a Secretary yet, and are hoping that one of our members will volunteer for that position. To supplement the Secretary's responsibilities, we are using the President's agenda page in place of minutes for both the board meetings and the regular meetings.

In March the two year position of Trustees will be up for a vote. We are working with two positions instead of three. Mike Minges and Duane Singleton have chosen to run once again. The third position is open and waiting to be filled. Responsibilities of the Trustees are that they attend both meetings, and oversee that the Society follows the bylaws established from the inception of the CTHS.

The board has decided in our March meeting to reopen discussion on whether to change our meetings to Saturday morning from the third Thursday of the month. In September it was decided to have Saturday as our meeting date for October, November, and December of 2023. The decision for further consideration is the concern that there will be too much confusion changing the time for only three months. The need for changing the meeting schedule was that our older members are finding it difficult to drive in the dark, and a daylight meeting would be more considerate. (continue next page)

(continued from previous page) Also, Saturdays may be a more advantageous time to receiving new members into our organization. We will discuss changing the date in 2023 to the second Saturday of each month starting in April through December. The beginning time will be 10:00 a.m. with the board meeting before the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The March meeting will be the usual third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. We will have the traditional Show 'n Tell program where each person brings an item of interest to share. It is always a fun and educational time. This year we will continue to participate in events such as Crosby Day at Strickers Grove, Memorial Day Parade, and Passport to the Past. We will have a picnic at the cabin in September and a Christmas Party in December. There is the possibility of taking a field trip within the township and always looking forward to having interesting speakers. Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. Need to see you there.

Email Addresses Wanted

The Board is asking you to allow us to place your email address on file with the Society. Having email addresses makes it easier to contact you. It will also save the Society money by printing less newsletters to be sent through regular mail, but could be sent via email. If you haven't given the Board your email address, and would like us to have it as a way to contact you, you may write it on the sign-in sheet at a regular meeting or contact Melba Guard, 513 519-6237.

Christmas Party Game Winners

Guessing "the number of items in a container" games were part of the festivities at our Christmas Party. Winners received a \$5 gift certificate for Krogers. Congratulations goes to: Vickie Brech, Tony Torres, and Jessica Heis.



Shown are photos of the township's renovation of the Old Town Hall. Left photo shows the addition of the green gutters and downspouts. This is a first for the building. Right photo shows the foundation repair. Exterior painting will be done when (continued next page)

weather permits. The veterans' sign will be rehung with a new frame. Melba attended the March Township Trustee meeting to ask about further improvements to be made. Details will be discussed at the March meeting.

Crosby Kringle Chest Volunteers



Each year for many, many years our Society has donated money to the Crosby Kringle Chest, a very wonderful event. It is organized by the Crosby Township Community Coordinator, Brenda Jackson, as a service by the township government for needy resident children. But, she would be the first to tell you that this event would not be possible without the help of many people. From Crosby Elementary School personnel to volunteer shoppers (30 this year) to volunteer sorters and gift wrappers (41 this year), they were the backbone of this compassionate work. Crosby Community Church donated food boxes and Crossway Community Church donated kitchen linens. And of course, Santa was present to thank everyone. Because of the generous hearts of all these participants, 45 children were able to have a wonderful Christmas. We thank you for allowing our Society to have a part in helping our community. God bless all of you!

Township History Book Reprint

Photo restoration of the Memorial Edition of Stanley McClure's *History of Crosby Township* continues to make headway. The process is to scan original photos, download them into the master file, then return them to the owner unharmed. Currently, examples of the needed photos are displayed near Brenda Jackson's office at the Senior Center. If you have copies of these photos or know who does, please contact Melba Guard, 513 519-6237.

~ Sales Corner ~

Crosby Township Bicentennial History
\$15 plus shipping

Stanley McClure's Crosby Township Cemetery Transcriptions Collection
\$5 plus shipping

Back Issues of the Newsletter 50 cents

Passmore Log Cabin Reconstruction CD
\$5 plus shipping

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CTHS Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Regular meetings are also held on the third Thursday at **7:00 p.m., March through December** in the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. Meetings are open to the public.

Our Purpose...to encourage the preservation of historic structures and sites; identify, collect, and preserve literary, graphic and artefactual materials significant to prehistoric and historic cultures, schools, churches, businesses, and families of Crosby Township; to increase community awareness and appreciation of this heritage through documentation, educational programs and other public events; and to assist persons interested in this history by making our collected cultural resources available for study.

2023 Membership Dues

Single \$10.00
Family (2 or more in same house) \$15.00
Life Member \$100.00

Please mail dues to: Chuck Heis, Crosby Township Historical Society, Inc., 8910 Willey Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030

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