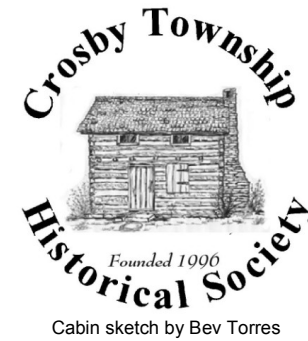




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Cabin sketch by Bev Torres

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HALLOWEEN

The Township will observe Halloween Trick-or-Treat on Friday, October 31st. from 6pm until 8 pm. Be sure to visit the Passmore Log Cabin for tricks or treats sponsored by the members of Crosby Township Historical Society.

REINDEER ROMP

Crosby Township Historical Society will again donate \$50 to help sponsor the 5K and 10K Reindeer Romp to be held on December 13th beginning at 9 am. It will be followed by the pan-cake breakfast. C.T.H.S. also will donate \$50 toward the purchase of toys, food and clothing for the Kringle Chest. This charitable activity is arranged each year to assist selected needy Crosby Township families.

FRIENDS OF WHITEWATER SHAKER NEWS

Attempts to stain the cedar siding on the new handicap-accessible restroom, otherwise known as the "privy" proved futile during August and September due to constant rain or the threat of rain. The correct set of conditions for applying two coats of stain happened on September 25th, when two coats were applied to part of the restroom; volunteers finished the job on September 29. The restroom now blends nicely with the second line of farm dependencies, which the Shakers painted red.

Consolidating the two 500 gallon propane tanks into one buried 1000 gallon tank has also seen some twists and turns in deciding the best place to place the tank for the gas supplier as well as the long term development of the site. The FWWSV volunteer archaeologist, Bill Mooney, is ready to lead a dig when the site is chosen.

Old timber frame farm outbuildings need help to survive, and such is the case with the wagon shed and stable. The wagon shed was built during the mid-19th century, and the stable was built in 1835 and is one of the oldest Shakers built structures at White Water. Both are in need of structural repairs to their timber frames.

A fortuitous chain of events resulted in the FWWSV architect and structural engineer, Ted Johanson and Jim Graham, inspecting these buildings with Joe Grittani and Rich Spence on July 24th. Ted and Jim had looked at these buildings five years ago, so they had a frame of reference to judge deterioration. The wagon shed, a straightforward five bay open sided shed, suffers from the posts rotting or sinking. The condition is most severe along the east façade, although some posts are affected on the west façade as well. Ted and Jim will recommend replaces the bottom sections of the affected posts, no easy task as the building will have to be jacked up.

The party discovered a bulge along the south wall at the top sill of the stable, the result of failures in an earlier repair tin 2004 to the timber frame due to roof leaks and rot. The top sill is bulging out, which if unchecked will allow the rafters to fall and a portion of the roof to collapse. Not a good condition to discover! Repairs will need to be made to three "bents" of the stable where the tie beams connect to the top sill. The FWWSV is working with Great Parks, to move forward with a plan for structural repairs to both structures, over the winter.



HISTORY OF HATS

—by Karen Klaene



Why do we say "mad as a hatter"?
(The process of making felt involved toxic mercury that drove hat makers to madness.)



What kind of hats did baseball umpires wear in the 1850's? (Top hats!)



What unusual hat was responsible for the creation of the umbrella?
(Tiny paper topknot hats worn by Korean men.)

What is the design significance of the chef's hat?
(Each pleat represented a way that a master chef had to prepare eggs.)

Joy Galbraith owner of the Costume Gallery on Monmouth Street in Newport Kentucky operates a year-round professional costume shop. She offers vintage period, and retro clothing for sale to the public and for theatrical productions around the area. In July she presented a program focusing on hats at the Crosby Township Historical Society meeting. Some members brought their own hats, or those that belonged to family members. In one photo Joy appears with CTHS member, Bill Morgan. Bill was dressed as an 1800's gentleman in his cravat and top hat. Several coon skin caps were sported by those attending.

Who was the first person to pull a rabbit out of a hat?
(A Frenchman, Louis Comte, in 1814; the top hat made its debut in 1797 London.)

Who was the first person to wear a fedora?
(Sarah Bernhardt, the 1800's actress, portrayed a character



What saved our state animal, the beaver, from extinction?
(The silk worm--silk replaced beaver felt in hat making.)

SALES CORNER

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Thursday, October 16th—Show n/ Tell will be our entertainment for this month's program. If you have a family heirloom, an antique or unusual item and you would like to share its history or a family story, please bring it with you for this evening's even.

Thursday, November 20th—TO BE ANNOUNCHED.

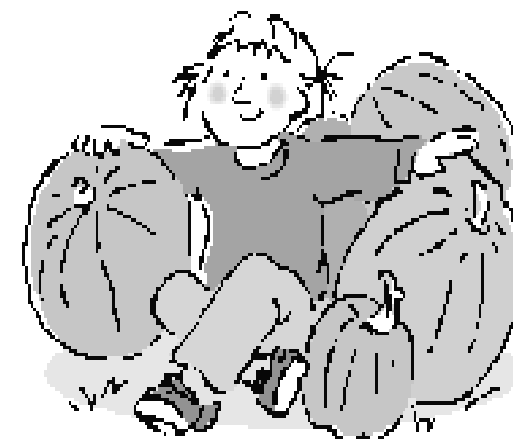
Thursday, December 18th—Bring one of your favorite snacks or desserts for the annual Christmas party/meeting.

In Case You Missed it . . .

In July . For photos. Joy Galbraith owner of the Costume Gallery in Newport, Kentucky bought hats and costumes for a program on the History of Hats- SEE PAGE TWO FOR PHOTOS.

In August Media Heritage's Mike Martini from the American Radio and TV Voice of America Museum presented a program on the Cincinnati broadcasting icon, Ruth Lyons who hosted her own talk/variety show from the studios of WLW-TV at 9th and Elm Streets in downtown Cincinnati. Her reign lasted from 1949 until 1967 when she retired. Ruth was friends with, and spotlighted many nationally known entertainers She was an outspoken woman and the audience loved her, waiting sometimes three years for tickets to the show. Ruth Lyons was the Golden Age of television.

The annual Crosby Township Historical Society picnic was a wealth of wonderful grilled meats and shared dishes by the members, as always. Folding chairs were set up at the back door of the opened Passmore cabin and food tables were filled to capacity. September gave us a beautiful evening for our event with that foreshadowing chill of weather yet to come settling in later in the evening. A great fellowship was shared by all.



STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP HISTORY BOOK, published in 1992 is again available for purchase by our organization. The 118 page CROSBY TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK, published in 2003 is also available, and both books can be purchased by contacting Karen Klaene at 513-922-3379 or E-mail her at kklaene@fuse.net. They are \$15.00. Additional fee for shipping. STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS COLLECTION, published 1985 is available for \$5.00 (plus \$1.45 shipping).

LOG CABIN SKETCHES...art work and note cards by Bev Torres, depicting our cabin in New Haven. Proceeds are shared with C.T.H.S. Call Bev at (513) 738-0373 for prices and availability.

HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS...reflective white numbers on green background. Recommended by our Fire and EMT Services. Custom-made for \$10.00 each. Call Earl Corson, (513) 367-9371. Free local delivery.

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- Regular member: \$5.00*
- Contributing Member: \$10.00*
- Family (3 or more, same household): \$12.00*
- Life Member: \$100.00 (one time)

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Our Officers and Board meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to each regular meeting, the third Thursday of each month, March thru December, at the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. Members are welcome to attend. 738-1440