

Shalersville Historical Society, P.O. Box 687, Mantua, Ohio 44255

Message From the President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHALERSVILLE! It doesn't seem possible that our bicentennial year has arrived and, with it, our August celebration is rapidly approaching. The interior renovation of the Eldridge house is progressing nicely thanks to a gift from Sherwin Williams and a small number of dedicated "worker bees". These activities will be detailed later in this newsletter. The Society also received notice from the IRS that our 501(c)(3) tax exempt status was approved retroactively to April 2004. Through your continued and support, we can have an organization that will be a genuine asset to Shalersville.

Don MacLearie

Kudos to Sherwin-Williams!



Nick Blavos, market manager at the Ravenna Sherwin-Williams store donated enough wallpaper and border to cover all the rooms in the Historical Society. Kristina Sanders, product specialist at the store, also provided period-related decorating tips for the house.

Shown viewing one of many catalogs are from left to right: Nick Blavos, Kristina Sanders, Judy Richardson, Don MacLearie, and Nancy Vines.

More pictures on page 2.

Shalersville's Bicentennial

Work is progressing toward the township's two-hundredth birthday celebration August 4-6, 2006. Historical information is still needed for the bicentennial booklet that is being prepared. If you have – or know someone who has – information and/or pictures relating to Shalersville's past, the Bicentennial Committee would like to hear from you. Information and/or pictures can be sent to either:

Shalersville Historical Society or Shalersville Bicentennial Committee

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If requested, original documents/photographs will be returned, otherwise, they will be archived at the Society. Any submissions **MUST BE MADE by April 30, 2006**, to allow sufficient time for layout and editing. Anything received after that date will be archived at the Historical Society for future publications.

The Wallpapering Crew



Beth and June



Frank and Clayton



June, Debbie, Beth and Judy



Judy and Clayton

The end result of their work. Kudos gang!



Bicentennial Fundraiser

The Bicentennial Committee will be hosting fundraising dinners. The menu will include: chili, corn muffin, dessert, and beverage. 50/50 drawings will be held every hour.

Dates: Saturday, March 18 and Saturday, April 1

Time: From 4:00PM to 7:00PM

Place: Shalersville Town Hall

Cost: \$5.00 for adults \$4.00 for senior citizens and children under 12 years of age.

Bring a healthy appetite and be sure to invite a friend!

Volunteers at Work

As you can see from the previous page, members have been keeping very busy this winter. The work began on the main floor of the Historical Society. The living room and dining room walls have been papered, the border is in place, the molding in both rooms has been put up, and the chair rail in the living room is finished. It is coming together quite nicely. We have begun work in the kitchen. The ceiling is painted, the walls are prepped for paper, and the floor tiles have been repaired.

It is hard work, and sometimes long hours, but we are enjoying it and having fun, too. On weekend work days, we bring a dish to share. At lunch break, we reminisce of the past, share stories about the present, and wonder what the future has in store for us. Then we look around at what we have accomplished, and we realize that all the hard work is worth it.

Our present goal is to have the first floor completed before the Shalersville Alumni Banquet. We will have an open house before the banquet begins. Our "grand opening" will be in late July, followed by the Shalersville Bicentennial Homecoming in August.

Submitted by Beth Clark

Acquisitions

Due to the renovation work in progress, the Society has accepted only a few small items that are not sensitive to humidity or light. We have purchased two display cases from the Mantua Historical Society that will be very useful once the renovation is complete. At the present time, we still have no way of properly displaying or storing papers or clothing items. We are also working on procedures for cataloging, storing and preserving documents and photographs.

Meetings

The Shalersville Historical Society meets at 7:00PM on the first Thursday of each month. The meetings are held at the Eldridge house and are open to the public. Election of officers will be held at the April meeting. Members must be in good standing to make nominations or vote.

We will also be discussing fundraising activities and the upcoming bicentennial celebration. Anyone may participate in these discussions. Please feel free to join us.

Renew Now

If you enjoyed this newsletter and wish to continue receiving it, renew your membership for 2006 now if you haven't already. New members and members who have renewed will also be receiving a Sherwin-Williams discount card. If you are a life member, please pass the enclosed application on to a friend. We need your continued support to remain successful.

If you are not a member, but wish to remain on our mailing list, please let us know. Anyone who receives this newsletter is welcome to contribute to and/or comment on its contents. We need your input to make this newsletter and our Web page better. Hopefully, future issues will have a feedback column with your comments and/or suggestions.

Remember, 2006 is Shalersville's 200th birthday. Help us celebrate this year in style.

The application below may be duplicated as needed.



Shalersville Historical Society

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Phone Contact: (330) 296-5095 E-mail Contact: dtmaclearie@aol.com

Membership Application

Date _____

Name _____ Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

For family membership, please list all names in family:

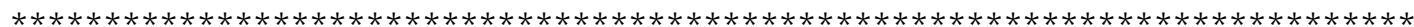


Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Willing to volunteer? _____ How? _____

- Type of membership: _____ Student (full time) \$8 _____ Senior Citizen (65 or older) \$8
- _____ Individual \$10 _____ Individual Life \$150 (per person)
- _____ Family \$15 _____ Family Life \$200 (per family)
- _____ Commercial \$200

Memorial Gift \$ _____ In memory of _____



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