



# Chagrin Falls Exponent

Chagrin Falls Historical Society 21 Walnut St. Shute Memorial Building  
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John Bourisseau, Editor

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**Come join us**  
**September 18, 2014**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Shute Building**

***CELEBRATING***

***65***

***YEARS!***



## CELEBRATING OUR FIRST 65 YEARS!

The first program of the 2014/2015 season, "Celebrating Sixty-Five Years!" will be held on Thursday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Shute Building. Our speakers, longtime members, past and current presidents, and some newer members, will share their favorite stories about times at the 'Historical.' We'll begin with Curator Pat Zalba talking about the early years, 1949-1972. She'll give a little history and share some of her most entertaining stories. Following the presenters, there will be time for members of the audience to participate, so bring your favorite anecdote, we'd love to hear it.

Come join in the celebration and enjoy a piece of 65th Anniversary cake !

*Anne Burr*

Condolences to families of Jack Henry and Ben King

New members  
Mary Jo Saplin  
Gayle Tenebria  
Dwight Woodward  
Mary Ann Carothers  
Jeannie Gaither Heller  
Jim Bonebrake  
Laura Clark  
Anne Murphy

New Corporate Member  
Ann Thompson  
Hestia Sage Design



*Opening Wine & Cheese at Hamlet*

## MAX BARNARD

A special thank you to Jean Hood and Hamlet Hills Retirement Community for their sponsorship of the Max Barnard Exhibition. The opening of the exhibition on July 23rd was well attended and we were treated to some anecdotes about Max from his g-grandson Paul Myers. Also present was a large contingent of descendants of Max Barnard. Thank you also to Pat Zalba, Joyce Teeft, JoAnn Roeder, Gretchen Hamann, Anne Burr, Jane Babinsky and Carolyn Sihler for their role in putting this exhibition together.

*John Bourisseau*

## FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Shhhhhh.... We are still in the quiet phase of our campaign to build the future of CFHS. We do not want to go public with our plans or our campaign until we have raised 50% of our campaign goal from major gifts contributed by CFHS stake holders. If you can help us identify **major donors, corporations or foundations** who might help, please let us know ASAP. If YOU have been considering a significant donation or including CFHS in your will or estate planning - now is the time. Your gift would truly impact our future in a significant way. Contact John or Carolyn to discuss your gift.

We do have lots of other needs related to our big plans and aggressive strategies:



*Jean Hood*



*K C Henry, Pat Zalba and John Bourisseau*

## VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to serve our campaign committees – as well as volunteers to assist at our kick off event on November 1. We have a long list of volunteer needs – one that fits you perfectly. Please contact Anne Burr at 440-338-1556 or [anjin444@windstream.net](mailto:anjin444@windstream.net).

## SAVE THE DATE

***Fall Back~Spring Forward~It's Time!***

***Saturday, November 1, 2014***

This evening gala will be a magical event – full of history, surprises and fun. We anticipate selling out tickets quickly – so get this on your calendar – and RSVP as soon as your invitation arrives in early September.

## AUCTION ITEMS!

We need your help! Can you donate auction items to assist in earning more money for our campaign? We're limiting our event auction to specific items: Perhaps you can contribute an antique or collectible item? Or maybe you are a season ticket holder (theater, sports, etc) or can donate frequent flier miles or a gift certificate to a great restaurant? A vacation home or special getaway vacation location? Or clocks of any kind – watches, grandfather clocks, antique timepieces, etc. The three themes are 1) Fall Back~antiques and collectibles (\$100 value minimum), 2) Spring Forward ~ vacations and getaway packages 3) It's Time! – unique and fun time

pieces. Contact Gretchen Hamann 440-543-3161 or [2ndof2nd@gmail.com](mailto:2ndof2nd@gmail.com).

**Special hosts:** We will be developing many events and outreach activities in the coming year – we are looking for volunteers to host creative small gatherings to bring in new circles of friends to the historical society. We will work with our volunteer hosts to make your gathering unique and successful – we look forward to talking to those interested in helping Contact John, [jboursiseau@gmail.com](mailto:jboursiseau@gmail.com) 440-821-3630

## NEEDED: ONE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Do you love food and flowers? If you do, you could be the perfect person to chair the Hospitality Committee. It's a fun and easy job and provides an opportunity to be involved and get to know other members. All that's required is to make sure we have the necessary refreshments for the monthly programs, which have already been decided upon by the program committee. Determine how the refreshment table should be decorated i.e. tablecloth, flowers or other centerpiece, utensils, plates, napkins etc. Setup that day, and clean up afterward. The Program Committee has been doing this job since the position was vacated two years ago and are available to help.

This is a great way to make sure you don't miss any of the interesting programs we have lined up for the coming year. Please call Anne Burr, 440-241-2678 if you're interested.

*Anne Burr*

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

It has been a busy Summer!

The Chagrin Falls Historical Society has its first employee. We made the decision to hire Jane Babinsky, who is the g-g-granddaughter of Henry Church Jr. Jane's job title is administrative assistant, she will work about 22 hrs. per week. Jane is tasked to work with Carolyn on basic administrative items like mailings, thank you's, Laura with some items related to publishing and grants and Pat on basic museum tasks. Right now, Jane is spending a lot of time on fundraising related tasks- in the future she will be organizing and coordinating our eventual move.

The Building Committee, consisting of Lee Johns, John

Bourisseau, John Dagil, Jane Babinsky, Ken Kvacek and Phil Koepf, have met many times. We initially identified nine possible contractors for the project. We interviewed six who we invited to bid. Bids are due September 3rd and will be evaluated by the committee. The bid package is structured so that we can add or subtract items depending on how successful our fundraising campaign is. Construction drawings are available for you to look through at the Shute Bldg. Construction will begin in earnest following our Nov. 1st fundraiser. Our next newsletter will include more information about construction.

The CORE fundraising team consisting of John Bourisseau, Carolyn Sihler, Bill Hamann, Laura Gorretta and Anne Burr have been meeting with KC Henry on almost a weekly basis throughout the summer. We have developed campaign materials, investigated funding options, grants and potential major donors. In this 'quiet' phase of our campaign, we hope to raise 50% of our total goal. The CFHS has never had a fundraising culture. Our membership has been incredibly generous throughout the years and we are able to begin this monumental project because of that generosity. We all believe the funds will come, but it will be a process--and will most likely take the full three years of the campaign. If you are considering, or would like to discuss giving options, please feel free to contact me at [jbouisseau@gmail.com](mailto:jbouisseau@gmail.com), or call 440-821-3630.

We joined the Inter-museum Conservation Association (ICA) and took advantage of the 3 hours of consultation that are part of the membership. The consultant reviewed our collections with Pat, Jane and Laura, went through the building at 87 E. Washington, and has provided us with a letter that will help in seeking funding assistance for storage or conservation materials.

We have completely sold out of our book *Chagrin Falls: an Ohio Village History*. Laura Gorretta chaired a committee to review and make updates to the book, and Laura has completed the final edits. The Board, in a special meeting authorized the funds to print an additional 1000 copies of the updated version. We hope they will be ready by the end of October.

### HISTORICAL TOURS

Frank Kanzinger spent a lot of his time this Summer

researching the West Side Historic District and has begun offering tours. The tours cost \$10 per person, with all funds going to the Historical Society. John Bourisseau also used the material created by Bruce Adler and John Dagil last year and provided a tour of the historic business district to a family having a reunion. We would like to make tours of our historic community a more prominent part of what we do.

*John Bourisseau*

**WINE PULL:** We need wine for the wine pull event, Red, White, Rose`, and/or Sparkling/Champagne wines. The minimum value of each bottle should be \$15 - \$20. We are requesting more expensive bottles of wine to mix in with the less expensive so that people will pay to perhaps "pull" a more expensive wine.

Call to arrange delivery to Gretchen Hamann 440.543.3161.

### THE EVENTS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP.

If you have any of the items listed below and are willing to let us borrow them for the November 1, campaign kick off event, please call Sally Hawkins at 440-247-2683 or [Shawkins1947@gmail.com](mailto:Shawkins1947@gmail.com).

- portable coat racks
- lamps, preferably historic looking
- lanterns
- construction lights
- Two 6-8' wooden ladders
- 16" wide board 6-8' long
- pharmacy style lamps
- battery operated candles

Be sure to write your name on the bottom of each item.



*Decendents of Max Barnard*