

# Log by Log

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## **SPRING OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR BEAVERCREEK HISTORY CENTER MAY 20, 2017**

You're invited to a **Spring Open House** at the Beavercreek History Center as we celebrate our second year of occupancy. Please come see the collection of many Beavercreek-related display items and take a peek at our growing archival collections, including a full set of all copies ever printed of the Beavercreek Daily News. We thank members **Carolyn Fourman, Cathy Robinett, Zelma Robinson** and **Wendy Kirchoff** for volunteering to help organize this event. Light refreshments will be served. Bring your family and friends; admission is free and all are welcome!

The Center is located at 1981 Dayton-Xenia Road, in the building that originally housed the Beavercreek Township Offices. You'll see our sign out front. It is east of Alpha, almost directly across from the Beaver United Church of Christ. We proudly share the building with the Beavercreek Township Park District.

**WHAT  
WHEN**

Beavercreek History Center Spring Open House  
Sunday, May 20, 2017  
11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

1981 Dayton-Xenia Road  
Beavercreek, OH 45385

***Save the Date— We hope to see you there!***

Do you have an article, photo(s) or item(s) of interest you want featured in the Log by Log? Deadline for submissions into the next issue is **June 16**. Email submissions to the editor at [b.joh88@gmail.com](mailto:b.joh88@gmail.com).

### RAG DOLL DILEMMA: *Input Sought*

We are reaching out to you, our Log by Log readers, for input and help. Here is the situation: For many years now, each third grade student who attends our Living History program makes a ragdoll to take home. The children love this activity, and we hear from many folks that they are kept by the students for a long time as a special remembrance of their day spent at Wartinger Park. However, over the years the number of students coming to the program has increased as our school enrollment has grown. There are now over 600 students who come to the park, meaning we as an organization have to provide the materials for that number of ragdolls. Wow! That's a lot of ragdoll kits comprised of specially cut fabric that must be assembled.

We are so appreciative of all the many many countless volunteer hours that Wilma Stafford has given over the years pressing, cutting and organizing fabric in the varying shapes needed to make just one doll. Others have then been involved in pulling all the required pieces together into a tidy little kit – one needed per child. Wilma has graciously consented to complete enough kits for us to finish out this year's third grade class visits through the Spring season of the current 2016-17 school year. However, she has let us know that it is now time for her to retire from the ragdoll cutting activity. We understand and heartily thank her for all she has done for the program over the years. We are so pleased that she will continue to cut the fabric pieces needed for the quilting activity portion of Living History.

This leads us to various questions which we share here in no particular order: Does anyone have a pattern for a simpler rag doll that would not take as many pieces as the pattern we have been using? Is there another similar craft other than a ragdoll that students might really like but that may have less involved preparation? Is there anyone out there who would be willing to cut the pieces needed to continue using the same pattern?

Some have suggested bringing back candle-making. Up until about four years ago, the children made home-made candles. However that activity was discontinued due to safety concerns with flammable hot wax and the need for volunteers to continually be working taking the hot wax pots into and out of a wood burning fire. So we do not feel it is advisable to restart the candle-making activity. And let's face it—with a smile—candles just aren't as personal as a rag doll.

Please join us in this brainstorming effort. If you have any suggestions for us to consider, please call Amber Carlos at 937-912-5766, or email us at [bhsohio@gmail.com](mailto:bhsohio@gmail.com). If you have a friend or neighbor who perhaps is a craft person or an art teacher, ask them for ideas. We would love to hear from you.

## MEMBER NEWS

We are very pleased to welcome these new members and hope they will enjoy being part of the organization. Thanks for joining!

*Jerry Ferguson; Jan and Ned Kleinhenz; Stephen and Barbara Marsh; Dennis and Charlene Montague; Ben O'Diam; Martha Rothman; Ronald Whitehead*

### OPPORTUNITIES

As with every organization, over time changes occur, availability of members to serve changes with relocations and life events. So it is with our Historical Society. Each year in July, we elect officers and fill chairmanships on our Board of Trustees. Please consider how you might be able to help the organization which is made up entirely of volunteers. New faces and new ideas are always welcome. We do not want to be a static group. Society changes over time and so we as an organization must also change to meet the needs and interests of the community. Call *Jill Kincer* at 937-429-0291 if you have ideas, are willing to serve in some capacity or if you just have questions. We'd love to have more people actively involved.

### CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we share the passing of long time member **Frances Wartinger**. Frances was involved with Wartinger Park before the Beavercreek Historical Society was even formed, as an active member of the Flower Trail Garden Club. It was that garden club that played an instrumental role in relocating the Nicodemus log cabin to the park and in planting many of the gardens, including the herb garden. As a member of our Society, she was a willing volunteer for many events, and especially enjoyed serving our guests at Harvest Dinners. The extended Wartinger family has contributed to many projects at the park, and her name is inscribed in the dedication stone at the foot of the large informational sign installed in recent years. She will be missed. We extend our condolences to her family.

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO THE WAGLEYS AND SPECIAL REQUEST TO OUR MEMBERSHIP**

*Submitted by Jill Kincer*

As you possibly have already heard, Bob and Lorraine Wagley, our long time faithful members who have taken such a strong leadership role in our organization, have made the decision to downsize and relocate to Louisville, KY. It is surely with mixed emotions that we receive this news. They are special people who on behalf of the BHS have always been willing to step up, lead, and help with whatever needed to be done behind the scenes. Most recently, Bob has been a Vice President and Program Chair while Lorraine has served as our Acquisitions Chair. We thank them so much for all their contributions over many years and certainly wish them all sorts of success in making this move.

Many of you know that Bob has additionally taken on the role of Chair of Heritage Day in recent years. So knowing he will not be here in the fall, we are putting out a rather large Help Wanted sign! **We need a chair for the September 16, 2017 Heritage Day event.**

So many Beaver Creek families come to the event each year to enjoy the park, tour the cabins, do the children's activities, enjoy the demonstrations and the music, etc. Perhaps you may not have realized what an important role the job of Chair is in making that day a success, but those of us connected behind the scenes surely do. There would be hands to help from many of us on the Board, but it is important to have one person in charge to oversee all the activities. So this is our special request—we need a Chair person in order to continue to host our community's Heritage Day event at Wartinger Park. If you would be willing to take the lead or just need more information, please call *Jill Kincer* at 937-429-0291 or email her at *wmkincer@aol.com*.

## **WALKING PATHS AT WARTINGER PARK**

As a part of the City's Capital Improvements Projects in 2017, new/improved walking paths will be constructed at Wartinger Park. These paths will enable easier access for strollers, walkers, and wheelchairs to go from one location to another. An advisory committee has been formed by the City to assist them. Nancy Wagner and Bob Bader are the Historical Society's representatives to this committee.

## **HELP BRING BEAVERCREEK'S HISTORY TO LIFE!**

Imagine if you could jump back into 1806. Well, what if I told you we do just that each spring and fall? The Historical Society hosts each of Beaver Creek's 3rd grade classes at Wartinger Park on Kemp Rd., for a trip back in time. The program is called Living History and will host thirteen classes this spring.

It is only through volunteers that we are able to continue this wonderful field trip each year. Consider joining us and volunteer this year to welcome the children to the log homes of Wartinger Park. Living History is one of the annual occasions when the original log homes are opened for activities. This is an opportunity for you to be able participate in activities within the beautiful homes originally built in Beaver Creek's early 1800's. Volunteers are only scheduled from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and you're welcome to attend on a day prior to your scheduled day(s) to observe and learn how it works. You can volunteer for one morning or multiple mornings. Areas requiring volunteers are: Butter Churning, Finger Knitting, Quilting, Rag Doll Making, Spinning Wool, and Barn/Potato Garden. The students are already learning about the early history of Beaver Creek in their classrooms. Soon, it will be our turn to actually show them what life was like as a pioneer. They are so looking forward to the day their class gets to jump back in time!

The field trip dates this spring are: April 25-28, May 1-5, May 8, and May 10-12. You are welcome to contact me to learn more. If you can come volunteer with us to spend some time with the children of Beaver Creek, please let me know! Thank you so much.

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## Upcoming Events:

### Board Meeting, April 13

1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd. – 6:30 p.m.

### Quarterly Meeting, April 25

Peace Lutheran Church - 7:00 p.m.; *The History of Wright Field*, presented by Ken Keisel

### Spring Living History, April 25-28, May 1-5, May 8, May 10-12

### Board Meeting, May 11

1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd. – 6:30 p.m.

### Spring Open House at Beaver Creek History Center, May 20

1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd. – 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Board Meeting, June 8

1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd. – 6:30 p.m.

### Log by Log Article Submission Deadline

June 16 – 5:00 p.m.

### Annual Meeting/Ice Cream Social, July 25

Wartinger Park, Zimmer Barn



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"The objectives of the organization are to preserve structures of historical significance, to develop and present community education programs, and to create a learning center for historic education."

## Beavercreek Historical Society Quarterly Meeting

**April 25, 2017 | 7:00 p.m. | Peace Lutheran Church | 3530 Dayton-Xenia Rd.**

Ken Keisel will be the speaker on the timely topic of *The History of Wright Field*. He will emphasize the important role played locally in the history of aviation. The highlights of his book and talk begins with the relocation of the Army Air Service's test facilities from McCook Field in Dayton to Wright Field, a new air base built near Fairborn in the 1920's. Using many unusual photos and anecdotes, Ken will talk about aircraft development and the growth of Wright Field, first during the 1930's and then the critical years of the 1940's when Wright Field was working around the clock to develop state-of-the art piston and jet-powered aircraft to win WWII. He'll also show many images of experimental aircraft tested at Wright Field and will talk about the accidents that inevitably come with testing of high-performance experimental aircraft.

This is Ken Keisel's third book. He also had written for the *Journal of American Aviation*, *Historical Society*, *Flight Magazine* and *Smithsonian Air and Space* magazine. Keisel will be available to sign his book *Wright Field* which will be available for sale at the meeting.

He is interested in hearing from anyone who witnessed the crash of RB-37D into Beavercreek High School Parking lot in January of 1964. If you happened to have been present at the high school on that day, we are hoping you can attend the meeting to help add to the story of that close call to tragedy in our community. The program is free and open to the public. We hope many of you will join us!

