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AUCTION ITEMS AT THE GALA!

Table Runner

Made by Deb Gepfer



Museum Items



"Chunky" Blanket



Christmas Gala

The Annual MHS Christmas Banquet is back! The date is **Thursday, December 15th** at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Maytown. The menu is "Family Style"—tossed salad, stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, harvest mixed vegetables, beverages, **HOMEMADE** pie and ice cream. Elva Hurst, a local chalk talk artist will be the program. Her talk is fun, motivational, inspiring, and for all ages. She finishes with a black light and colored light show that brings her artwork

to life. Following her program, her picture will be auctioned off along with a beautiful quilted table runner made by Deb Gepfer, three MHS pottery pieces, a MHS basket and "chucky" blanket. Cost for the evening is Adults - \$25, Ages 4 - 11 - \$12, Ages 0 - 3 -free. Tickets will be on sale at Maytown Post Office from 8 - 10am on Saturdays, 11/19, 11/26, and 12/3, or contact Skip or Gordy Nell. Questions or for tickets, call 717-725-2437. All profits benefit future expansion of MHS.



Elva Hurst - owner of the Barnyard Art Studio

Message from the President

Hi Everyone,

It's hard to believe this will be our last monthly update for 2022.....and Christmas is just around the corner.

The committee is diligently working on finalizing details etc. for our 2022 Christmas Gala. Our last event for the year. Please see the article within the update for Gala information: tickets, menu, activities, entertainment etc. As Linda said in her email, **definitely a night of food, fun, & fellowship that you won't want to miss!**

As many may have seen with Linda's recent email, we are starting this week with brainstorming ideas for Mayfest 2023.....Stay tuned and if there is anyone interested in helping, touch base with either Linda or myself...

Unfortunately, we have had to close our museum building over the past 2 months due to an issue with bees/yellow jackets. We've had the

building exterminated, and plans are to have the areas effected thoroughly cleaned so we can again start archiving and opening our museum for visitors.

As we are very much through our fall season, many leaves have come down, ferns have browned, flower season is over etc. and our museum yard is in very much need of cleanup. We will be reaching out for cost to contract a fall cleanup of the yard unless we can get volunteers for the work. Let me know if interested in either helping or donating toward cost for cleanup.

We've recently had reorganizing of our executive committee. Tina Nell has resigned as the society treasurer due to personal reasons; Jane Garber has agreed to take on the treasurer position and Deb Gepfer has volunteered to take the secretary position. I'll be reaching out for society approval during our Christmas Gala to finalize new executive positions. (Con't.)



President's message con't.

The executive/event committee is also working on an events schedule for 2023... Some great ideas, Mayfest of course, possibly a few bus trips, breakfast, and other food fundraisers...any ideas or anyone interested in being part of the committee, please let me know.

As mentioned over many years, we continue to struggle with storage space for our archives. As the society continues to donate items and the archiving group continue to archive, it appears more and more our

issue continues to get worse....We have developed a small committee at this time to complete a feasibility study to understand what it would take to construct a new building for archiving and storage on our existing property behind our museum. There have been two meetings to date and thanks to Rodney Nell, Cody Good and DC Gohn, we are in the process of confirming building plans. Our hopes are once this is complete to work with an architect and the township to understand next

steps to confirm a design, cost etc. In parallel we are also working on a donation plan to support the project. "Stay tuned"...and please stop by to have a look at the items we are archiving... Amazing and a waste not to have an area for display and proper storage.

In conclusion, as always, I want to thank you all for your continued support and thank you in advance for your help the remainder of this year and in 2023.

Skip Nell

The sub sale at the beginning of September netted MHS \$736. THANK you Kelly and Lauren Wood for organizing the event.

Museum Lawn Breakfast

October 8th was a very successful breakfast fundraiser. I bet you all know who makes it so successful... the "Sarge" in the kitchen.

It was a beautiful fall morning. Approximately 140 people were served a pancake/sausage/egg breakfast.

The funds raised were about \$1,200. Thank you for all who patronized the event.

A special thanks to Ryan Nell and Scott Wood for flipping all those pancakes.

Also many thanks for the servers and ticket taker.



Archive Corner

One of our newest acquisitions at MHS is this bank chair that was used in the board room of the Maytown National Bank. The special boardroom was located in the upstairs of the bank. The board

consisted of local folks who owned stocks. C.E. Hollenbaugh and Mervin S. Arnold were two well-known Maytonians who served on the Board. Mervin was President of the Board from 1942 – 1956.

\$\$\$\$ BANK TRIVIA \$\$\$\$

Who was the only Maytonian banker who was born in a bank?

Answer: John Hoffman Jr.

The building was built in 1910 and as was the custom then, the bank and the banker's home were one building, where John was born!

