

Maytown Historical Society

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Hi Everyone and Welcome to "2024"

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.....

I wanted to touch on a very important initiative for 2024.....

In many of our newsletters, society meetings, fundraisers etc. we have displayed and mentioned the number of interesting and valuable items being received from our society members and more, supporting our history in Maytown/East Donegal Township.

We have also elaborated the concern for storage space for these items as they are stored in bins around our museum building, in our museum garage and off site storage, some under uncontrolled climate conditions.

The initiative supporting this for 2024 is to develop a committee and complete a feasibility study for a new building in support of an archiving work area, climate controlled storage conditions and an event support and meeting room.

Completing this level of feasibility should provide us with enough detail, scope, cost, timeline, etc. to support a fundraising plan. If you're interested in being part of this committee, please let us know. We are kicking off as we read this newsletter.

Also, please consider supporting and helping out in many of the other events mentioned in this newsletter.....your help and support is very important along with any new ideas for fundraising events...

Best of the New Year
Skip Nell, President



"Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius."



FUNDRAISER HAPPENING

The Society is having an apple dumpling fundraiser. Apple dumplings are \$4.00 for one or three for \$10.00. The Countryside Bakery from Ickesburg will be baking the dumplings.

Place your orders by calling Janie Garber at 717-426-3689 or emailing jgarber416@gmail.com by February 5th. Dumplings will be delivered on February 13th just in time for Valentine's Day.

SAVE THE DATE

Mayfest will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00-3:00. We are actively planning for the day. There will be many activities for all.

We are looking for helpers in various places. If you are interested, contact Linda Good at 717-725-2437.



THIS OLD HOUSE.....

Maytown style!

How old is your house? Have you ever wondered about the history of your house? Have you ever thought about restoring any part of your house or



property? Would it be expensive? Could you do some of the work yourself? Where do you start? Who do you call?

These questions can be answered by attending the Maytown Historical Society's program on Thursday, February 22, at the East Donegal Township Building. Jim Leonard, a local resident of "Chickentown," will be sharing his journey in researching and restoring his home.

Plan to come and hear his historical restoration journey beginning at **6:30 pm** on Thursday, February 22nd. You'll be glad you did!



Gerald Lindemuth.....

Thanks for the Memories!

And we mean that literally! MHS' chief archivist, Gerald Lindemuth, is retiring from the Archives committee. Gerald was born and raised in Maytown and his memory and attention to detail have been priceless in our Wednesday morning archive work. After 12 years of diligently collecting/sorting/organizing/labeling/ categorizing and archiving artifacts, documents, books, photographs, digital media, and other Maytown paraphernalia, we say farewell and a big **THANK YOU** to Gerald Lindemuth!

News & Updates from the Archives Corner....



Our most recent acquisition is a group of deeds, dating back to the 1700's, for land on this side of the river around Vinegar Ferry. The deeds are somehow related to a building and land across the river also. More detective work needs to be done.....

Currently we are working on the next MHS Museum exhibit. On display will be the work of a local artist. Plans are to be ready to open the first weekend in the spring!