



Nicholas County Historical Society

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Building Our Future By Preserving Our Past

April 2009

“A Garden Party at Forest Retreat” scheduled May 3

The 3rd Annual NCHS Event at Forest Retreat Farm will be Sunday, May 3, 2009.

“A Garden Party at Forest Retreat” is this year’s theme and the event will take place from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon.

Jerry Galbraith, noted local saxophonist, will provide the music and food and drinks are also included.

The cost is \$25 per person. We will again have a silent auction of many wonderful items.

Please plan to attend – this is a great fundraiser for the continuation of the restoration of the Neal Building.

Our sincere thanks to Phil and Trudy Tibbs who provide the beautiful setting for this event as well as many of the amenities.

Neal Welcome Center serves community; Next goal to add elevator, open Mozart Hall

The Neal Building continues to serve the community as a welcome center and a well located

Annual Meeting June 12

This 2009 Annual Member’s Meeting will be Friday, June 12, at the Neal Welcome Center. The evening begins with a social time from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner and a short business meeting will take place followed by the program. Please mark your calendars and look for further updates in the local newspaper.

and equipped facility for parties, receptions and meetings.

Kitchen and seating arrangements can accommodate up to 100 people. Call Michelle McDonald at 289-2614 to schedule the building.

Our next goal for the building is to install a modern elevator in the recently renovated elevator shaft at an estimated cost of about \$100,000. The Carol Garvin Fund, established to assist with the elevator contains about \$30,000 with

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The Curator's Report



Two special Kentucky rifles on display

I never cease to be amazed at the generosity of the folks in Carlisle and Nicholas County. Recently Doug Hamilton of Car-

lisle gave our museum two very special Kentucky rifles. One is a percussion cap rifle and was made by E.C.Burden of Carlisle and is marked.

History of Nicholas County Available

To order a copy of the History of Nicholas County, complete the information below and send the form with a check for \$50 per copy, plus \$5 per copy for postage and handling, to:

Nicholas County Historical Society

P.O. Box 222

Carlisle KY 40311

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Number of copies: _____

Also available at the Neal Welcome Center and the Nicholas County Library.

Edmund Collins Burden (1826-1903) was raised in Crayton where he became an expert gunsmith. He moved to Carlisle after his marriage in 1850 when this rifle was made.

The second rifle is a flintlock full stock in beautiful tiger maple. This rifle was most likely made around 1810. These are now displayed in the museum.

We have also received several items for the genealogical part of the museum and will be organizing and cataloging them. We are striving to protect all of our memorabilia. All of our display cabinets are now locked and we have installed two security cameras.

By Jim Haag

Memorial Contributions

We would like to thank the following individuals for their recent contributions to the Society in memory of a former member.

In Memory of Dorothy Neal:

Phyllis Darrell Gaunce
David and Joyce Duszynski
Bob Garvin
James and Betty Scott
Jock and Sue Conley
Betty Caywood
Nancye McClanahan
Betty Sue & Gus Peters

In Memory of Clarine Shankland:

Jock and Sue Conley

Neal Welcome Center

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an additional \$15,000 pledged for both 2009 and 2010. Payment of all pledges and additional donations toward the elevator are much appreciated.

The original Steps from the front sidewalk to the upstairs Mozart Hall have been restored; however the elevator is essential for more efficient use of the basement and first floor and for access to the second floor for storage, future restoration and handicapped access after restoration.

We are continuing to investigate the availability of grants to assist with installation of the elevator and restoration of Mozart Hall. This would complete restoration of the entire historic structure and provide a meeting and display area equal to both downstairs wings (about 4,500 square feet).

In Memory of Lois Ockerman:

Jock and Sue Conley

In Memory of Henry Peters:

Joe Nance
Leslie Newman
Mr. and Mrs. Custer Blair
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reynolds
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall
James and Velma Jones
Wanda Shrout
Jerry and Carol Hunt
Michelle and Phillip McDonald
Linda Kluck
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Moreland
The Robert Garvin Family
Sabrina Trent
Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Kingsolver
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Knapke

Condolences

Our Society lost a good friend, former officer and supporter on March 13, 2009 with the passing of Henry Peters. A longtime member of the society, Henry also served as treasurer for several years. We will miss him. Our sympathy to his wife Lee, children Susan and John, and grandchildren Gretchen and Kellie. We are also grateful to the family for naming the Garvin Fund at the Neal Building as a suggested memorial for Henry.

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Dues

Please check your label! If your label is dated 6/06 or before, this will be your last newsletter. As the cost of postage and printing continues to rise, we are cleaning up our newsletter list.

Since the date on the address label tells when your membership expires, anyone prior to June 2006 has not paid dues since 2005. We hate to drop people, but the newsletter is one of the perks of membership. Renew your dues now!

Currently, annual dues at \$10.00

