



Historical Herald

The Bexley Historical Society



Spring 2013

Chautauqua Comes To Bexley ...

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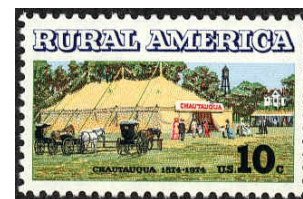
The OH Humanities Council has selected Bexley as one of the five communities to host OH Chautauqua 2013: When Ohio Was the Western Frontier.

Five important people from Ohio's early history will be featured at the July 16-20 event. Capital University will sport a red and white tent on their front lawn, located on Main Street where musical performances and living history presentations will take place each evening. There will be daily interactive workshops for children and adults at different locations throughout

Bexley. All events are free and open to the public.

The community partners planning this include representatives from Capital University, Bexley Area Chamber of Commerce, Bexley Community Foundation, Bexley Historical Society, Bexley Public Library, Bexley Recreation & Parks Department, Bexley Women's Club, the City of Bexley, the Drexel Theatre, and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus.

This summer, take a step back in time and come face to face with history.



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... Historical Society To Present "Historical Portraits of Bexley Memories" At Library

The Bexley Historical Society will present the premiere showing of Edie Mae Herrel's original watercolors entitled "Historical Portraits of Bexley Memories". This is in conjunction with the OH Chautauqua/Bexley celebration. The watercolors are a result of many years of studying old photographs, oral interviews, and research.

Through these visual images, Edie has attempted to preserve places and people from our community's past. Many of the watercolors which will be on display have not been seen, shared or published previously.

Also included in the library exhibit will be the

unique handmade, appliqued and embroidered quilt which depicts twelve events in Bexley's history.

Main to Bexley

Trolley Car
By Edie Mae Herrel

Trolley cars ran from
1910-1948.



You will be able to see some Main Street businesses and other details in the larger version of this painting when it is displayed at the library.

Bexley Community Foundation Grant Brings Conservator to Historical Society; Helps Society Meet Goals

The Bexley Historical Society recently received a major grant from the Bexley Community Foundation for up to \$5,000 to be used for a preservation needs assessment. This assessment will help identify the needs and goals essential to building the future of the Society.

Laurie Anne Booth of Midwest Conservation Services in Chagrin Falls, OH, visited the museum on March 11 and 12, 2013.

She conducted in-depth interviews with BHS officers and Board Members; studied the policies, practices, and conditions of the museum; and determined the general state of the collection. She also presented a program on artifact conservation to the Board. Ms. Booth's wide experience conducting conservation assessments has taken her to museums large and small throughout the United States.

Ms. Booth's report will identify important preservation needs, recommended actions to meet those needs, and, most importantly, specify priorities for moving ahead.

The Society is grateful for this grant, our second from the Bexley Community Foundation. The first grant of \$5,000 was used to apply UV-protectant film to the museum windows in

order to decrease the damaging effects of UV light on the museum collection. This second grant builds upon the first, and helps to identify the museum's most crucial needs and best future actions.

The society places great importance on protecting and maintaining the artifacts that allow us to preserve, promote, and interpret Bexley's history.

Chautauqua: Beginnings and This Summer's Featured Historical People

Chautauqua was an educational movement very popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Named after Lake Chautauqua in NY State, where the first event was held, these assemblies expanded and spread throughout rural America. The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the whole community with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers,

preachers, and specialists of the day. Pres. Theodore Roosevelt said that Chautauqua is "the most American thing in America". Circuit or Tent Chautauquas were an outgrowth of the beginning movement. The program would be presented in a tent pitched "on a well-drained field near town."

For the Bexley Chautauqua event schedule, go to:

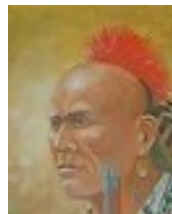
www.ohiochautauquabexley.com

At the July 16-20 Chautauqua, the following historical figures will be featured.



Johnny Appleseed:
Naturalist and
Folk Hero

Margaret Blennerhassett:
Frontier Aristocrat



Chief John Logan:
Iroquois Leader

Oliver Hazard Perry:
Hero of the
Battle of Lake Erie



York:
Lewis & Clark
Expedition Member

A Memory Bexley Village Hall

In 1908, when Bexley officially was deemed a Village, they had no meeting hall or municipal building. Council meetings were held in various places such as Capital University and the basement of the Old Main Street School.

The Bexley Village Council passed an ordinance in 1923, approving a \$2500 expenditure to build a village hall. The wood frame structure shown in the photo was ready for use by the late 1920s. This was 'City Hall' until 1950 when the current City Hall was built on the same site, 2242 East Main Street.



There was a frame garage next to (just to the east of) the Village Hall. It housed equipment, which by 1930 included four cars, two motorcycles and a fire engine. Note the car by the building.

You can still see part of the old Village Hall. Drive north on Cas-sady Avenue and just past the railroad tracks, turn west onto Margaret Street. There, attached behind another building, is the old municipal building.

Bexley's current City Hall has recently been in the news. When it is replaced by a new structure at a new location, that will be Bexley's third municipal building.

July 4th Ice Cream Social

The Bexley Historical Society will once again be serving Johnson's Ice Cream Treats at the Community July 4th Celebration held on Capital University's green space. We look forward to seeing many old friends and meeting new ones at this holiday event.



Standing

Mike Kilbourne, Barbara Hauser,

David Madison

Seated

JoAnne Grossman, Nancy Beck

Reminiscing Party

Plans are being discussed to hold another Reminiscing Party this coming September, 2013. Once final arrangements have been made, members of the society will receive all the information. Details will also be posted on the society's web site.

Annual Meeting

The Bexley Historical Society's Annual Meeting was held June 10, 2013. The revised Constitution & By-laws presented by committee chairman Robyn Jones were accepted by the Board. The officers for 2013-2014 were voted on: Pres. /Mike Kilbourne; Vice-pres./Walter Buchsieb; Treas./ Scott McKinley; & Sec'y./

Laurie Haenszel.

Trustees voted in for a three-year term are: Mark Epstein, Lori Ann Feibel, David Madison, Connie Ostrove, & Scott McKinley.

Trustees who have recently joined the Board are Carolyn Christy, David Cohen and Amy Goldstein.

Bexley Historical Society

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Museum at the Jeffrey Estate Caretaker's Cottage

Hours

First Thursday of each month

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Second Monday of each month

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Sunday of each month

March through October

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Mission Statement

A 501 (c) (3) Organization

The Bexley Historical Society is an educational association. It seeks to promote interest and pride in the historical development of the community and in the accomplishments of its citizenry. It endeavors to research, assemble, preserve, and publish a valuable storehouse of materials including artifacts, memorabilia, photographs, and genealogical records relevant to the heritage of the Bexley community.

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