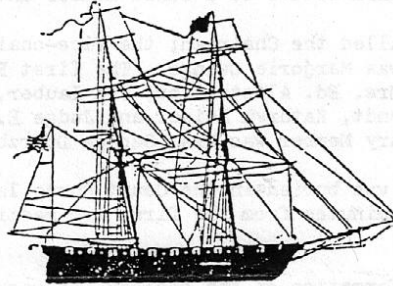


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U. S. BRIG NIAGARA

THE BUILDING AND THE RE-BUILDING OF THE NIAGARA

Mark your calendars for a most interesting and informative program. Sunday, May 16, at 2:30 we will meet again in the Fellowship Room of the Presbyterian Church. In case you didn't make it last time, the entrance is on the Washington Street side. We are fortunate to have living in Sandusky a man who is an expert on Perry's ships. His name is Kenneth S. Atkins and he is a model builder and student of medieval and early American ships. He will have drawings and pictures to illustrate his talk about how the ships were built originally and in 1913. I'm sure we will all have a better appreciation of the Brig Niagara when we see it in September after we know the background. If you know anyone interested in ships or history bring them along.

On April 22nd a group of us visited Erie and toured the Niagara. We will share our experiences and our souvenirs with you.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Since this spring is the 40th anniversary of our society, it is a good time to take a look back at our beginnings and why we are here. 1953 was the sesquicentennial year of the state of Ohio, and the Ohio Sesquicentennial Committee encouraged all counties that did not have a county historical society to start one. Librarian Mary McCann was the one who was most active in getting the meetings going. She served as president from 1957 to 1961. However, the first president was Paul Laning who remained active as a board member until his recent death.

Actually Paul was called the Chairman; the Vice-chairman was A. F. Wakefield, the Secretary-treasurer was Marjorie Owings. The first Board of Trustee members were Mrs. Ed. Gundlach, Mrs. Ed. Altstaetter, Ted Lauber, Dr. Norbert Lange, Lucille Hutson, Gordon Wendt, Kathryh Heiser and Judge E. H. Savord. The first (and I guess only) Honorary Member was Mrs. George Doerzbach.

When a Time Capsule was buried in the Court House lawn that summer, that list of officers and the minutes from the first two meetings of the society were enclosed:

At the time of the formation of the society, it was decided to hold only four meetings a year. Charter members were accepted from March until May 30. There were 94 Charter Members. Dorothy Allen was the first paid member. Dues were \$2.00.

The following forty year members are still active: Marjorie Owings, Patty Lay, Helen Hansen, Gordon Wendt, Millicent vanBlarcum and Ellie Damm. Thirty-nine year members are Hilma Schwer and Barbara Wendt.

We are grateful for the continued interest and leadership of these long time members.



FOR ON YOUR
CALENDAR

MAY 16 - 2:30 ECHS MEETING
June 20 - Founders Day, Lyme Village 1 - 5
June 26-27 - Milan Museum - Art of Needlepoint
July 11 - Lyme - Antique Cars, Flea Market
Old Time Music
August - Milan - Special Exhibits of 19th
Century Clothing
Sept. 11-12 - Lyme - Pioneer Days 11-5
SEPTEMBER 16 ARRIVAL OF THE BRIG NIAGARA
MARINE PARADE
17 LANGE TRUST DAY - SCHOOLS
AND YOUTH GROUPS
18 & 19 NIAGARA OPEN TO PUBLIC

VISIT LAKESIDE

For a modest gate fee you can attend these programs, then go to the park next door and hear a concert in the Gazebo. Come early and have dinner or stay for a buffet supper at the Hotel Lakeside.

Sunday Afternoon Programs.....2:00 P.M.

*All programs will be held at Orchestra Hall,-
corner of Second & Walnut, in Lakeside*

June 27 Portraits & Silhouettes of Historical Homes & Boats
Slide presentation - William Johnson - Cincinnati
July 4 Slides of Old Lakeside, Part IV, David Glick Historian
July 11 Marblehead Lighthouse & Life Saving Station, slide
presentation, Betty Neidecker, Historian, Bowling
Green, Ohio
July 18 History of Hotel Lakeside, a slide presentation by
Dr. George McCormick, University of Iowa
July 25 Johnson Island, Roger Long, Historian, Author,
Writer - Tour of Johnson Island follows program
Aug. 1 No Program - Hotel Lakeside Ice Cream Social
Aug. 8 Rutherford B Hayes - Statesman of Reunion
Slide presentation by Lt. Col. Thomas Hoffert,
Fremont, Ohio
Aug. 15 Historical Ohio Forts & Indian Wars - a slide
presentation by Tom Vince, Curator and Librarian,
Hudson Historical Society
Aug. 22 "Two Roads to Sumter" by Dr. Roger Bridges,
Director, Hayes Presidential Center