

Erie County Historical Society

March 2013 Newsletter

As many of you might know, only days after our November meeting, our secretary/treasurer and trustee, Idabelle Teasel passed away. Ida's years of service to the society speak for itself. Ida will be sorely missed. At a special board meeting in late December, the trustees appointed Christine Koch to fill the vacant position.

Upcoming Programs

Quarterly Meeting, March 16, 10:15, at the Sandusky Library, 2nd floor program room

We are pleased to be able to bring Anthony Gibbs to Sandusky, with his first person portrayal of John Parker, a little known Underground Railroad operative from the Ohio riverfront community of Ripley. A number of the hundreds of slaves whom Parker brought across the Ohio River could well have also passed through Sandusky. Anthony is affiliated with the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus.

History After Hours, Friday, April 12, 5:30-7:00, Ohio Veterans Home Museum

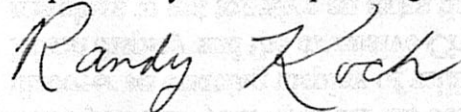
One of our area's best kept secrets is the Ohio Veteran's Home Museum in Sandusky. Once you take your eyes off the beautiful natural finished interior woodwork, you will discover an enticing display of military artifacts, including an informative Johnson's Island display and the extensive Civil War collection. While this evening allows members to get together an extra time during the year, *it provides an excellent opportunity to expose prospective new members to our historical society.* Hopefully, after our time at the museum, members and guests will be inclined to gather at any of the numerous eating establishments in the area.

Quarterly Meetings: May, September, and November

Sites and programs are currently being discussed.

You might be receiving this because you are already a member of the Erie County Historical Society, or you might be receiving this because you are known to have an interest in history. The public is cordially invited to our programs, at no charge. If you do decide to join, our membership fees are a modest \$10 annually per household. For further information, I can be reached at work at 419-625-5956, or at home at 419-627-1392

Hope to see you at an upcoming event.



Randy Koch
President, Erie County Historical Society