

# **ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE**

## **Jan-Feb 2024**

***Cedarville Area Historical Society***



## **Museum Updates**

Greetings and Happy New Year to all,

Well another year has arrived and with it the planning season begins for the Society Board Members.

Exciting news includes the addition of Sally Kryder Anderson to our board. Sally has been a long time member of the Cedarville Area Historical Society and when we asked in our December newsletter who would be interested in joining our board, Sally immediately raised her hand. Sally replaces Don Franz for the remainder of his term and will be confirmed to the board at the annual board meeting.

Our first event of 2024 will be the annual Chili/Sandwich Luncheon on Sunday, February 11th from 11:00-1:00 at the Museum (450 West 2nd St, Cedarville, IL). As in past years there will be your choices of chili, multiple soups and grilled cheese sandwiches and desserts. You will have your option of dining in or carry out. Cost to members remains at \$6.00 and children (under 12) \$2.00. This is a perfect opportunity to get together with friends you haven't seen for awhile while enjoying some great homemade soups. We encourage you to bring along a guest or guests.

In conjunction with the Chili luncheon is our annual meeting where we will hand out our year end update and confirm our board members who are up for re-election. This year that includes: Steve Myers, Lisa Goodwin and Moira Knowlton.

Also at this year at the Chili Luncheon we will be recognizing the building restoration efforts of President Emeritus Jim Bade with the introduction of a plaque in his honor.

Included in our 2024 planning sessions will be the finalization for our 2024 program presentations. 2024 programs will be focused on local community interests including a pictorial presentation of past Memorial Day parades.

If you have any programs that you would find of interest please let us know and we will try and include them in future presentations.

Also remember to save the date for the Memorial Day Parade, Cemetery Program and Lunch. That will be on Monday, May 27th. If you have a group that is interested in marching with us in the parade, please reach out to us at [info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org)

## Member's Memories

*This month's newsletter includes memories of some of our members. We thank those who submitted memories in written format and look forward to hearing from other members:*

*Submitted by Karen Brander:*

*I'm Karen (Wilson) Brander, daughter of LeRoy and Gayle Wilson and now live in Steamboat Springs, CO. My father grew up in Cedarville, so coming back to his hometown was something easy for him and my mother to do.*

*My first memories of living in Cedarville was the rental house on Route 26, There my two brothers, Curt and Cameron, and I lived the best of small town life. Riding our bikes all over town, attending the "old school" (now museum) and then Jane Adams school before heading to higher grades in Freeport.*

*Dad was Mayor for 8 years, and you'd better believe we had to be good.*

*My parents built the home in Oakcrest Subdivision where we moved when I was 11. Our home backed up to the Bertrams and I spent many summer days playing cards on their front porch with Donna, a year older than I.*

*Oakcrest had all boys in that subdivision (Howarth's, Cummings, Pick), so I had to hold my own weight. Lucy Enenga, a best friend and classmate, living in Jane Adam's home, during our grade school days, provided hours of fun in the creek, or sliding down the clothes shoot in the house.*

*Memorial Day parades were always special with our decorated bikes and dad firing his gun with the veterans at the bridge and cemetery.*

*Cedarville was an ideal little town to grow up in, and I'm blessed to have been able to do so.*



## More Member's Memories

*Submitted by Duane Smith (December 31, 2016) Duane was born November 12th, 1931 and passed away on November 18th, 2023. Duane was an artist and taught art in Freeport from 1956, becoming head of the art department in 1962 until his retirement*

*Jim, You wrote about Elfreda Zimmerman in your January newsletter and asked for other memories from former students. I wasn't a student but do have a pleasant memory of Elfreda.*

*We moved to Cedarville in 1962 from Freeport to our big old house at 200 North Mill Street. Across the street from us was the Methodist Church. Not long after we moved the Methodists built their new church and put the old church up for sale. It is my understanding that Elfreda had played her piano for the congregation every Sunday for many years and was very attached to the old church and its beautiful pine tree just outside the front door.*

*Elfreda heard I was an art teacher and came to see me. She wondered if I could possibly make a painting of the old church for her. I agreed to do so and made a small oil painting of the church with the big old pine tree. She was pleased with the painting and I was pleased to meet Elfreda and enjoyed her friendship for as long as she lived in her home on Cedar Street. After she passed away I often wondered what happened to the painting. Years later I ran into Mark Jacobs who now lives in the old church and he told me he had the painting. He had found it in an antique store. I am pleased that it is back in Cedarville where it belongs.*

*Jim, since you like stories of Cedarville I thought you might like this one. Elfreda was an important Cedarville personality that should not be forgotten. You could say she played that old piano with "authority". You could hear those old hymns from across the street.*

*Best wishes and have a very healthy and happy new year.*

*Duane Smith*



## ***Cedarville Area Historical Society***

***1212 S. Stewart Ave, Freeport IL 61032***

Postage

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**Museum Hours Saturdays 1:00PM-4:00PM (Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day weekend)**

**Museum is always available by appointment**

**During non-open hours you can utilize the Ring doorbell and we will do our best meet you at the museum**

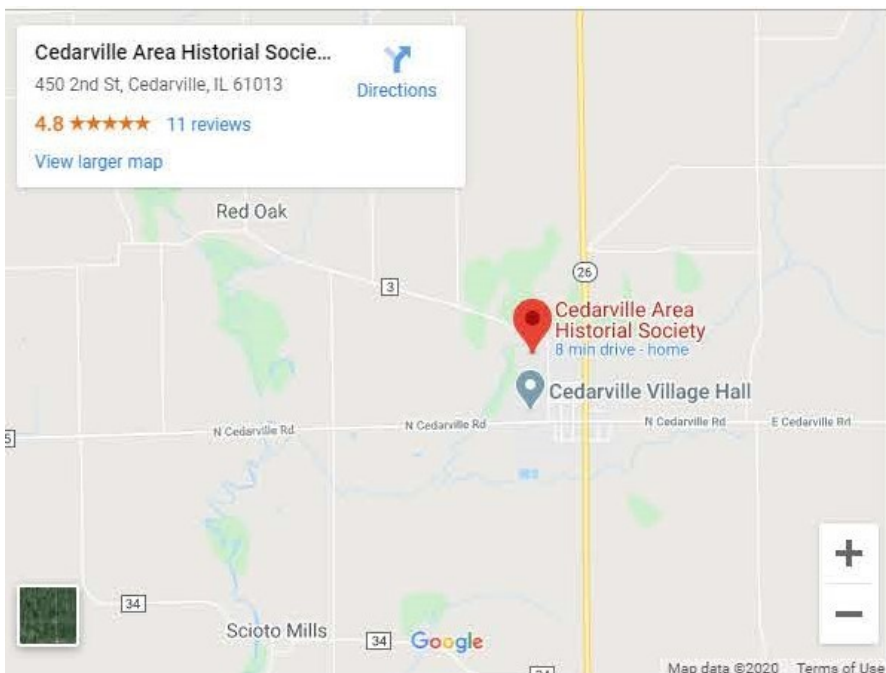
**Museum facilities are available for private functions (weddings, reunions, meetings)**

**Call or text 815-990-0417 or 815-847-9127 to reserve or email  
[info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org)**

### **We Would Love to Share Your Stories**

**Email us your stories or antidotes about Cedarville or the Cedarville area. We will present them in following newsletters. Email them to [info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cedarvilleareahistoricalsociety.org)**

***Subscription notices were sent out during November. We need your continued support and Thank You in advance for your membership***



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