Historical Society Has Publications
That Satisfy the Tastes of Everyone

A major role of the Cedarville Area Historical Society is to make available books relative to the history of Cedarville and Stephenson County. At this time the society has several such publications.

Generous Spirit by Paul Fry is a fascinating biography of Mr. Fry’s Aunt Mary Fry, a Cedarville woman, who was “adopted” by the second Mrs. John Addams. Mary spent virtually all of her life with members of the Addams family. The book contains unusual glimpses of Jane Addams that you will find nowhere else. Cost of the book is $19 plus $4 shipping and handling.

LeRoy Wilson, Cedarville resident, has penned several dozen articles about the village in the 1930’s for the historical society newsletter. They are now available as Volume I and II under the title Seems Like Only Yesterday. Each book costs $9 plus $3 shipping and handling.

The late Ron Beam in 1967 wrote an insightful book about Jane Addams and her early life in Cedarville. Called Jane Addams: Early Influences, the book was updated in 2006 by Paul Fry, an Addams family authority and is available for $10 plus $3 shipping and handling.

Published in 1976, a book simply called Cedarville, sells for $5 plus $3 mailing and handling. The large sized pages contain a brief history of the village and wonderful sketches by local artists of historic houses and buildings in the village. The sketches alone are priceless.

In addition, the society has twenty different note cards with Cedarville scenes by local artists.

To order the books or to receive a sheet with pictures of the note card scenes, write to the address below or call 815-563-4485.

The historical society is recognized as a non-profit organization by Illinois and the U.S. government and as such has been designated as eligible to receive tax deductible gifts under the IRS tax code regulation 501 (c) (3).
Society Programs, Exhibits, Events

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sentation will include demonstrations of work involved in the process that turns raw wool into a fine garment. Mrs. Beggin is the former director of the Stephen-son County Historical Society and an authority on the raising of sheep and the use of the animal’s products.

Vickie and Don Franz, Civil War histori-ans, will appear July 22 to relate high-lights of the famous battles in which Ste-phenson County men fought. The couple has made numerous talks in the area.

On August 26, Cedarville’s Bobbie Edler will entertain with American and ethnic folk songs and selections that showcase her talents on the accordion. Mrs. Edler began classical study of that instrument at age nine and soon was performing her own arrangements of jazz and show tunes around her native Iowa. She has performed for various groups in the Ste-phenson County area.

Jane Goodspeed, Cedarville resident, on September 23 will suddenly be trans-formed into Marcet Haldeman-Julius, niece of Jane Addams. Mrs. Goodspeed began working on this presentation more than a year ago and has honed it to per-fection.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 14 and 15, the Cedarville Area Historical Society Players, members of the society assembled for this one event, will present a semi-original musical of their interpre-tation of events in Cedarville’s history. Society Musical Director Carole Bertram will lead from the pit on the museum’s 1906 upright piano.

Each of the five programs will feature an intermission and an after-event social hour with free refreshments. Admission is $2 for society members and $3 for non-society members for the first four programs. Admission to the October musical is $5.

More Members

Alfred and Jacqueline Stewart, Aden H. Clump, Bob Bear;
Tom and Charlene Gaard, Gene Brander family, Lucy Carver, Dale and Iliana Kaiser, Galen and Carole Bertram, Nel-son O. Ottenhausen, Bruce and Christine Baldwin, Marian Franzen, Bonnie Fox, Harvey Ilgen;
Bill and Linda Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Apfelbach, Jane Galt, John Kry-der, Michael and Keli Clump, Bill and Ann Tully, Nevin Kryder, Sharon and Rein Neem, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Confer;
Robert and Shirley Alley, Don and Vickie Franz, Elwood Wardlow, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rutter, Thomas A. Huber, Bruce and Kathryn Helm, Betty Kraft- Hartman, Donna Dougherty, Joan Potter, Ruth Wardlow;
Rebecca Wardlow-Welsch, V. Mark Lotta, Linda L. Miller, the Begginis, Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris, W. W. Wolfe, Mr. and Ms. Steve Kryder; Verla Law,
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Edler, Gus Petrakis, Ivan and Dorothy Lasso, John and Cryst-al Carl, Ken and Marcet Bliss, Irene M. Ilgen; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Meinert, Larry and Nellie Herbig, Karl and Betty Trester, Joseph and Rose Noeske, Ms. Pat Stukenberg, Greg Gilpin, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hazen.

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A company was formed, an engine ob-tained and a hole six inches in diameter was drilled into the earth for more than 800 feet but no oil was found.

The venture was abandoned in 1865, thus ending the village’s dream of oil riches.

Ninety years ago this was a familiar face in Cedarville. Do you recognize him? Answer next month.

Cedarville’s Bobbie Edler on the accordion on August 26

Cedarville’s Jane Goodspeed and Marcet Haldeman-Julius, on September 23

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Society Membership Grows to 140

For the third straight year, membership in the Cedarville Area Historical Society has increased. The current 140 individual and family memberships represent an estimated 350 adults and children. Two thirds live in or near Cedarville; the rest live in seventeen states.

Some receive recognition during the year in the pages of the newsletter, but many do not. To remedy that situation, here they are. And the entire board thanks them for their support.

Ray Cronau, Norman and Shirley Wagner, Duane and Ruth Smith, Patrick M. Quinn, Mrs. Stephen West, Jim and Gina Cole, Pete and Beverly Hasselhorst, Mary L. Bryan, Evelyn A. Messinger, Leonard and Gwen Cummins;

Narcissa Engle, Jeff Kurtz family, Doug and Martha Martin, Wendell and Judith Kurr, Debbie Maize, Lorraine Stabenow, Richard and Althea Hornung, Roger and Jane Goodspeed, Mark S. Smith, Arthur and Janice Leverington;

Gwen Beirmeister, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Dammann, LeRoy and Gayle Wilson, Ruth Schwartz, Gene, John and Mary Reed, Dave and Karen Macomber, Wendy Schmidt, Bill and Shirley Pick, Winifred Macomber, Tim and Kitti McCarthy;

Ramona Kryder, Joe Hutchison, Geoff Cox, Duane Scheider, Peg Schoonhoven, Bill and Dottie Emo, Carolyn Lamia, Delbert and Hulone Scheider, Paula Charon, Dick and Judy Wolfe;

Jim and Sharon Barmore, Shirley Schwartz, Glenn and Bernice Dietmeier, Jeanne Hurst, Dr. Rose Binn, Merle and Ladona Wardlow, Patricia M. Welty, Karl Erickson, Don and Betty Neuschwander, Wendy and Hal Gilpin;

Jean Joyce, Wallace and Dorothy Hutchison, Ron Stabenow, Neal and Julie Scheider, Harlan and Judy Corrie, Paul E. Fry, Kenneth and Pamela Rosmann, Dave and Charlotte Kaiser, Dennis and Susan Bokemeier, Rick, Diane and Brooke Kahly;

Joe and Betty Amedeo, Brad and Rebecca Smith, Joel and Beverly Scheider, Theresa A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Angle, Bill and Dee Blomberg, Lisa and Pat Goodwin, Jim and Bonnie Bade, David Huber, Gary Raetz;

Mildred Popov Katz, Virginia Hough, Kathleen and Justin Mapes, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Youel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Capes, Miriam Schlueter, Carol S. Hutchison, Mrs. and Mrs. Gerald Murphy, Sheldon and Dorothy Dornink, Jennifer and Stephen Davis;

Sue and Steve Myers, Gary and Diane Hagemann, Moira Knowlton, Dan and Peggy Dixon, Steve and Kathleen Glaze, Joe von Allmen, Bret and Denise Rogers,

This year the Cedarville Museum will feature a different physical layout, three new exhibits and redesigned permanent exhibits.

One new exhibit will tell the story of Stephenson County’s military participation in the Civil War. The display will be an updated version of the one that first appeared five years ago and it will tie into the Franz July 22 Tuesday evening talk.

The second new exhibit will feature information on Marceyt Haldeman-Julius, niece of Jane Addams, and will be related to Jane Goodspeed’s September 23 talk on Marceyt.

This year’s museum art gallery exhibit will highlight the work of the late Rosalee Rockman, long-time Freeport art teacher and Cedarville resident. Rosalee worked in several mediums and therefore the exhibit will be found not only in the museum south room but also in the north room. A catalog of the exhibit will be available at no cost.

We Need Your Help

The museum has a collection of art work done by Rosalee Rockman but more pieces are needed if the museum is to present a comprehensive exhibit of her production. If you have pieces done by her and would loan them to the museum for six months, call 815-563-4485.

Don and Vickie Franz on July 22 will bring to life Civil War battles fought by county men

Suey Beggin, here dressed in 19th century attire, will spin the story of sheep, wool and weaving June 17

We are looking for a dozen people willing to tackle roles in the October historical musical. Some singing ability would be a plus, but Walter Huston and Rex Harrison couldn’t carry a tune and were hits. If you want to have fun and help the historical society, call 815-563-4485.

Carole Bertram, music director for the Oct. 14 and 15 Cedarville history musical

We Need Your Help
Great Time Christmas Caroling at the Museum December 18

Guest violinist Ashley Glaze and our Carole Bertram

Mary Reed and Carol Meyers found something funny

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Good food and song: Ruth and Duane Smith (back) and Denise Rogers and children Xander, 5, and Della, 9

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Roger and Jane Goodspeed — a point to be made

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