

Member News

Thanks for A Great Gala

The 2011 Holiday Gala was enjoyed by all. The Gala grossed nearly \$14,000, to help run the Farmhouse Museum. Thanks to all who attended. Winner of the \$500 Holiday Cash raffle was Judy Tensing.

The Historical Society honored the descendants of R.C. Witterstaetter, specifically R.C.'s son Paul, and his grandson Dan. Also on hand were several other grandchildren. The Witterstaetters were honored for their longtime business in Delhi and for their service to the community.



Above, Mary Finn presents the Floral Paradise Award to Dan Witterstaetter. At left, members of the Witterstaetter family stand with their uncle and father, Paul Witterstaetter (fourth from left).



Welcome New Board Members

Election of the board of trustees took place at the November 9 program. Joining the board are Pam Hubert and Phyllis Timperman.

Pam was born and raised in Delhi and spent much of her young years on her grandparents farm located on Ihle Drive. After graduating from Oak Hills, she began work with the federal government, tracking the delivery of military parts for the Department of Defense, and retired with 30 years experience. A member of the Delhi Citizen's Police Association since 2000, she has served as secretary, coordinator and a member of the citizens on patrol program and was coordinator for members to answer the phones at the police station on weekends. She began to take an interest in my ancestry and started her search at the Delhi Historical Society, where she has been a docent for several years. Two years ago she curated the "Life on the

Farm" exhibit, and is currently coordinating the Ruth Lyons exhibit at the Farmhouse.

Phyllis is a Graduate of Thomas More College with degree in Business Management. Her work career includes 35 years with Franklin Savings - 22 years as branch manager of both the Delhi and Western Hills offices. She retired May 2011. She has volunteered for the Cincinnati Association for the Blind since 2000, reading the weekly Community Press to their clients on voice mail. Phyllis is a long-time member of the Riverview-Delhi Kiwanis where she has served as vice president and president. She is currently board member for the Kiwanis. She brings much expertise in finances to the board.

A big thank you goes out to outgoing board members Janice Chaney and Alfred Zeiser. Alfred has been honored with the status of board member emeritus for his many years of service to the Society.

From the Archives

River Towns Mark 75th Anniversary of '37Flood

On January 26, 1937, the Ohio River reached its highest level ever at Cincinnati — nearly 80 feet. Photos from the archives of the Delhi Historical Society show some of the devastation in our area. At right is River Road at Darby Lane (the house is still standing today.) Below is a photo of Delhi Avenue in Se-damsville. Some of our older members recall boards or ladders connecting second floors between houses as a means of getting to homes where they could get to dry land.



Phil Lind will share photos and info about the Cincinnati '37 flood at the Delhi Branch Library, 5095 Foley Road, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. The program is free.

Delhi Historical Society 2011 Income/Expense Report

Income		Expense	
Interest (checking)	\$8.52	postage	\$358.83
dues	\$1,410.00	programs	\$520.96
Memorials/gifts	\$480.00	Museum/archives	\$10,049.63
raffles	\$1,368.50	sales	\$828.74
sales	\$3,645.58	taxes/fees	\$740.54
Christmas Gala	\$13,942.59	decorations/displays	\$375.38
Teas	\$1,348.00	Development/marketing	\$569
Tours	\$767.30	Grant expense	\$461.65
Miscellaneous	\$65.88	Utilities	\$4,317.87
Grants	\$22,250.00	insurance	\$1,366
		maintenance	\$2,329.06
		newsletter	\$905.08
		office supplies	\$448.92
		Christmas gala	\$5,173.34
		Teas	\$298.08
		Tours	\$700
		miscellaneous	\$20.17
Total income: 45,286.37		Total expenses: \$29,463.25	

Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State ___ zip _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Make checks payable to: Delhi Historical Society,
468 Anderson Ferry Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238

Membership Levels

Senior Citizen or Student (\$10) _____

Regular Annual (\$20) _____

Regular Family (\$35) _____

Sustaining Individual/Family (\$50) _____

Patron Individual/Family (\$100) _____

Business (\$100) _____

Benefactor (\$500) _____

Founder (\$1,000) _____

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Farmhouse News

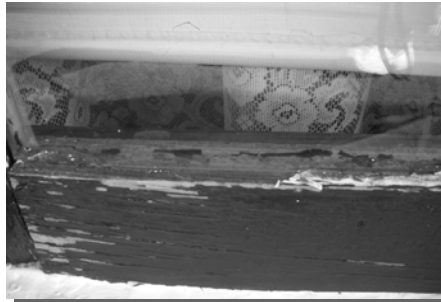


Historical Society Wins Best Costume

Congratulations to Sue Timmer, Ben Schmidt and the Historical Society Parade Group for once again bringing home a trophy in the annual Delhi Christmas Parade for the "Best Costumed Characters." The floats theme was "I'll Be Home For Christmas" as float riders portrayed service personnel from the Revolution to the Gulf Wars. Shown from left to right are Katie Corns, Stretch and Savannah Vogel, Ben Schmidt, Mary Lou and Jerry Knight, Sue Timmer and Lenny Kleiner.

A Riddle

What are 130 years old, very thin, leak air at the top and are rotted at the bottom? If you guessed Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Windows, you are correct. Our windows have more than out-lived their life expectancy and now it's time to replace them. Look for information coming soon to your mailbox on how you can help us with this major project.



This close-up photo shows a rotted window frame on the south side of the Farmhouse. Most of the putty holding the glass to the frame is long gone, and gravity has caused most panes to be very thin or non-existent at the top of the frames.

Thank You Bob Maddux

Thank you Bob Maddux for supplying Poinsettias for our Poinsettia sale that provides funds to help run the Farmhouse.

The date on your mailing label tells you when your membership expires. Don't miss out on everything your membership offers. Renew your membership! (If no date appears then you are a life member.)



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Ruth Lyons Exhibit Opens March 1

Display features recreated studio, and much memorabilia from the First Lady of Television

The life of Ruth Lyons, Cincinnati's most beloved television personality, will be on display at the Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum beginning Thursday, March 1. The exhibit includes lots of photos and other items that either belonged to Ruth or

Open House - April 15
Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 15, as we celebrate everything Ruth Lyons at the Farmhouse. The day will be a chance for everyone to share their stories of the 50-50 Club and to view the items on exhibit. The Open House is from 12 to 3 p.m.

were connected to the 50-50 Club, including a couple of audience photos of Our Lady of Victory groups from the 40s and 50s.

We also have the certificate and info on the "Ruth Lyons Carnation" a hybrid created by the Witterstaetter Greenhouses.



Ruth interacts with her audience.

Upcoming Programs:

Holy Chow on February 13

Cincinnati Westsider, head chef at St. Peter in Chains, and WXIX-TV recipe regular Cathedral Joanne Giovanna Trimpe shares her favorite recipes just in time for Valentine's Day! Includes door prizes and food samples. Joanne will sign copies of her cookbook "Holy Chow" which will be available for purchase.

Joanne's cooking has spanned three continents. She was born and learned to cook in Venezuela where, as a teenager, she prepared the evening meal for her working parents. She learned to love Italian foods when she spent two years in Italy with her grandparents, and, since marrying, she has lived in Cincinnati where she cooked for her husband Mike, and three sons, Anthony, Sean and Alex. The program is at the Delhi Park Lodge beginning at 7 p.m.

"Ohio River Floods" by Janice Forte on March 12

Why did the early settlers of Cincinnati choose a flood plain on which to build their cabins? Learn how people in the tri-state area have been affected during major floods, including the Flood of 1937. How did residents cope when industry, transportation and even public utilities were curtailed? And what are federal and local governments doing now to control flooding.

The program starts at 7 p.m. at the Delhi Park Lodge. Bring a snack to share.

PLEASE tune into local television stations for cancellation in case of bad weather.

Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 13—Holy Chow with Joanne Giovanna Trimpe, 7 p.m. Delhi Park Lodge.
- Feb. 21— A Look Back at the '37 Flood with Phil Lind, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Delhi Branch Library.
- March 1— Ruth Lyons: The Westside Connection Exhibit opens at the Farmhouse.
- March 12: Ohio River Floods with Janice Forte of the Cincinnati Museum Center, 7 p.m. Delhi Park Lodge,

Coming Soon!

News about Summer and Fall events, including a bus tour to historic Madison, Ind.

The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum reopens March 1. Hours are noon-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday.

Suggested donation is \$1.