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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DELHI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monthly Speaker Programs at Delhi Park Lodge

Food & Drink in a Cincinnati German Regiment



Hardtack and Lager Beer: Food & Drink in a Cincinnati German Regiment. Presented by Andrew Houghtaling – Director of the Ninth Ohio: A Living History. Drinking beer and eating sauerkraut – Myth or reality? Goetta in the field? Join us as we explore the cultural identity of this storied German regiment – “die Neuner,” through the food and drink they wrote home about. Organized in Cincinnati under Col. Robert M. McCook, the members of the regiment were primarily of German descent. The 9th was mustered into three months service April 22nd, 1861 and reorganized into three years service May 28 1861. The Regiment returned to Camp Dennison and was mustered out, June 7, 1864.

Programs & Events

- May 5, 6, and 7, Annual Flower Sale—see back cover.
- May 9, 7 p.m., at the Delhi Park Lodge: *Hardtack and Lager Beer: Food & Drink in a Cincinnati German Regiment* with author Andrew Houghtaling.
- June 13, 7 p.m. at the Delhi Park Lodge: *Oldest Cincinnati* with author Rick Pender.
- In the works: A new exhibit featuring where and what Delhisians ate as we feature saloons, restaurants, lunch counters, and eating parlors.

Flower Sale Under Way in Our Historic Greenhouse



Flowers are in 3 and 4 inch pots and are \$4.75 each.
A selection of beautiful flowers are available

Thursday, May 5, 12-4 pm

Friday, May 6, 4-8 pm

Saturday, May 7, 10 am-3 pm

SHOP IN PERSON OR

ORDER ONLINE NOW AT

delhihistoricalsociety.org/flowers

FLOWER BOXES

We also have wooden flower boxes, handmade by historical society volunteers. Boxes are:

25 inches long, 6 1/2 inches wide, 16 1/2 inches high at sides. They are \$10 each, or \$25 with four flowers of your choice (a savings of \$4).

Great for porches or patios!



Condolences

To the family of member Al Piening.
To Mary Finn, board member and former president, on the death of her husband Bob.

Cincinnati is Full of Firsts

Our January 10 program was cancelled, so now we bring back author Rick Pender to discuss his book *Oldest Cincinnati*. As one of the original settlements in the Northwest Territory, Cincinnati is full of firsts and oldests. Hear stories of a ferry that enabled early settlers to cross the river at Augusta, Kentucky, in 1798; it's still in business today. An inn providing shelter for early stagecoach travelers opened in 1803 in Lebanon, Ohio, and continues welcoming guests to this day.



The Delhi Historical Society

Farmhouse Museum and Research Center is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. If you are doing research please call 513.451.4313 to reserve a time.

The Mission of the Delhi Historical Society is to discover, preserve and share the history of Delhi Township and the surrounding areas.

From the President Anita Klawitter

The Beauty and Power of Rain



The expression "April showers brings May flowers" can be traced back to England from the 1500s poet Thomas Tusser. Back then, he wrote "Sweet April showers do spring May Flowers." In extension, meaning a period of discomfort or hardship can provide the basis for a period of happiness and joy.

I'm one of those odd duck—get it, ducks—who actually enjoys walking in the rain - not a monsoon mind you - but a good, lightening free rain is a wonderful time to take a walk. I always think of the rain as cleansing the earth, feeding our flora and fauna and filling our rivers and streams which in turn gives us life. For without the rain, life as we know it would cease to exist. This past April has blessed us with many rain showers...some might say a few too many! However, my lawn and the park where I walk have never looked better. This spring Mother Nature has once again risen to the occasion and the flowers are once again in bloom. And of course I would be remiss if I didn't mention our upcoming flower sale which is our

biggest fund raiser of the year! We'll have plenty of wondrous well fed flowers available for you to enjoy courtesy of our benefactor, Bob Maddux.

As much as I love a good rain and even thunderstorm, I am not immune to the powerful effects of water. In researching my own family tree I learned my great-great grandfather, Franciscus Kuper, drowned while taking a bath in the Muddy Creek in July 1865. I was stunned to learn of this and even contacted longtime weatherman Steve Hortstmeier who was able to confirm that heavy rains did indeed fall in Delhi in the days leading up to Franciscus' drowning which caused flash flooding. He was just thirty years old, leaving behind his wife and infant daughter, Maria Catherine who went by "Kate"; she would one day marry my great grandfather, Eduard Klawitter and purchase a saloon on Neeb Road. After Eduard died in 1910, great grandma Kate ran Klawitter's and also purchased adjacent property in the area...what is now Faysel Drive.

In an eerie coincidence, my Godmother Kathy Hahn, who was also my first cousin - would drown in

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Collections Corner Dining in Delhi

By Alan March

Have you ever wondered how many restaurants and taverns have called Delhi Township home over the years? We have! Discussion on that topic has led to the Delhi Historical Society's next exhibition, "Dining in Delhi."

We all know and enjoy Frisch's and Skyline along Delhi Pike. But do you recall the restaurant inside Del-Fair Lanes? Schultes Garden, also known as Schultes Tavern, at the corner of River Road and Anderson Ferry Road, was famous for its fish dinners.

Our goal is to bring back the memories of the places where we have all enjoyed having dinners, lunches, or breakfasts (other than home!)

Among our collections are menus and photographs of some taverns and other eateries. We even have a stainless steel ladle for serving Cincinnati style chili. They will be used to create, "Dining in Delhi."

Now, we are inviting our readers, the members of The Delhi Historical Society, to share their memories of Delhi eateries. Good dining is a communal experience, as much about the people with whom we share our meals as it is about the meals themselves. We invite you to share with us your experiences, souvenirs, memorabilia, and photographs of Delhi dining places. That will help us create a more complete exhibition which everyone can fully enjoy.

Did you work at Clearview Tavern & Beer Garden on Foley Road? How about Delhi Chili, on Delhi and Greenwell? We'd love to hear from you! Have you got an old menu or other items from a local restaur-



Delhi Chili Menu and cup from Clearview Beer Garden



rant that you can share with us? Bring them to our Farmhouse.

We want to make "Dining in Delhi" a community experience. We can make copies of photographs, documents, menus, or other items which will help us tell the story of Delhi's eating establishments, and return the original to you. If you lend us an item, you will receive a signed, formal Loan Agreement promising to care for what you have lent us, and return the item(s) to you upon completion of "Dining in Delhi." Any item of yours which goes on display will include a label with your name on it (if you wish).

The Delhi Historical Society follows national standards for protection and organization of items in its custody. You can be assured any items you share with us will receive proper, professional care. Call or email The Delhi Historical Society and share your memories, photographs, and memorabilia of the places where you have gone "Dining in Delhi." Call Us at 513-451-4313 or email us at: info@DelhiHistoricalSociety.org.

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the creek at Wulff Run in Delhi almost 100 years after our great-great grandfather's own drowning death. Some of you reading this may recall her untimely passing on April 3, 1964; Kathy was just eighteen years old and on her way to Seton High School when the tragedy occurred. Kathy sometimes worked at Klawitter's which from 1895 - 1971 was located just across the street from Our Lady of Victory Church. Kathy would either be working or just hanging out with the rest of her cousins up at Klawitter's which by 1964 expanded into a grocery, furniture and toy store, bar, restaurant and picnic grove.

I have learned much about Kathy over the years

from my immediate and extended family. I'm told she was quite the pistol with a great sense of humor, wit, and "orneriness" about her. It seems Kathy would have done a lot more than walk in the rain. All the tales I've heard of my Godmother lead me to believe that for Kathy - life wasn't about waiting for the storm to pass...it was about dancing in the rain. And I'd like to think both Franciscus and Kathy, who both perished due to rain, so young and so many years ago, are thrilled to be thought of today. There is a quote by Vladamir Nabokov, "I cannot be angry with the rain; it simply does not know how to fall upwards." So I'll continue my walks in the rain and ponder both its power and the beauty it brings.

Wishing you a bountiful spring! - Anita

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