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Year in Review - 2024

Fundraising

- 1/20 Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, American Legion Post 858, Cleveland
- 4/27 Doll Tea Party with Marge Thomas. Admission fee was donated to us.
- 5/4 Kentucky Derby Run for the Roses at North Riding, donations received.
- 5/6 Received \$1,500.00 bequest from Dawn Coffin's estate through the Cleveland United Methodist Church.
- 8/3 Livin' Wide Open, North Riding, donations and silent auction of \$100 of lottery tickets.
- 8/11 North Shore Cones and Country Store hosted an ice cream sundae fundraiser for us.
- 9/1 Pampered Chef on-line fundraiser.
- 9/14-15 Annual Antiques, Arts and Craft Sale, North Riding.
- 10/26 Little Red Farmette – barn quilt painting class. 13 attendees.
- 11/16 Doll Tea Party with Marge Thomas. Admission fee was donated to us.

Guest Speakers

- 5/19 Jack Cottet, Cleveland glass factories and history, American Legion.
- 7/1 Abby Cook, along with her family, presented information about her project of cleaning headstones in area cemeteries. The Village of Cleveland has been providing the materials for cleaning old stones in the village cemetery on North Street. Others she does on her own.
- 7/30 Co-hosted author Lee Ellen Hickey *Girl in the Glass Coffin, Tonkin Affairs* at the Cleveland United Methodist Church.

Repairs & Maintenance

- Dead tree removed, at no charge, by Newman Construction & Forestry.
- Roy Reehil and Mark Everson took care of our grounds this year.
- Rick Mansfield assisted with maintenance inside the museum.
- Museum: Toilet repaired, heater repaired, windows and curtains washed, air conditioner donated

Update former St. James Episcopal Church

- Church – mold abatement, ventilation, footers and cribbing (to stabilize). Middleton Masonry.
- A grant application was submitted to NYS Parks and Recreation, but we were not approved.
- A local engineer did a walkthrough of the basement and stated that the foundation is much worse than he thought it would be.
- At this point, we will not be able to get a building permit until we have an official stamped engineering plan.

Donations

- Chair from App's Opera House from Don & Ginger Webb.
- Corner display cabinet from Laureen Tackman.
- Research paperwork from the estates of Charlene Weed, former historian and Keily Malone.
- Newspaper clippings from Janet Tyler and Don Webb (Elma Lord).
- Monetary donations (very much appreciated)!

Historian

Joni Hinds started a youth club this summer. Several children and adults met on Friday mornings throughout the village for eight weeks beginning at the Cleveland Historical Society with a tour of our museum. We also learned about: Village of Cleveland Fire Department (John Hinds); Village of Cleveland Government (Mayor Laureen Tackman and Clerk Julie Simpson); NYS Canal System at the State Dock (Tom Pierce); Cleveland DPW including water and sewer departments (David Hinds, Patricia Cerro-Reehil, and Margaret Simpson NYWEA); and Cleveland glass factories (Jack Cottet).

Recognition/Awards

- Joni Hinds received the Marjorie Thomas Community Service Award.
- Abby Cook, a senior at Paul V. Moore High School, received Honorary Membership for her initiative in cleaning gravestones in several cemeteries throughout the Town of Constantia and documenting their history so they are "Always Remembered".

Many thanks to all who have helped and participated in our events this year.
We are excited to see what 2025 brings!