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A New Program Coming to Historic Lyme Village

We are very excited to announce that the weekend of June 27 & 28 we will be having a Civil War encampment. There will be demonstrations of drills, actual battles, and a field hospital.

The buildings at the Village will also be open and well as Mansion tours. Food will be available in the Carriage House Cafe. We are describing below a little historical background of the War Between the States

“In 1861 a fuse that had started in the 1850’s ignited into a raging fire. Americans plunged head long into the “War Between the States”. Both sides felt their cause was just. Both sides also believed the war would only last a few months or until the first battle would end it. As to the latter, both sides were wrong. Americans fought Americans for four bloody years over thousands of battlefields large and small, resulting in over 600,000 soldiers’ deaths. For perspective, this would be millions of deaths in today’s population. On a side historic note, Ohio had well over 10,000 troops in the Confederate Army and supplied 6 Confederate Generals.”

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From the President —

We are opening on Wednesday, June 17th! Our hours will be the same as last summer: Wednesday thru Saturday, from 11:00 to 5:00. With the last tour leaving at 4:00. All tours will be self-guided audio tours. We are partnering with OnCell to provide audio tours on your cell phone. We will provide a guide for guided tours of the Mansion. Mansion tours will be every hour on the hour.

We need more volunteer guides for the Mansion tours. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the Gift Shop. If you would like to volunteer call the Village at 419-483-4949 or drop us an e-mail at info@lymevillage.org.

A big thank you to one of our newest volunteers, Roger Bolton, for crafting a new stand for our giant grinding wheel. It is located next to the Rose Tavern. Roger also made the virus protective shield for the Gift Shop. Another thank you to the members of the Bellevue Kiwanis Club. They were here on Saturday to help clean the buildings for the summer season.

This year we will host a Civil War Encampment on Saturday, June 27th from 9:00 to 5:00, and on Sunday, June 28th, from 9:00 to 3:00. It has been a long time since the Village has hosted a Civil War event. Be sure to attend and thank the reenactors for choosing to come to Historic Lyme Village.

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An Interview with Dedicated Volunteer, Dennis Baur:

Dennis Bauer knows stuff. He's the go-to guy at Historic Lyme Village (HLV). Most of Dennis' retirement years as a professor at Bowling Green State Years, have been spent at HLV. He loves history, especially Ohio history, and he likes to stay busy, and the village provided the outlet. He has been a guide, telling visitors about the Village. He has helped bring new buildings to the village, helped keep the grounds clean, served as member of the Board, and now as treasurer.

He agrees that it has been an exciting time watching Lyme Village grow. It's Ohio history right here in the historic Firelands. He explained that over the years many activities have begun, including Pioneer Days that is held a weekend in September. All of the buildings are open to visitors.

One of the special reasons he likes Lyme Village is because it's a place for families. The Wright Mansion is a favorite building, he said. "Usually, when you go to a museum, you look in a room that's roped off, take a look and keep on walking. Here at the Mansion and the other buildings, you can walk around, go through rooms, and get a feeling of the time period."

One of the members who likes to work in the Annie Brown log cabin, echoes his words. "Visitors, and especially children, get to see a bed with a rope frame on which lies a straw bed with a porcelain container under it. Really?" they ask... "Really."

It's the way children learn history that is one of the main goals of HLV. Dennis said HLV works with area schools to provide school tours and the children often return later with their parents.

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Civil War continued.....

The state was also under martial law early in the war as Articles of Secession had been drafted. In other words, Ohio, like Missouri, was a very divided state.

Backdrop

In 1864-65 both sides were weary but believed they still would win. As the invading federal army laid waste to the South, the southern soldiers and civilians became ever more bitter and determined to drive these invaders out. Border states saw cities, towns, hamlets, and villages change hands many times as one side, then the other, drove their enemy back. Winchester, Virginia, for example, changed hands an amazing 73 times. In many war-torn southern states, ladies were plowing fields and eating rats while Yale and Harvard were still having their yacht races undisturbed.

With this backdrop, join us as Historic Lyme Village transforms into a late war border town, a typical small town that is currently under federal occupation and control that even has its own appointed politicians. As resentment builds among the inhabitants, word spreads that a Confederate force is heading that way with the intent of liberating the residents and driving the federals out. The question is, will the much reduced and starving Confederates be successful? To find out the answer and to enjoy dropping back in time, you are invited to come to Lyme Village on June 27th and 28th.

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Dennis Bauer Interview continued:

Dennis' wife, Joyce, is in charge of the century-old Merry School that was located in Oxford Township. She arranges dozens of tours every school year. A retired teacher, she gives children lessons in what school was really like, once upon a time.

Historic Lyme Village has such potential, he said, to offer programs and opportunities. It needs volunteers to guide and do other duties, and to offer new ideas about programs and how to move into the future. "It's a great asset to our area!"

Dennis' story is not complete without discussing the Victorian Christmas Dinners that are held yearly before the holiday. He is the organizer and guide through the delightful dinners that are individually served by servers in costume. The dinners are a treat to behold, the food is delicious, the ambiance is warm and welcoming, and the event is just plain fun. And, with reservations, they are sold out every year. The idea....right out of Dennis Bauer's creative mind.

Thank You, Dennis!



There are a number of reference books on glassware in Lyme Village's Library. For an overview, we suggest American Glass by George and Helen McKearin with the call number 748.2 M19a or American Historical Glass by Bessie M. Lindsey, with the call number 748.2 L64a. The McKearins have also written Two Hundred Years of American Blown Glass with the call number 748.2 M19t. An interesting title by Marvin D. Schwartz is Collector's Guide to Antique American Glass with the call number 748.2 Sch9c.

Our state of Ohio has also produced glass that has become sought after by collectors. The Fostoria Glass Company of Fostoria, Ohio planned to break ground for its plant by January 1, 1888. When the natural gas supply that the company relied on ran out, the company was re-established in Moundsville, West Virginia. It appears that the company existed until the mid 1980s, almost a century of glassmaking. Ann Kerr has written Fostoria: an identification and value guide of pressed, blown & hand molded shapes with the call number 748.2 F81k

The Library has an older book on Imperial glass, produced by the Imperial Glass Company in Bellaire, Ohio.

Our book, by Richard and Wilma Ross has the call number 748.29 Im7r. In the introduction, the authors state that when the plant opened in 1904, it was "the largest glass factory under one roof in the world."

Another Ohio glass maker was the Tiffin Glass Company, and the Library has a title Tiffin Glassmasters, by Fred Bickenheuser. This particular volume only covers the glassware produced during the Depression Era, 1929-1941. This call number is 748.29 T443b. Verlys of America had a factory in Newark, Ohio and produced glass there during the period 1935-1951. The Library again has only an older title about this company, Verlys of America Decorative Glass, 1935-1951, by Carole and Wayne McPeck. The call number is 748.29 V58m.

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