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Lyme Lines



He began placing the farm toys on shelves for display and he never again threw away a box! He talked with other collectors who stored them in boxes, but he did not want to be that far away from them, thus the open shelving idea. He placed the earliest farm toys on the bottom shelves progressing to the most recent models on the top shelves.

In total, he figured he had been collecting farm toys for 45 years.

He had given tours to Scout troops, church and school groups. He could discuss early agricultural practices to today's modern methods.

Jim acquired his collection through various farm implement dealers, other collectors, toy vendors, and custom builders of farm toys.

He said one thing he always waited for when someone new enters the room is the 'recognition reflex' when they spot the toy that most resembles a tractor from their past. He said it was such a joy to share their memories by spotting that toy.

Jim's family brought this entire collection to the Village last month. We appreciate their willingness to share this fantastic collection.

We are working on several ideas that will allow us to display the entire collection of these fabulous farm toys. In the meantime, we may display several at a time and rotate them. We will keep you posted on the progress.

Historic Lyme Village is fortunate to be the benefactor of a huge collection of toy farm equipment which belonged to Jim Wallrabenstein who recently passed away

Jim grew up on a farm near Milan and his family had been involved in farming from his great-grandfather on down.

He played with the farm toys growing up and then started collecting them. The farm toys he 'wore out' playing with were a Slik Oliver with a mounted corn picker, a Super 55 Oliver, and a pull-type New Idea corn picker. He said he wished he had kept them in better shape instead of wearing them out playing with them.

As he entered high school his interest in collecting farm toys only grew. Rather than playing with them, he would order new ones as they were introduced and (much to his dismay!) he tore open the boxes as they arrived.

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From the President.....

As Winter is winding down not a lot is going on in the Village. We are preparing for the upcoming season. We have had some meetings on Pioneer Camp and Pioneer Days. There is a committee that is working on our 50th Anniversary event.

We had a nice donation of toy farm collections from James Wallrabenstein of about 750 items and shelving. We are doing a lot of cleaning and rearranging in the Hardware Store to display them. Thanks, Roger Knight.

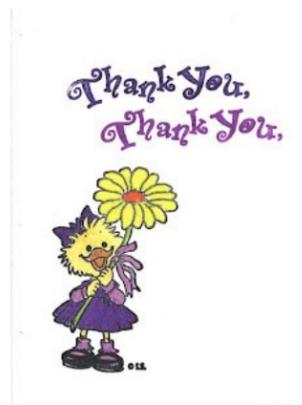
There are some maintenance items that are being worked on—the Seymour House hallway ceiling was falling down and is repaired—the critter hole in the attic is being worked on. The Mansion back door is going to be replaced and the wood on the front of the Café is rotting. Several small items such as benches and the ice cream tricycle are also being worked on.

As everyone knows our buildings are old and maintenance has to be done. We appreciate all that has been donated—time, talent, and treasure. The Village could not stay afloat with you.

Thanks
Tim Rife



We will be having our annual Clean up Day at the Village on Saturday, April 9, from 9 AM—Noon. If you have some spare time, please come out and help. All the buildings will be cleaned for the upcoming season. Supplies will be provided or you can bring your own. At Noon a light snack will be served.



The Cowbell



Schedule of Events at Historic Lyme Village for 2022

Monday—Friday, June 20-24
Saturday, Sunday, July 9-10
Saturday-Sunday, September 10-11
Saturday, October 8
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
December 2, 3, and 4th

Pioneer Camp
Civil War Days
Pioneer Days
Storybook Adventure

Victorian Christmas Dinners

Saturday-Sunday, December 10-11

Christmas in the Village

Events still 'in the works'

Flea Market
Wedding Dress Display and Tea
Yoga and wine
50th Anniversary



We would like to once again offer workshops during the month of July at the Village. If you or someone you know has a particular talent or skill that could be shared during two Saturday workshops please contact the Village at 419-483-4949. All presenters would be reimbursed for their supplies. In past years we have had workshops in pottery, basket making, herbal gardens, and quilting. The class size and time would be up to you.

The Cowbell that Won a Beauty Contest

It was an old, rusty cowbell. It was a cowbell that crossed the ocean, was put in a beauty contest.....and WON!

Really? Yes, it's a true story. Chuckle you may, but, this cowbell, in the office of Historic Lyme Village, speaks not at all of its history, but, it is a remarkable cowbell with a storied history.

There was a man named John Heter who came to America from Germany in 1735, bringing with him his wife, children, and a cowbell. He was John I because he and his wife begat seven sons, one of whom was John II. Mrs. Heter died in transit and was buried at sea. The family settled near Philadelphia, and the sons struck out to find their fortunes. John II settled in Berks County, Pa., became a captain in the Revolutionary War, and begat three sons, one being John III. John III begat John IV who begat John V, who, in March 1829, moved from Pennsylvania, to Townsend Township in Seneca County, Ohio.

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