

June, 2019
Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter

I. New Exhibits in Fort Recovery State Museum to be Unveiled!

It's been a few years since a truly *new* exhibit has been added to the many displays and exhibits of the Fort Recovery State Museum. Thanks to Dr. Allen Bernard, a historical preservationist from Cincinnati, (see *Speaker* below), two very important and pertinent displays have been added to the museum:

First, An original newspaper/journal published on December 18, of that year will be on permanent display in the Wabash Battle portion of the museum. This two+ centuries old newspaper contains the letter written by General Arthur St. Clair to Secretary of War Knox detailing the sad events which took place on our battlefield on November 4, 1791. Most people familiar with that history know the general accounts of the battle, but to read it as St. Clair reported it just days after this American tragedy, is a genuinely moving experience. This treasured artifact, now a part of our museum displays, was donated to the museum by Dr. Bernard. Happily, he will be on hand when this is unveiled on June 9. (2:30)

Second, An original Northwest Territory map as it was first created after the signing of the Greenville Treaty of 1795 is the second display just now added to the museum! On the advice of Dr. Bernard, the local Fort Recovery Historical Society purchased this rare document to become a part of the museum displays to be viewed by the many guests who visit our museum from all over the country. This display is on the East wall of the museum at the conclusion of the Anthony Wayne portion of the museum. It too will be unveiled on June 9 prior to Dr. Bernard's formal presentation.

II. June 9, 3:00 Second in Speaker Series - Dr. Allen Bernard



The Challenge of interpreting and Explaining Ft. Recovery's History for Future Generations!

Dr. Bernard, a Mercer County native, now resident of Cincinnati, is a historical researcher, writer, architectural preservationist, and interpreter of local history. A retired school administrator and university professor, he has traveled widely and is an avid collector of books and prints. Anyone interested in preserving and promoting history and historical sites will surely enjoy Dr. Bernard's powerful and thought-provoking presentation. The public is welcome, and there is no charge. It will be held in the Community Room of the Fort Recovery State Museum, 1 Fort Site Street, Fort Recovery. Call 419-375-4384 for more information.

III. Jubilee Pie Auction - Friday Evening, June 14th

HELP! We need YOU Pie BAKERS and YOU Pie BUYERS! If you are a baker or a buyer or both, plan to participate in this exciting contest. Cash prizes will be given the first place pie in each category - cream, fruit, specialty, and most attractive. Pies are to be brought between 7:00 and 7:45 to the stand adjacent to the Jubilee headquarters. Judging starts at 8:00, and Immediately after the judging is completed by the panel of local adjudicators, the pies will be auctioned off. All Proceeds from the Annual Jubilee Pie Auction go to benefit the Fort Recovery Historical Society. Thank you to all who make this a successful event!



IV. Walk By Museum

Thanks to Helen LeFevre and Linda Lennartz for creating interesting displays in the Walk-By Museum. Take a stroll through Krenning Park and observe those new displays. Well done!!

V. Thank YOU's to:

Eric Jutte - Jutte's Landscaping and Fruit Farm! Some high winds took a tree down behind the museum. Like by some magic, someone cut the stump neatly, cut up the remains and cleaned it all up! It just disappeared! In doing some checking around, it was discovered that Eric and his guys did it all without any fanfare. How do we deserve patrons and supporters like that? Heaven knows, we appreciate them! Thanks Eric and family and employees!

John Zehringer - The museum recently replaced the old printer with an updated Cannon. John took his lunchtime from JR Industries to unpack it and get it all hooked up and set up. Again, how great to have such time and expertise donated to the local museum. Thanks John!

Pat Diller - for creating membership cards for the patrons this year and for mailing them and an official letter of recognition for the donations made by each patron. A big job and well done! Thank YOU Pat!

Sharon Ontrop, Dr. Tim Barman, Neil & Pat Diller, Mary Lou & Jerry Kramer, Jeanette Diller - for help with the stations for the school field trips this year! It couldn't be done without you!

VI. St. Clair Run - 5K Race/Walk

The St. Clair Race Committee is in the midst of planning the 2019 St. Clair 5K Run that will take place on Saturday, July 20th. The race benefits both The Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts as well as the Fort Recovery Historical Society. This year the race will begin and end in the Ambassador Pool Park Area. Prizes will be distributed there too. Watch for details to come.

Wishing you patrons and FR museum supporters could overhear some of the comments of visitors to our museum, marveling to each other about what a great museum Fort Recovery is. It would make you so proud! Thank you for enabling this museum to continue and to thrive. nk