



Footprints

Wooden Shoe Hollow - Another Delhi

Like Delhi's Floral Paradise status, Wooden Shoe Hollow on the northern fringes of Winton Place might be called "The Vegetable Paradise of Ohio." The tiny area (about 152 acres) just north of Spring Grove Cemetery where Gray and Winton roads fork was once a thriving village of vegetable greenhouses and truck farms.



Settled by Germans about the same time as they appeared in Delhi, the area quickly became dotted with vegetable gardens.

Don Tolzmann, a German Cincinnati historian, will talk about this interesting neighborhood at the next program of the historical society on Monday, September 13, at 7 p.m. at the Delhi Park Lodge. Be sure to bring a snack to share.

Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 13 - Delhi Historical Society program Delhi Park Lodge, 7 pm - "Wooden Shoe Hollow" with Don Tolzmann
- Sept. 15- Museum Day on Fountain Square
- Sept 18:- Fire Department 75th anniversary at The Farm
- Oct. 11: Delhi Historical Society program at the Delhi Fire Department Historical Society & Museum. 7 pm
- Nov. 9: Delhi Historical Society program Delhi Park Lodge, 7 p.m. - Admiral Bird expedition.

Upcoming Programs

September 13 - Don Tolzmann, author of *German Cincinnati* will talk about Cincinnati's German Heritage.

October 11 - The history of the Delhi Township Fire Department. Meet at the Fire Museum, 697 Neeb Road.

Tolzmann says the Cincinnati neighborhood called Wooden Shoe Hollow got its name from the early German settlers – gardeners and farmers who came to Cincinnati from the German state of North Rhine - Westphalia. Although visions of wooden shoes might bring to mind windmills and tulips, Tolzmann says they weren't exclusive to the Dutch. "Wooden shoes were worn by the German settlers in Cincinnati up until 1950 or so, when they were replaced by work shoes. The wooden shoes, usually worn with heavy woolen stockings, were good to wear in the damp fields."

Tolzmann's story of Wooden Shoe Hollow will include photos of landmarks and a history of the 150-acre stretch of Wooden Shoe Hollow.

Museum Day on the Square

Museums & Historic Sites of Greater Cincinnati invites residents and visitors to explore the many historic and cultural gems of the Greater Cincinnati region at **Museum Day on Fountain Square, Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Come and learn about attractions from across the tri-state in one, convenient downtown Cincinnati location. More than two dozen museums and historic sites will be on hand to showcase their programs with costumed interpreters, objects from their collections, and hands-on activities.



The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

Suggested donation is \$1.



Farmhouse News

Rare Fire Video Discovered at DHS

While cataloging and storing items, our archival assistant from Mount St. Joseph Amanda Varnam came across a 16mm reel of film. We had no paperwork or documentation to tell us anything about the reel—what it was, who donated it, or when it was donated.

On the outside it was written Video of Greenwell Road, but when we opened the tin it was stored in, the reel itself was tagged “DTFD.” Curious, we held it up to the light—it looked like vintage film of an old fire truck and firemen.

We contacted Pete Prichard at the Delhi Township Historical Fire Museum to see if he knew anyone who could transfer the film to digital DVD.

Earlier this month he contacted us with the news that the film contained very rare footage of the first years of the fire department, as well as video of the intersection of Anderson Ferry and Foley roads. He brought the copied DVD to us, and it truly is amazing footage! Images of Delhi School before any additions, Duebber’s old gas station across from Shiloh Church, and lots of film of the “new” Molitor Savings & Loan (now PNC Bank).

We had no idea who donated the film, but after viewing it, it became quite obvious that the donation came from Fred Mohr, one of the early volunteer firefighters, a township trustee, and also the founder of Molitor.

Pete was able to gather some of the old volunteer firefighters who identified most of the people in the film. He noted that everyone involved was very excited to learn that the film existed.

Ownership of the original reel of film has been transferred to the Fire Department Historical Society as they have the facilities to properly preserve this historic documentary of Delhi’s history. We have retained digital copies of the film for our records.

If you’d like to see of this rare footage, some of it will be shown at the Fire Department’s 75th Anniversary Dinner celebra-

Best of Delhi Raffle

Don’t forget to get your tickets in for the Best of Delhi Raffle. The raffle is very important in keeping the Farmhouse running during the slow summer months.

Prizes include flowers each month for a year from Delhi Kroger Store, a \$50 gift card for Delhi Frisch’s, \$50 gift card from McCabes, \$40 in gift certificates from Delhi Skyline, and two field level box seat tickets to a Cincinnati Red’s game in September.

We wish to thank Delhi McCabes, Delhi Kroger, Delhi Skyline, Delhi Fifth Third, and Delhi Frisch’s for their donations. Please remember to support these businesses and thank their managers for helping out the Delhi Historical Society.

The raffle takes place at the September 13 meeting of the Historical Society. You do not need to be present to win.

Donations

The Society gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

Doug Fricke of Martinsville, Indiana, donated the book, “Genealogy of the Mangold Family: From Bavaria to Cincinnati.” This is a great addition to our genie collection.

David Sandman has been donating the history of the Sandman families. These will be several volumes when completed.

Betty Wolfer Baker donated photos of the Wolfer and Sandman families.

Farmhouse Volunteer Schedule

Week	Sunday	Tuesday	Thursday
Week 1	Peg Schmidt	Need volunteer	Amanda Varnam
Week 2	Peg Schmidt	Carol Niehaus	Lee & Betty Baker
Week 3	Pat Burden	Fred DiPilla	Katie Corns
Week 4	Mary Finn	Need volunteer	Pam Hubert
Week 5	Peg Schmidt	Peg Schmidt	Pam Hubert

The date on your mailing label tells you when your membership expires. Don’t miss the opportunity for all the historical society offers. Renew your membership! (If no date appears then you are a life member.)



Board/Member News

Trustees Seek New Board Members

November elections are right around the corner. Four seats on the board of trustees are up for election. If you would like to participate or know someone who might serve, please contact the Farmhouse at 513-451-4313. The Board is the governing body of the Society and meets six times a year to plan activities.

Condolences

Sympathy goes out to the family of longtime member and great friend of the historical society, **Don Ohmer**. Don served as a board member in the early 1980s and donated several artifacts from his father's farm which are now on exhibit. Don had a great knowledge of Delhi history and could always be called upon to help get facts straight.

Condolences also to member Marty Nutter on the death of her husband Pascal, who was also a member of the Society.



Memorials since August

In memory of Bob Gates:
Bruce & Mary Kramer
Lisa B. Schroeder

Estate Planning? Don't forget us!

Did you know that 70 percent of Americans give annually to charity, but only 5 percent of Americans leave a bequest to a charity? Planned giving is a way for you to make a gift to the Society down the road without concerns about outliving your financial resources. Yes, there are tax advantages, but most importantly, donors can make a difference in the future, while still controlling their assets.

There are a variety of ways to make a planned gift to a charity, including bequests, life insurance policies, retirement plans, or trusts.

Please consider the DHS when talking with your attorney about estate plans.

Delhi Historical Society Brick Pavers

Become a part of Delhi township history. Purchase a brick paver engraved with your name or the name of a relative or friend (living or deceased) which will be added to the flag landscape at the Delhi Historical Society. Or order a paver for someone who served in the Armed Forces for the 5-Point memorial.

Each brick is 4" by 8" and engraved with a maximum of three lines of 14 letters each, including spaces. All letters will be upper case. Cost per brick is \$35.

Name on Brick (3 lines of 14 letters each)

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Please place my brick at Delhi Historical Society _____ or Five Points (Armed Forces only) _____

Donor's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: Delhi Historical Society, 468 Anderson Ferry Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238

From the Archives

Fire Department Marks 75 Years of Service

The following is taken from the historical society's book, The History of Delhi Township, as well as information from the Fire Department.

The first official mention of a Delhi fire department is found in the township minutes. On July 28, 1934, the Delhi Township trustees received a letter from the Hamilton County prosecutor advising them that it would be legal to equip the proposed volunteer fire department. Delhi clerk Joseph Lampe moved that the department be established.

In November 1935, the department received its charter from the State of Ohio. Eddie Geis was the first secretary of the organization and Joe Lampe the first fire chief. Township residents regarded the founding of the department a necessity as the contract with the city of Cincinnati required that only township trustees were to place fire calls and when they were unavailable, there was no one to fight fires.

The Delhi volunteers moved quickly to rectify the situation. A secondhand Ahrens-Fox pumper was purchased from the city and stored in a chicken house and later at Bens' blacksmith shop at Five Points. Fire calls came into Klawitter's Saloon and Beer Garden. Someone from Klawitters would have to go across the street to the fire box in front of Our Lady of Victory to sound the alarm. One blast signaled a life squad run, two a grass fire and three a structure fire.

In July 1935 Al Lockhorn suggested plans for the erection of a fire house—Richard Linneman, Rudy Kusar, Joe Lipps, Joe Steinkamp and Wendel Ohmer looked for a suitable location, ultimately choosing the location of the current Neeb Road house. The original structure (pictured at right) was completed in late 1935.

It wasn't long before the new fire department was put to the test. On February 14, fire broke out in the kitchen at the College of Mount St. Joseph, then located at the current Sisters of Charity Motherhouse. The sisters' records note that "the Delhi Township Fire Department did



Delhi's first fire truck was an Ahrens-Fox pumper purchased from the City of Cincinnati. The pumper is on exhibit at the Delhi Township Fire Museum on Neeb Road.

Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

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Membership Levels

Senior Citizen or Student (\$10) _____

Regular Annual (\$20) _____

Regular Family (\$35) _____

Sustaining Individual/Family (\$50)

_____ Patron Individual/Family (\$100) _____

Business (\$100) _____

Benefactor (\$500) _____

Founder (\$1,000) _____



This 1938 photo shows the all-volunteer department in front of the original fire house on Neeb Road. The Ahrens-Fox pumper in the background. Members are (front row, left to right) Archie Pflanzler Sr., Wendelin Myers, Dave Klotter, Robert Zoellner, Jake Ohmer, Rudy Kusar, Joe Lampe, Albert Lipps, Joe Lipps, William Hengehold, Archie Pflanzler Jr., Nick Pflanzler, George Lauderback, Anton Lipps and George Hennegan.

Back Row: John Lee, Harry Sehlhorst, Leo Martini, Fritz Azmus, Art Koppenhoffer, Larry Huber, Fred Klotter, Phil Kortgardner, Harry Fay, John Imholte, Dave Imholte, William Eagan, Louis Richie, Matt Pittinger, Elmer Lipps, Fritz Lipps, Leonard Lipps Sr., and Robert Lipps.

did heroic work” fighting the 10 alarm fire, which brought units from the city and several other areas.

Fire Department records show that the Delhi volunteers were on duty for 13 hours straight fighting the fire, and that the experience convinced the two-year-old department that additional and more modern equipment was needed to effectively serve the community.

Rudy Kusar, one of the founders of the volunteers, replaced Lampe as chief in 1946. In 1975 Kusar retired and Don Ohmer, who had served as a volunteer and then a professional firefighter for 25 years, was made chief.

A great increase in population due the baby boom and suburbanization after World War II brought the need for additional equipment, another fire house on Delhi’s east side, as well as a professional full-time force. For many years well-trained volunteers worked along side paid fire-

fighters as an example of the best of volunteerism and professionalism. Many, if not all, of the early paid firefighters began their careers as Delhi volunteers and consequently retain respect for their fellow firefighters.

In 1978 the first class of paramedics joined the DTFD—among them were Delhi Historical Society board member and former president John Cusick. Others were Terry Baker, Don Childs, Bill Needles, Roger Klug, Charlie Ruffner, and John Schill.

In the 1990s, a third fire house opened on Rapid Run Road to serve the western portion of the township, and the original fire house, which had been remodeled and added on to over the years, was replaced with a state of the art facility. In 2007, Wiliam Zoz was hired as fire chief.

Today The Delhi Township Fire Department provides a comprehensive level of emergency and public safety services. We serve a community of over 30,000 residents in an

Preserving our Past for the Future

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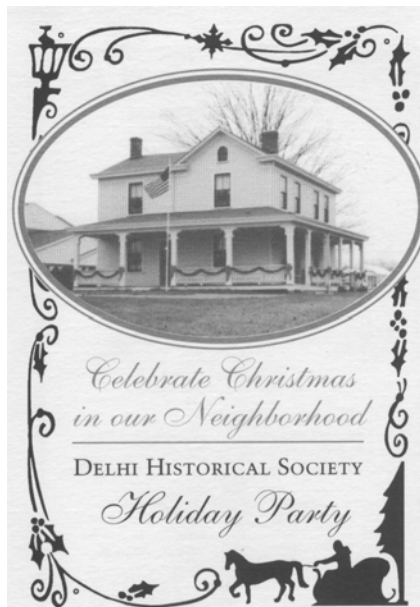
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Delhi Historical Society's Annual *Holiday Gala*

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 5 **Gala Honors Feist's West Hills Greenhouses**

The Society will honor West Hills Greenhouses Florist at this year's Holiday Gala on Sunday, Dec. 6 as we continue to recognize the importance of the Greenhouse industry in Delhi.

Oscar, Florian(F.J.) and Richard Feist started West Hills in 1929. The business is now owned and operated by Roger Feist, son of F.J. Roger and his wife Linda will be this year's honorees.



Details:

College of Mount St. Joseph Fifth Third Bank Hall
Scrumptious Dinner served at your seat!

- Entertainment and Auctioneering by Oak Hills own local celebrity Bob Herzog!
- Live and Silent Auctions including, hotel romance packages, golf, wine, restaurants, Xavier basketball, plus more, more, more!!

This event is the major fundraiser for the Delhi Historical Society. Your patronage ensures that the Farmhouse Museum can continue to provide quality exhibits, programming and preservation of Delhi's history.

It's Tea Time Again

It's nearly Christmas Tea time again. Tea dates are Dec.3, 4, 5, 12, 13 and 14. Please call Nancy Cusick, 513- 922-4538, to make a reservations. Christmas teas are very popular, so get your group together and make a reservation today.