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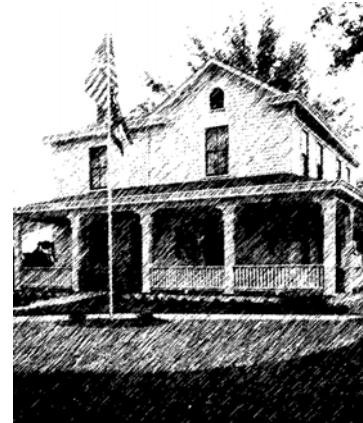
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Upcoming Dates

- **Sept. 12 - Delhi Historical Society program Delhi Park Lodge, 7 pm - "The Lone Ranger Comes to Northside" with Kathy Keifer.**
- **Oct. 2- Open House for George Remus, King of the Bootleggers Exhibit at Farmhouse Museum.**
- **Oct. 10: Delhi Historical Society program at Delhi Park Lodge 7 pm: Strike Songs of the Depression with Tim Lynch.**
- **Nov. 9: Delhi Historical Society program Delhi Park Lodge, 7 p.m. - The Art of Cincinnati.**

The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, from March 1 through November 15. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. Suggested donation is \$1.

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The Lone Ranger Comes to Northside

The Monday, Sept. 12, program at the Delhi Park Lodge is one you won't want to miss. Kathy Keifer, who resides at Llanfair Retirement Community, will present the delightful and nostalgic story of her childhood encounter with one of television's most popular icons, The Lone Ranger. She shares her family story about a surprise visit from actor Clayton Moore, who came for a visit to her Northside home some 50 years ago.

Kathy's dad was a big Lone Ranger fan during the radio era. His daughters became fans and Kathy collected photos, wrote fan letters, etc, into the television days. By then the Lone Ranger #4 was Clayton Moore.

One afternoon the phone rang in the small Keifer home in Northside. The caller introduced himself as Clayton Moore and asked if he could come to visit.

His wish was granted and the unbelievable



Clayton Moore (aka: The Lone Ranger)

story began. He had driven across the country in his specially outfitted camper. The family spent the evening sharing stories and photos and the experience was so enjoyable that he stayed for four days.

Bring a friend to this enjoyable meeting, and a snack to share.

Upcoming Programs

Oct. 10: Strike Songs of the Depression

Dr. Tim Lynch, Professor of History, College of Mount St Joseph. Learn about the history "from the bottom up" and understanding of worker culture during the tumultuous Depression years.

Nov. 14: The Art of Cincinnati

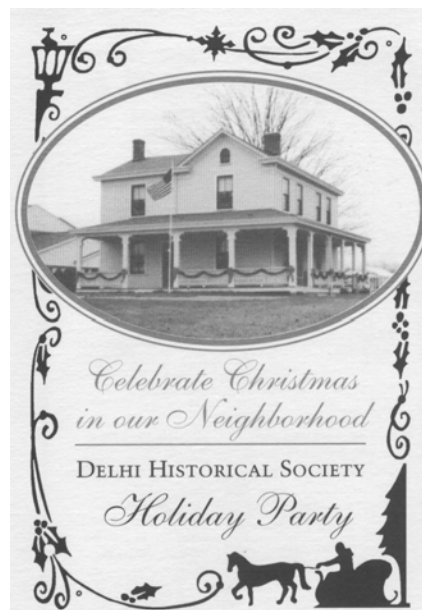
Celebrate Cincinnati's rich cultural heritage with this presentation of art from Cincinnati, including works by artists such as John Henry Twachtman, Frank Duveneck, Edward Potthast, Robert Duncanson, Rookwood potters, and more! Presented by the Cincinnati Art Museum.

Delhi Historical Society's Annual Holiday Gala

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 4 Gala Honors Former Witterstaetter Greenhouses

The Society will honor the Witterstaetter family at this year's Holiday Gala on Sunday, Dec. 4, as we continue to recognize the importance of the Greenhouse industry in Delhi.

Although they no longer operate greenhouses in the township, the Witterstatetters opened one of the first floral greenhouses in Delhi in the 1870s.



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, condo package, golf, wine, restaurants, Disney World passes, 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.

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.)

It's Tea Time

It's nearly Christmas Tea time. Tea dates are Dec 2, 3 & 4 and Dec 9 10 & 11 - cost is \$16 per person. Reservations go quickly so call Nancy Cusick, 922-4538, TODAY to reserve your seating. Groups are welcomed and encouraged.



Farmhouse News

George Remus Revisited Exhibit, Book, and Open House in Conjunction PBS Series *Prohibition*

Last year, New York television producer Mike Kelp contacted the Delhi Historical Society for photos of Bootlegger George Remus. His company was working with Ken Burns and PBS for a series on Prohibition. The society provided a number of photos, two of which are scheduled to be used in the program, which runs October 2, 3, and 4.

The Exhibit

Our 14-panel exhibit tells the story of the rise and fall of Remus, a lawyer, pharmacist, and entrepreneur, who came to Cincinnati to run one of the most successful bootleg liquor operations in the country. He purchased the former Lackman estate on Hermosa Avenue where he and his young wife Imogene lived a lavish lifestyle until his arrest, conviction and imprisonment for racketeering in 1924, and eventual murder of Imogene in 1927.

The Book

The Price Hill Historical Society is publishing a short book on Remus' life, which will be available at the Delhi Historical Society during the exhibit, which runs Sept. 1– Nov. 15. This keepsake



Remus is shown sitting second from left with wife Imogene at his left and daughter Ruth with her hand on his shoulder.

will make a great gift and remembrance for those who have personal recollections of Remus, and those just interested in the King of the Bootleggers. This book makes a great companion to *Price Hill Saloons*, which is also available at the Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum.

Open House

We will host an Open House on Sunday, October 2, from 12-3 pm. Come join us for "legal" wine and cheese and share your stories about Remus.

Do You Need A Computer Desk?
The Historical Society has a computer desk it no longer needs - and we will accept a donation of cash for it. If you are interested, call 513-451-4313.

Donation

The Society gratefully acknowledges the following donations:
Sue Ann Painter donated vintage garden fixtures for our landscape, vintage clothing and textiles, history books and pamphlets, as well as items for our upcoming "Western Hills Country Club at 100 Years" exhibit.

Farmhouse Volunteer Schedule

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

From the Archives War of 1812 Vets from Delhi

Over the summer we had three researchers seeking information about early Delhi families. During our research we learned that all three had ties to the War of 1812 - that oft forgotten war of 200 years ago.

Perhaps the most famous is **William Hatch (1789-1872)**. Hatch (who was most always referred to as "The Colonel") owned more than 100 acres along the river east of Anderson Ferry Road. His farm and vineyards went up the hillside to near the end of Pedretti Road. He volunteered with the Cincinnati Light Infantry in the War of 1812 and took part in Hull's campaign—a disastrous battle in which the British took Detroit. After the war, Hatch established the Cincinnati Insurance Company and the Commercial Bank of Cincinnati. In 1841 he was elected state senator and served until 1860. He never married - his estate was divided among his nephews.

The second soldier was **Rueben Gage Jr.**, whose father was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, having served in the Massachusetts militia. Rueben Sr. is shown on the 1820 census of Delhi - it is not known if his son was living with him as children were not listed by name on early censuses. But the younger Rueben served with the Massachusetts militia for two months in 1814 and later lived in Maine.

The least known was **Samuel Beher**, who only lived in Delhi Township a few years - just long enough to marry a Delhi widow named Eliza Davis Ellis before moving to Rushville, Indiana. Beher was a sergeant in the 4th Regiment of the Virginia Militia. He served from August 1814 to February 1815.

We will explore more War of 1812 Vets from Delhi as we come up to the anniversary of the beginning of the war in June of next year.

Volunteers Needed September 24

This past spring's storms knocked out power to our sump pump and flooded the basement. During the clean up, underlying problems with moisture in the basement were discovered. The basement and contents were disinfected by volunteer Matt Maley, but we need to replace shelving and properly store some of the items we were able to salvage.

There will be a general sprucing up day at the Farmhouse on Saturday, September 24, from 9 to noon. We desperately need volunteers to finish the project Matt started in May. Proper equipment for handling problem items and working in the basement will be provided.

There is an old adage that many hands make light work. Please consider helping us in this very important task! **Call 513-451-4313 to Volunteer or for more information!**

Best of Delhi Raffle

Don't forget to get to turn in 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 gift package from Delhi Frisch's, tool carry-all (with tools) from McCabes, \$30 in gift certificates from Delhi Skyline, Mount St. Joseph goodie basket, and two field level box seat tickets from Fifth Third's Delhi branch to a Cincinnati Red's game in September.

We wish to thank Delhi McCabes, Delhi Kroger, Delhi Skyline, Delhi Fifth Third, the College of Mount St. Joseph 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 12 meeting of the Historical Society. You do not need to be present to win. For more tickets, call 513-451-4313.



Membership Form

Name: _____
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Membership Levels

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- Regular Annual (\$20) _____
- Regular Family (\$35) _____
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- Patron Individual/Family (\$100) _____
- Business (\$100) _____
- Benefactor (\$500) _____
- Founder (\$1,000) _____