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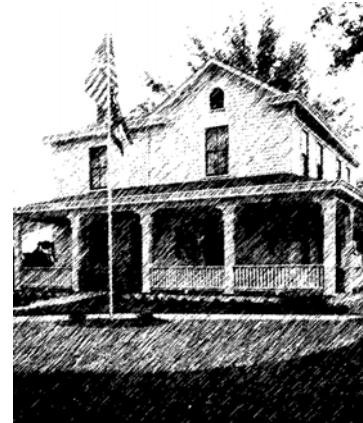
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Upcoming Dates

- **Nov. 8: Delhi Historical Society meeting Delhi Park Lodge, 7 p.m. - Admiral Byrd's Antarctica Expedition.**
- **Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12: Holiday Teas at the Farmhouse. 12:30 p.m.**
- **Dec. 4: Delhi Christmas Parade, Delhi Pike, 9:30 a.m.**
- **Dec. 5: Delhi Holiday Gala, Mount St. Joseph, 6 p.m.**
- **Jan. 10: Delhi Historical Society meeting, Delhi Park Lodge 7 p.m**

Farmhouse News

Farmhouse closes for the Winter

The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum will close for the winter season from November 21, 2010 to March 1, 2011. The museum will be set up for the holiday teas and spruced up for the spring reopening. Researchers are welcome to use our archives and library by appointment during the winter season. Just call 513-451-4313 for an appointment.

A new exhibit featuring Western Hamilton County during the Civil War will open in March. This display will contain artifacts and photos of the people and places that played an important part in the Civil War.

Great Selection of Christmas Gifts

Do some early Christmas shopping at the DHS. We have three books on the history of Delhi, and pictorial histories of Green Township, Price Hill and German Cincinnati. We also have two

DVDs available: "Floral Paradise: The Greenhouses of Western Hills," and "George Remus: King of the Bootleggers." Books: \$19.95 + \$1.30 sales tax (\$21.25), DVDs: \$10.33 + 67 cents tax (\$11).

For the person who has everything, how about a brick paver placed in the beautiful Schuler perennial garden? Pavers are \$35 each for three lines of 13 characters.

It's Tea Time Again

It's nearly Christmas Tea time again. Tea dates are Dec 4, 5, 11 and 12. Cost is \$14.00 per person. Please call Nancy Cusick 922-4538 to make a reservation. Christmas teas are very popular, so get your group together and make a reservation today.

Order Your Holiday Poinsettia

We plan to sell poinsettias through an order system this year. If you are interested in ordering our beautiful poinsettias (thanks to Krueger & Maddux!), please call the Farmhouse, 451-4313, for information on costs and delivery dates.



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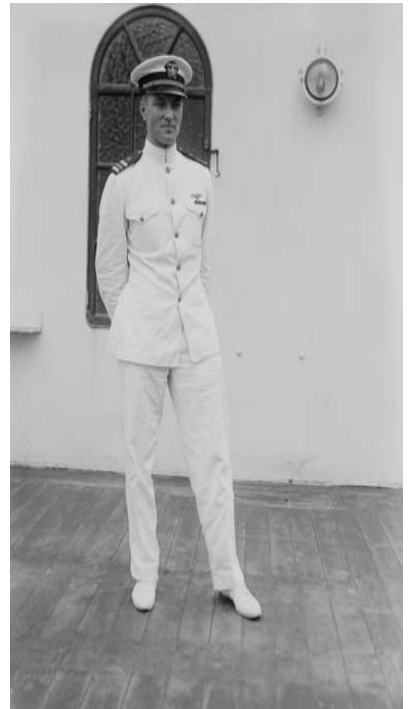
Trip to the South Pole with Admiral Byrd

As a young man Delhi resident Sam Arnold was part of an Antarctic expedition with Admiral Richard Byrd. Mr. Arnold will share stories and tales of his adventure more than 60 years ago at the next program of the Delhi Historical Society.

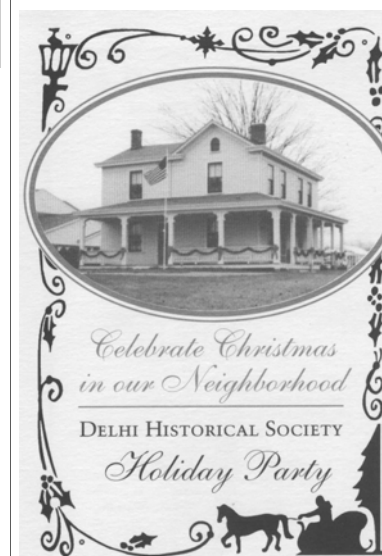
Admiral Richard E. Byrd began his first expedition to the Antarctic in 1928. During that trip, Byrd claims to have been the first to visit the South Pole. He returned to North America in 1930. Byrd undertook four more expeditions to Antarctica from 1933-35, 1939-40, 1946-47 and 1955-56.

The fourth culminating expedition in 1946 was the largest Antarctic expedition up to that time. It included an aircraft carrier, thirteen US Navy support ships six helicopters, six flying boats, two seaplane tenders and 15 other aircraft. More than 4,000 people took part in the expedition.

Byrd commanded one more trip to the Antarctica from 1955 to 1956, which established the first permanent base on the continent. He died in March 1957.



Admiral Richard E. Byrd (photo from Library of Congress)



Delhi Holiday Gala: Sunday, Dec. 5

Look for your invitation soon to the premier holiday event on Cincinnati's Westside!

- Where: College of Mount St. Joseph Fifth Third Bank Hall
- What: Scrumptious Dinner served at your seat!
- Entertainment and Auctioneering by local celebrities!
- Live and Silent Auction
- Special Honoree: Roger Feist (West Hills Greenhouses)

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 Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum will close for the season November 21. We will reopen March 1, 2011.

Member News

Board Election at November Meeting

Election of the board of trustees will take place at the November 8 program. Five seats on the board are up for election and five candidates have agreed to run or return to the board. Returning are Don Blaney, and Melinda Fisher, and new nominees are Anita Klawitter and Matt Maley. In addition, outgoing board member Mary Finn has agreed to complete the term of John Cusick, who has been a temporary board member this past year.

Delhi Parade December 4

We will be participating in the Delhi parade on December 4 again this year. Once again we will have a sleigh-themed float. There is plenty of riding space so please join us. Call the Farmhouse, 451-4313, for more information or see Sue Timmer at the November meeting.

Best of Delhi Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Best of Delhi Raffle: Flowers a month from the Delhi Kroger: **Dottie Henn**, Delhi Frisch's Gift Basket: **Paul Gangloff**, Delhi Skyline Gift Card: **Bob Schaefer**; McCabe Gift Card: **Bob and Carol Hodgeman**, and tickets to a Red's game from Delhi Fifth Third Bank: **Al and Pat Duebber**.

We thank all of the above businesses who sponsored this year's raffle.

Condolences

Sympathy goes out to the family of longtime member **Norman Murdock**, who died in September.

Condolences also to member **Ray Grothaus** on the death of his mother, Marlene, who died in late August.

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.

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.)

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: _____

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From the Archives

'The Biggest Little Fair in Ohio'

Recently, two acquisitions contained artifacts and documents pertaining to the Delhi Community Fairs that were held every October from 1941 to 1956 at a picnic grove near the corner of Anderson Ferry and Foley roads. A small display has been set up at the Farmhouse which exhibits some of the ribbons, photos and booklets from the fair. The following was taken from "The History of Delhi Township" written in 1976 by Sue Schuler Brunsman (Painter) and Larry Duba.

Delhi Civic Assoc. Sponsored Community Fairs at Green Woods Grove

The Delhi Township Civic Association inaugurated the first community fair on the weekend of October 17, 18, and 19, 1941, at Green Wood Grove. Reportedly over 10,000 persons attended and the fair was readily established as a Township tradition. It was continued through most of the war years and the publications (programs and newspaper specials) put out by the fair committees constitute our best written accounts of Township residents' responses to World War II.

The fairs were fascinating events in themselves and seem to have elicited the support of the diverse business, social and cultural organizations of the Township. Ray Keis was president of the Civic Club at the first fair in 1941 when more than 400 awards were distributed to more than 600 entries, which included "swine, sheep, and goats," as well as home-canned goods, needlecrafts, and laces. An exhibition of show horses was directed by Dr. Howard P. Fischback and Henry Radel and draught horses were shown by farmers.

By 1943, L. A. Ripley, Civic Club president was describing the annual event as the "biggest little fair" in the state of Ohio. He also claimed that the floral display by amateur and professional growers was equal to that of any of the great fairs and that the vegetable display was on a par with the floral exhibits.

Victory garden exhibits by "intense amateur gardeners" were new that year and Ripley wrote in the Delhi Hills Fair News that "Delhi Hills went into Victory Gardens in a big way and there was scarcely a home that did not have a plot of ground that was carefully nourished and from which, to the delight of the cultivator, has sprung vegetables to help the family table." Other reminders of war times are the display of trophies of past and present wars that was planned for the 1943 Fair, and the admission charge - a contribution of cigarettes to be sent to the boys in the fighting forces. Civilian Defense units, both male and female, had scheduled demonstrations.

The Fairs continued until 1956 when Duebber Realty subdivided the Green Woods Grove property into a development with roads named Romance and Happy Lanes.



THE HORSE SHOW, with its trophies and blue ribbons, was a major part of the Delhi Community Fair in the 1950's.

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) _____