

Century Home Plaques

Two Century plaques were purchased in 2008. One for the Nagy building on 21 Mill St. and the other for the Egle residence on 11 Maple St. They are priced at \$75, to be paid with the order. They can be mailed to the recipient. Order blanks are available at Firelands Museum and from Henry Timman. New dates of eligibility occur each year.

2009 Historic West Main Street Walking Tours

This district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. A 1967 Ohio Historic Survey said Norwalk's West Main Street, "Architecturally is the best individual street of homes in Ohio."

Sunday May 3 and Sunday July 12

Both tours will leave from the Firelands Museum at 4 Case Avenue at 2:00 pm. Your tour guide will identify architectural styles and give the history of early residents of the homes. The range of architectural styles include examples of most of the prominent styles of the 19th Century as well as early 20th Century America.

There is no charge for the tours but donations to the Society are always accepted.

New Life Members to the Society join a group of 188:

Welcome new Life Members: Shirley A. Hazelwood, Martha M. Tansey, Rita E. Thayer, and Rebecca A. Williams. Along with our current 175 Annual Members, our total membership reaches 367! Membership dues of \$2,608 for 2009 represent 8% of our annual operating budget. *Your membership is important!* Ask a friend to join too – as you can see, it make a difference.

Please Remember...if you change your address, please notify Marty Timman, Membership Chair, 3985 Medusa Rd. Norwalk, OH 44857. We pay a fee for each returned newsletter, a cost which we are trying to avoid. If you can give us your extra 4-digit zip (if it's not already on your label) we'd love to have that too. Thanks for helping the Society stretch our budget.

Memorial and Special Giving

When it comes time to give a gift "in memory of" or "in honor of" – don't forget the Firelands Historical Society. Established in 1857, we continue to serve our patrons, guests and the community in many different areas. Thank you to these friends of the Society for giving generously to keep our history and heritage alive in the Firelands.

In Memory of Betty Timman:
Henry and Martha Timman

Price Family Foundation
Kenneth and Janet Conway Community Fund
Sheldon Family Association, Inc

It's Always Something ---

The Society has been plagued with signage problems.

Although it's under control now, we had to have a sign recreated by our sign man, John Reed, after the long second story sign went missing during the front porches re-build in 2003. Earlier this year the big museum sign on the north side of the porch, which John also created, was missing from its post! John stopped when passing by and upon close examination, showed it had been wrenched off the post. It is now installed with sturdier bolts, so we hope that it will survive through time, weather *and* vandals.

And so it goes.

The Firelands Historical Society Presents:
Annual Dinner Meeting and Program

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Norwalk First United Methodist Church 60 W. Main St. Norwalk, Ohio

Number of chicken dinners at \$12 per dinner _____ Enclosed \$ _____

Payment Must Accompany Reservations Reservation deadline May 13, 2009

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Mail to: Firelands Historical Society PO Box 572 Norwalk, OH 44857-0572

Firelands Giant Ground Sloth is Coming...

Found in Huron County in a Niver Road Bog!!!

Follow the twists and turns of a real life mystery as Dr. Brian Redmond of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History brings the story of the Firelands Giant Ground Sloth to Norwalk. The bones of this extinct mammal were discovered, stored away and forgotten, in the attic of the Firelands Museum. They have since been studied by experts from around the world and have contributed important new information on the history of early man. It's a story that shows how surprising and unpredictable science – and life – can be.

**Remember to make June 3 at 7:00 pm
part of your day**

**Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center,
Norwalk High School**

Free admission Free Admission



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Ohio Association of Historical Societies & Museums
Ohio Genealogical Society
Ohio Historical Society

Firelands Historical Society Officers:

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Saundra Forthofer, Erie Co Vice President
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John Elmlinger, Treasurer

Marilou Creary, Curator
Research Center phone: 419.663.0392
Museum phone: 419.668.6038

Annual Membership dues:

Individual - \$12
Husband and Wife - \$20

Life Membership dues:

Individual - \$250 (or contribute \$25 annually for 10 years)
Business - \$500 (or contribute \$50 annually for 10 years)

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