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## The President's Pen

*Dear Members,*

## April Meeting is April 1, 2009

By the time you read this, we will have presented our second joint “Night at the Museum” in conjunction with the Springfield Heritage Center. Thanks to all of you who are contributing your time. **Spring event** is thundering down upon us rapidly. Everybody involved with organizing it has put forth some great ideas. Please support this kickoff to the new season, either as a participant, or spread the word to friends and neighbors who would be interested in spring plants and some of the presentations that will be made. Please see the flyer on our website. Also, as always, check the notes on the “coming events” that follow this letter.

On Tuesday, March 3, some of our members volunteered to be at the Statehouse in costume for **Statehood Day**, an advocacy event to help celebrate the importance of Ohio history. They met with various state legislators to discuss the importance of historical preservation, and heard some interesting presentations on what is going on with history education in our state. The disappointing aspect is that it doesn't appear like there will be a lot of funding for history projects statewide, though some has been allocated for the Civil War Sesquicentennial. No mention of any recognition of the War of 1812 Bicentennial, in spite of the large part that Ohio played in that conflict. Letters to legislators might be in order on that one.

Since it is the “moon of the grass appearing,” you might want to get ready to turn the sheep and goats out on the yard to keep it trimmed back.

*Pele-ti-nuc-shel-wa, - Rusty*

## COME DANCE WITH US!

*The GRCHA Liberty Dancers meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. Singles are welcome! It is a fun evening. We start at 7:00 p.m. Dress comfortably and wear good dancing shoes!*

## *Rat Droppings From The Fairmaster*

Plans for the 2009 Fair are proceeding smoothly. On-line registration appears to be working effectively. Sheri and I have the layout for the 2009 field using information received from last year's merchants. We have made changes to the field layout where requested and all have been informed. With the streamlined registration process, plans are being made for sector leaders to be present on the field during set up to direct and advise merchants. During our Fair Board meetings we have discussed improving the jury process, both during application time and set up. After set up, merchants and vendors will be inspected for appropriate wares and clothing. If everything is in compliance, a Sutler's License will be issued and displayed at the location. Necessary changes must be made before these licenses will be issued. Secret shoppers will be on the grounds Saturday and Sunday to insure that authenticity is maintained.

**CALLING ALL ACTORS!!** The play for this year is "She Stoops To Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith, written in 1773 and considered one of the classics from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It is a farce about arranged marriages and mistaken identities. The play calls for a cast of 6 males and 4 females. If interested, contact Bill Smith. Practices will start in late June.

Marketing for the fair is proceeding smoothly. Brochures, posters, place mats and billboards are all in the planning stages. The Gift Shop is gearing up to offer more GRCHA and Fair wares for purchase. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call or e-mail me or any Fair Board member; Suzanne Luthe, Rusty Cottrel, John Wysocki, Sheri Forness, or Katie Nowack.

**Wm. L. Smith**  
**Fairmaster**

## *Upcoming Field Trip: Jonathan Alder Cabin*

**Saturday, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>** is the Jonathan Alder field trip to London, Ohio.

Meeting at Berezky's house at 1152 Old Columbus Rd. (East side of Springfield, turn at the Drake Motel corner, US RT 40 and Old Columbus) at 9:30 a.m. and we will go together. We will meet Bob Jones at the Madison County Historical Society (260 E. High St., London) at 10:00 a.m. **NO CHARGE FOR TRIP.** Please notify Diane Berezky at [diane\\_b\\_history@yahoo.com](mailto:diane_b_history@yahoo.com) if planning to attend. We will be having lunch at the museum for a small fee. Jonathan Alder is a true Indian Captive, (1782) that later lived out his life in Madison County. His actual cabin is at the museum.

## *Coming Events*

### **Spring at New Boston May 2-3**

Jim Cain and John Wysocki are chairs for the plant sale. Pam Cottrel and Katie Nowack are chairs for all other activities. Please plan on joining us the first weekend in May for our plant sale and Spring event. Numerous activities are being planned, including a morning nature walk with Ranger Bud, 1:00 p.m. History Walks led by Bill Smith, lectures from Master Gardeners on heritage plants and raising a vegetable garden, bee keeping lecture by Rusty Cottrel, artisan demonstrations, merchants with beautiful wares to sell. Soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available both days. Mark your calendars and plan to welcome Spring to New Boston!

***Thank you for a job well done! Night at the Museum was a huge success and was completely sold out! Many GRCHA members donned costumes and new personas to bring the Clark County Heritage Center ALIVE on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all participants and special kudos to Pam Cottrel for coordinating the event.***

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