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## Upcoming meetings: February 3, March 3, 2010

*From the President's Quill*

*January 25, 2010*

*Dear Members,*

It's the Moon of the Frost in the Lodge and of course we're into the endless gray days of an Ohio winter. Hope you survived the January deep freeze. We seem to be catching a break in the temperatures right now.

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to curl up and sit by a fire, work on sewing projects, or catch up on those books you've been promising yourself to read. I seem to be suffering from the annual invasion of some kind of bug into my respiratory system. I had mistakenly assumed that since I was no longer exposed to the germ factory that is the public school system that those plagues were behind me. At least I have gotten started on the early style rifle I've been promising Cindy Jackson.

Anticipate some funding issues for Clark County Park District and George Rogers Clark Park this coming year. Please watch for developments that support our home park and always take advantage of any situation in which you can promote this wonderful recreational venue. The fundraising dinner at Applebees on Jan. 27, is the first of these opportunities to help. See the info attached. It doesn't hurt to let the Clark County Commissioners know that you are a concerned citizen and you certainly hope that they are doing everything they can to support and preserve this unique site.

New Carlisle Bicentennial has something planned every month. Feb. 13 is the Bicentennial Ball and they are encouraging people to wear period clothing. Anybody out there have anything to wear? If you are interested, go to their website for more information. [www.ncbicentennial.com](http://www.ncbicentennial.com) Stay warm and get your clothes and camp gear ready for the coming year. The new season will be on us before we know it. Hope it's cloudy on Ground Hog Day.

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

## **Twelfth Night**

Our annual holiday celebration, "Twelfth Night" took place on Saturday evening; January 9, 2010. Tom and Mary Jane Rumpke were the gracious hosts of the festivities at the Gathering House. The array of food was delicious, the music and dancing sublime, we ate, drank and made merry. Michael Thompson and Ann Goff were crowned King & Queen of the festivities.

## **Night at the Museum**

Night at the Museum 2010 is presently scheduled for March 27. Please contact Pam Cottrel if you plan to attend. Let her know if you want to be the same character or want to try something new. Since some of our regular characters have already said they cannot participate this year, we will need more volunteers. Also let us know if you have an idea or character you'd like to portray. We need folks from various time periods, people to take tickets, tour guides and more. This is a busy night, but at the same time very satisfying and a lot of fun

## **Crabill Homestead News**

GRCHA is still moving forward toward taking over ownership of the Crabill Homestead. A letter of intent has been given to the Clark County Historical Society. During the process of negotiations' it was brought to our attention that there is a repair issue with the six year old roof on the house that will need to be addressed prior to the transfer of ownership of the property. CCHS is in the process of scheduling the repair of the roof. The roof is currently under warranty with CCHS. A preliminary budget has been submitted to the GRCHA trustees of the year 2010. There is no committee meeting scheduled at this time. A meeting will be scheduled at a future date dependant to the acquisition of the property. If you have any further questions regarding the Crabill Homestead, please feel free to contact me via email at [medic3375@yahoo.com](mailto:medic3375@yahoo.com) or phone at 937-215-4920.

**Kristin Shultz**

## **Fair at New Boston News**

Our joint Fairmasters, Bill Smith and Rusty Cottrell, met earlier this month with Sheri Forness (Registration Chair) and discussed this year's registration plan. We will be mailing out postcards to last year's participants letting them know that our registration will be online on or about February 15<sup>th</sup>. This seemed to work well last year.

This first general Fair meeting will take place on the third Wednesday of the month, February 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gathering House. Let's keep it positive and focused on this year's fair. If you cannot make it, please contact either Fairmaster.

The jury is in the process of reviewing and updating our rules. We are trying to clarify many of the issues we have noted the past several years, but at the same time striving to be friendly and educational about it. We hope to have revisions online by February 15<sup>th</sup> as well.

**Wm. Smith & Wm. Cottrel**  
**Fairmasters**

**Annual Membership Renewals** were due on January 1. Everyone should now be caught up with their membership cycle starting at the beginning of the year. Form in this newsletter or downloadable on the website.