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WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2018

The Wheeling Historical Society and Museum celebrates the link between the past and the present. The museum is a cooperative effort of the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Park District, Indian Trails Public Library.



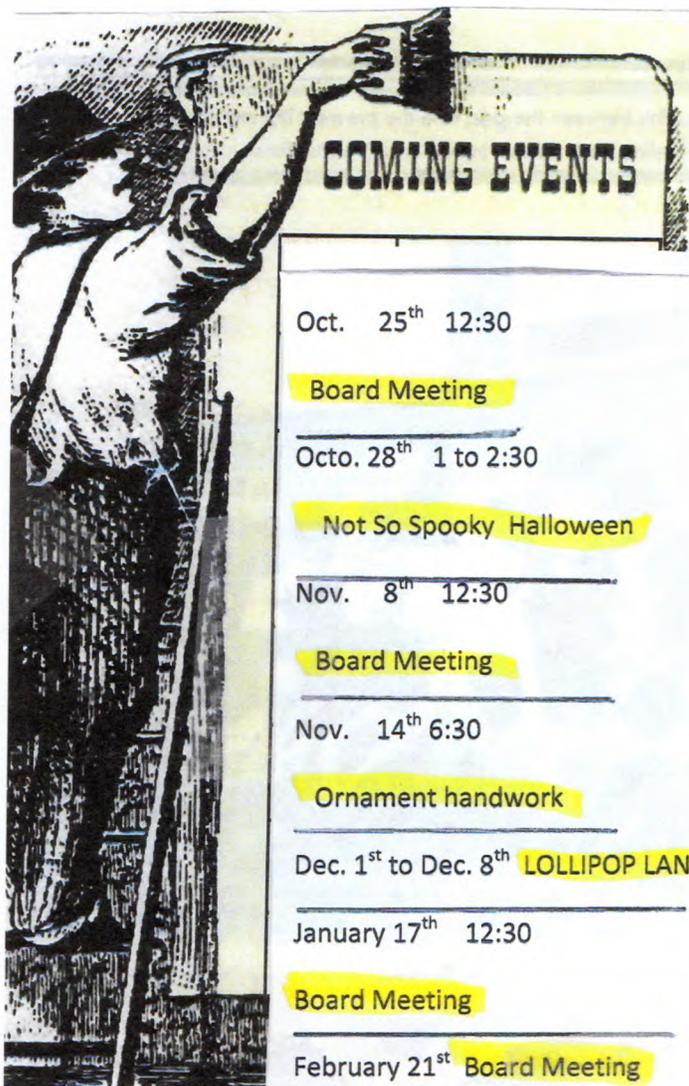
Halloween has certainly changed over
the years. No more costumes at school.



"Not that one—we'll have the
Historical Society after us."

Celebrating my grandson's 20th birthday I was thinking of things that we shared as he was growing up. One of the things that stuck in my memory was when I was sitting at the museum on a Sunday afternoon with him. The museum is open from 2 to 4 and during that time he spent looking at all of the displays that are there. Two of the items he was very fascinated with and now that he is 20 he still talks about them. The first one was the switchboard. You are saying what were they. The first one is a switchboard. Before cell phones and rotary dial there was a system called a live operator where you actually picked up your phone and talked to a person and she connected you to the person that you wanted to talk to. Children will find this very interesting. The other item was a crank record player. You have to crank the player in order for it to play music. In this electronic world where everything is at your fingertips I think children may be interested in how things operated in the past. If you have grandchildren that live in the area think about spending an afternoon at the museum. It is a very interesting place and brings back memories of the past that you can share with them.

Elaine Simpson



For every hill I had to climb,
 For every stone that bruised my feet,
 For all the blood and
 sweat and grime,
 For blinding storms and
 burning heat,
 My heart sings but a grateful song—
 Those were the things
 that made me strong.

For all the heartaches and the tears,
 For all the anguish and the pain.
 For gloomy days and fruitless years
 And for the hopes that lived in vain;
 I do give thanks, for *now* I know,
 These were the things
 that helped me grow.

'Tis not the softer things of life
 Which stimulate our will to strive,
 But bleak adversity and strife
 Do most to keep our will alive.
 Over rose-strewn paths
 the weaklings creep,
 But brave hearts dare
 to climb the steep.

—Author Unknown

This has been an unusual summer at the Museum. After a major rainfall we had a foot of water in the basement. Fortunately for us we lost very few artifacts. The museum was closed for approximately 6 to 8 weeks in order to dry out the basement and fix electrical fixtures and make sure there was no mold downstairs. We have been organizing and getting ready for Lollipop Lane making adjustments to the ornaments we bought. We increased the amount we ordered to accommodate members needs. We will be hosting the Not So Spooky Halloween Party on October 28th, Sunday from 1 to 2:30 PM. Please come and enjoy the fun. Come in costume if you would like. Tell your neighbors and friends to come and join us. We would love a big turnout.



NOTES FROM YOUR CURATOR

Please keep Bill Hein in your prayers. Our thoughts are with Bill's family



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Sunday, October 28, 2018
1-2:30 pm

“Not-So-Spooky Halloween”
With Bev Ottaviano

Come one, come all! Get your Halloween spirit started with ghost and goblin stories, face painting, pumpkin decorating and games.

Light refreshments.

Free!

Parents and children, come in costume!



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