

ROCKY RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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A Centennial City

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Summer 2015 News Edition



ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC with COWAN POTTERY MUSEUM ASSOCIATES

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**AUGUST 13, 2015 • 5-8 PM
ELMWOOD PARK CABIN**

The Historical Society's annual summer picnic will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the Elmwood Cabin in Elmwood Park. Be sure to bring your family and friends! Don't miss this fun evening! This year we are including our Cowan Pottery Museum Associate friends to join the festivities. Be sure to introduce yourself and say hello!

The Society will furnish table service, baked ham, rolls and beverages. You are asked to bring a dish for 6-8 people. In order to ensure a variety in the menu, we suggest you bring the following if your last name begins with:

A -G: Appetizer

H - L: Dessert

M - P: Salad

R - Z: Side Dish



There will be a \$5.00 per person charge to cover the expenses to be paid upon arrival. We will also be having our annual raffle so be sure to participate. There are always great prizes and gifts!!

Please fill out the enclosed form to RSVP, by August 8, 2015

IN MEMORIAM

1946 - 2015
Jan A. Marsalek

Long time Rocky River Historical Society member, supporter and friend passed away in April. We will miss Jan's laughter, enthusiasm and sense of humor. Jan was true a believer in our organization as she donated many items to our group as well as a long-time organizer of this picnic.



WANTED:
CABINETMAKER, WOODWORKER
OR CREATIVE REPAIR PERSON

We need to repair a wooden pole that supports the Cowan Plaque in front of the old white office building on Lake Road. If interested, please call Jenny Dieringer at 440-895-0983 for details.

FORT HUNTINGTON AND FORT HUNTINGTON PARK

BY GAY A. CHRISTENSEN-DEAN



Fort Huntington was located west of the present county courthouse, at West 3rd Street and Lakeside in downtown Cleveland. It was built under the direction of President James Madison to protect the settlement during the War of 1812 against British naval attacks, and was the supply depot and headquarters of the Army of the Northwest.

At first, a camp was established in 1812 under the command of General Simon Perkins, and named Camp Harrison in honor of General William Henry Harrison, commander of the Army of the Northwest and future President. In 1813, Captain Stanton Sholes arrived at the camp and built a fort, stockade and hospital. It was renamed Fort Huntington after Samuel Huntington, Governor of Ohio from 1808-1810. Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry stopped at the fort before the Battle of Lake Erie, and returned there to celebrate his victory.

In 1977, it was dedicated as Fort Huntington Park. First, it needed to be cleaned up, and there was also a fight between The Early Settlers Association and the City Commission as to its design. The Early Settlers Association won. In 1991, a statue of Oliver Hazard Perry was relocated to the park, and in 2002 a British naval cannon captured by Perry during the Battle of Lake Erie was dedicated. Every September at Fort Huntington Park, The Early Settlers Association commemorates Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's victory in the Battle of Lake Erie. For more details: <http://earlysettlers.org>.



The 2015 "Battle of Lake Erie" Victory Commemoration will be at Fort Huntington Park, please check website for details. It includes presentation of the colors, wreath-laying, and an historical perspective at the Oliver Hazard Perry statue.

Sources: Encyclopedia of Cleveland History

The Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve

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THE 2015 ROCKY RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS:

PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION AT ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 7:00 PM

September 10th, 2015

Lost Grand Hotels of Cleveland – Presented by Michael C. DeAloia

NOTE CARDS AND BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

If any member of the society would like to share their Rocky River memories, become more involved or just want to learn more about community, please contact Jenny Dieringer at 440-895-0983.

DONATIONS TO ROCKY RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Items donated by the Christensen Family.

Please fill out the form below to RSVP and send your check by August 8, 2015 to:

Dottie O'Neill
3167 Linden Drive #610
Rocky River, OH 44116
440-331-5267

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Phone Number: _____

I will Bring: _____
