

# ALMIRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 2011

We wrapped up the 2010 season with a “Family Fun and Music” event on October 3. Blue skies and crisp air made for a gorgeous fall day. The free event was well-attended and well-received by the community. The



museum as well as our historic buildings were open, and we served cider and donuts on the porch. Children enjoyed games on the lawn and eventually everyone gathered around the porch to listen to the wonderful music provided by local musicians. We would like to thank Tanya

Struble for organizing the event and the Oscar Jaquish family, Billy Morse, Marvin and Annette Rosa and all the other musicians and volunteers who helped make the day a success. Throughout the day, we heard folks marvel at our displays and artifacts. One of our goals this year is to host more events like this at the museum.



The renovation of the Babcock House continues to be a priority. We have finished the drywall downstairs and we are seeking volunteers for interior painting. Would you be willing to donate a couple hours of your time? If so, please contact Vera Carmien at 231-275-7362. Also, we are looking for living room furniture from the late 1800s/early 1900s for the Babcock House. Please remember that loans of your furniture and artifacts are just as appreciated as donations. Please contact Vera or any board member for either loan or donation forms.

One of the most dramatic projects we’ve undertaken has been revising our site plan and moving buildings on our grounds. Our goal is to create a historic “street” and small town presence, with all buildings available within a



pleasant stroll. Our future vision includes a circular path taking you from building to building, and a small courtyard of gardens with benches. So please, bring your family and friends for a visit this summer and let us know what you think of the new design.



We plan to feature dolls and doll houses in a new display this year. However, we need your help. We are looking for loans of your doll houses, Raggedy Ann and Andy, Walking Dolls and other treasured childhood companions. Please contact Linda Peck at 231-275-6266 with questions.

Last year’s spring cleanup day was a huge hit in both productivity and fun. Please plan to join us this year on Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be grounds work, gardening, inside cleaning and many other tasks to complete prior to our Memorial Weekend opening. There will also be food and beverages provided for our volunteers. Please contact Nancy Shreve at 231-275-5382 with questions.

We are honored to have received contributions in memory of Gerald Bates, Jane Nelson and Helen White. While we deeply miss these individuals, we are grateful that their families and friends have chosen our organization as a recipient of both financial and artifact donations.

As a reminder, The Almira Historical Society was established in 1992 to protect and preserve artifacts and related history of the township of Almira and the Village of Lake Ann. Your enthusiasm and financial support have enabled us to accomplish a lot this past year. Whatever your contribution, we hope you feel a great sense of satisfaction knowing that you are helping us tell our community’s timeless story. Preservation is not simply about buildings and landscape, but about leaving our children and grandchildren a solid foundation on which to explore their heritage. We cannot emphasize enough how much your support, monetary as well as volunteer hours, helps us to realize our mission. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your continued endorsement of our purpose and mission.

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