

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

March 2014

Antique Dolls: History, Identification and Restoration by Susan Parsons Sumner

**Tuesday
March 18th 7:30 PM**

After a long, hard winter, the Lima Historical Society is pleased to open its 2014 season on Tuesday March 18th with an interesting program on the history and restoration of antique dolls by one of Lima's own residents.

Susan Sumner is a “dolly doctor,” collector, and historian of dolls made between 1800 and 1950. While she repairs, cleans and restores many kinds of antique dolls, her specialty is the restoration of those made of composition between 1900 and 1940. Having had more than 200 dolls in her personal collection over the years, Susan now maintains a manageable group of approximately 50 dolls between 50 and 170 years old, made of composition, cloth, *papier mache*, china, celluloid, bisque, and wax.

Susan received an M.A. in Communication from Regent University after completing undergraduate studies in journalism and theatre at Eastern Kentucky University and SUNY Geneseo. Having returned to our area last year, she is a volunteer writer at Elim Bible Institute, a freelance writer for Mid-America Christian University and has published three children's ministry resource books with David C. Cook Publishing.

Come join us for this informative program. The meeting is free and open to the public
Tuesday March 18th: 7:30PM Lima Court House East Main St. (next to Town Hall)



Before and after photos of restored doll from Susan Sumner's collection.

OPENING SOON!

LIMA MERCANTILE: BOOK AND GIFT SHOP

Last fall, following the closing of Tennie's Place on Main Street, we promised the pre-Christmas opening of a small gift shop at the Tennie Burton Museum. Unfortunately, we didn't make it in time for the holidays, but we are now looking toward Memorial Day. In the tradition of the old time general mercantile stores of the 19th and early 20th centuries, we will be offering a diverse array of unusual small gifts—books, candies, wooden Lima building replicas, handmade Laura Wilder bonnets, aprons, dish towels, potholders, old fashioned toys, calendars, candles, notecards, historical maps, postcards and prints, and much more—within the authentic historic setting of our town's museum.

Watch for our pre-Memorial Day advertisements. Avoid the malls and shop locally in the warm, friendly atmosphere of your museum. It may be just the place to find that special "Lima" gift for family or friends.

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LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

Wednesday, March 12th	LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome to attend.
Tuesday, March 18th	<i>Antique Dolls: History, Identification and Restoration</i> , by Susan Parsons Sumner. Lima Court House: 7:30 PM.
Wednesday, April 9th	LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome to attend.
Fri./Sat. April 25/26	Cleanup Days at the Tennie Burton Museum. 9am-12pm. Come either or both days.
Sunday, May 18th	LHS Annual Dinner Meeting at the Avon Inn. <i>The Genesee Valley Canal 1840-1878</i> by Julie Hewitt.
Memorial Day	Season Opening-Tennie Burton Museum and Grand Opening of LHS Museum Mercantile
Fri./Sat. June 6th and 7th	LHS Garage Sale. Details TBA.

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LHS GARAGE SALE June 6th and 7th

As you do your spring cleaning, please start setting aside any unwanted items that you might want to donate to the society for our annual garage sale. This has become an important fundraiser for us and one that helps us all clean out some of our superfluous "stuff."

Details as to drop off date and location will be coming in the next *Yellow Wasp*.

Antique and Vintage Children's Toys and Games

The Museum Committee is planning a special new exhibit of old children's toys and games this summer. This will be an opportunity for kids to glimpse some simpler ways of play, and for their parents and grandparents to remember "how it used to be."

If you have toys or games that you would like to share on a temporary loan basis, we would be delighted to include them (Call Barbara May 624-2173).

There will also be some fun "hands on" toys, as well as opportunities for children to make their own simple toys.

2014 Holiday Cookie Sale

Thanks again to the organizational efforts of Mary Jule Welch, chair of the annual Holiday Cookie Tray sale, and her dedicated team of committee members, bakers, decorators, arrangers, and packers. A special thank you to the Honeoye Falls Marketplace store for their contribution to the project.

The society realized a profit of close to \$1200, funds that will go a long way toward repairing the two precarious sets of stone steps at the front of the Tennie Burton Museum. Thank you to all who contributed to this successful end of year fundraiser.

Member Cleaning Days at Tennie Burton

Whether you have an hour or several, please join us for our annual cleanup of the museum on April 25th or 26th, 9 to 12. Whatever is your strength—from dusting to raking gardens—help make our museum shine.

Lost Dolls: Still Waiting at the Museum

An Irish-made doll with a plaid skirt and an Avon doll loaned for the exhibit last summer are still at the museum. Please call-624-2173 if they belong to you.

LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

Lima Historical Society was founded to collect and preserve Lima's history, its architectural structures, and its culture to educate and inspire people today and tomorrow.

**Amherst Humphrey House
Built in Charleston NY (now Lima) in 1797**

This former Lima farmhouse now stands on the grounds of the Genesee Country Village and Museum. It was selected for preservation, and moved from its original location on West Main Rd. in Lima to the living history museum then under development in Mumford.

The timber frame structure has ten interconnected rooms and four fireplaces organized around a central chimney. Although relatively plain on the outside, the interior has beautifully crafted paneled doors, door and window surrounds, mantelpieces, cupboards, and chair rails—clearly the work of a skilled craftsman.

The 1800 Federal Census shows Amherst Humphrey, apparently a recent arrival from Massachusetts, living here with his wife and five children under 16, probably including four orphaned offspring of the Fox's from Heath Markham Rd (as per Marilyn Zaludny) .



Lima's Amherst Humphrey House at Genesee Country Village and Museum in Mumford.

Why not stop in and go through it yourself this summer?

The Lima Historical Society fondly remembers John Foster— a faithful member of the organization for many years.

**WELCOME TO NEW LHS MEMBERS
THANK YOU TO OUR LIFE MEMBERS
AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE RENEWED FOR 2014**

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**(We do not share our email address list)

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