THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

September 2016



The Burned Over District: Spirituality in the Genesee Valley

By Peter Wisbey, Curator, Genesee Country Village and Museum

Tuesday September 20th 7PM

During the early 19th century, western New Yorkers were gripped by waves of religious fervor as part of the *Second Great Awakening*. New groups, established churches, and utopian experiments all vied for converts. Mr. Wisbey's talk will examine these various groups – Shakers, Millerites, Mormons, Spiritualists and Evangelicals and the impact that they had on social change in our region. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. *Note new time.

Lima Court House (next to the Town Hall)

Tuesday, Sept 20th 7 PM

COME TO

THE SOCK HOP !!

With DJ Gary Reinhard

Saturday, September 17th 7 to 10 PM Ballroom of the Lima Town Hall See details inside

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Just One Month to Enjoy 2016 Exhibits at the Tennie Burton Museum LIMA ARTISTS: PAST AND PRESENT & REMEMBERING THE 60'S And for a unique homemade gift or local book, visit the MUSEUM MERCANTILE: BOOK AND GIFT SHOP	LHS SOCK HOPAt the Lima Town HallSecond Floor BallroomFor an evening of nostalgic music and fun, come to theLHS SOCK HOP on Saturday evening, September 17 th from 7 to 10 pm. Well-known Lima DJ Gary Reinhardwill be "spinning the discs."Bring your friends and family. Come in 50's/60's attire ornot; swing dance or just hum along to the music. Snacksand soft drinks will be available.Tickets: \$5 at the doorKids are welcomeProceeds to benefit the Lima Historical Society		
Volunteer Katie Culbertson Assists with LHS Library Reorganization We reported in May that Karen Hanson had stepped up to reorganize the extensive collection of catalogued books at the Tennie Burton Museum. In the process, she discovered quite a large number of books that appeared to be "missing" from the Resource Room library. Katie Culbertson has been working this summer to account for the 100's of "lost" books by going through the catalogue, and patiently matching the problematic cards with the huge volume of old books shelved elsewhere in the museum. Thank you to both Katie and Karen.	Artists' ReceptionSecond ConstructionAbout 35 people joined us to greet and congratulate the artists featured in our new exhibit of local Lima painters.Bennis Lakis & Mary Jule WelchAbout 35 people joined us to greet and congratulate the artists featured in our new exhibit of local Lima painters.Everyone enjoyed punch and delicious homemade snacks, along with some intense conversations (see photo). We plan to feature artists in other media next summer.		

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.

THE FIRST WOMAN TO RUN FOR UNITED STATES PRESIDENT -1884

BELVA By Joyce Rapp

"...Although she was not a born and bred a Lima daughter, her career as a lawyer and presidential candidate in 1884 and

1888 was probably triggered by her studies here at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in 1854 and her graduation from Genesee College, on the same campus in 1857. Born in 1830 at Royalton New York, a small town near Lockport, she began teaching when she was fifteen years old. Four years later, she married Uriah McNall. When he died in the early years of their marriage, leaving her with a young daughter, Lura, she boarded her child with her Illinois grandparents and enrolled at the Seminary. "

"...Following graduation, Belva was hired as preceptress at Lockport Union School where she again stirred the status quo with her feminist ideas."

"...By 1866, Lockwood was ready to begin the next phase of her career in Washington DC..."

After many difficulties in attaining her law degree, eventually "...Lockwood established herself as a respected member of the bar. And her advocacy for universal suffrage ad equal pay for equal work made her a well known figure on the feminist scene. However, when she agreed to run for president in 1884, suffrage leaders like

Cady-Stanton and [Susan B.] Anthony did not climb on her campaign bandwagon...Shortly thereafter, Lockwood learned that she had been nominated for President of the United States at the convention of the Equal Rights Party."

"...Although Belva lost her bid for the presidency then and again in 1888, she continued her law practice and her fight for equal rights while tooling around Washington on her tricycle."

(excerpted from Yesterday in Lima by Joyce Rapp, pp 24-27) Available at the Lima Museum Mercantile.

Condolences to the Family and Friends of Dan Bears



The Fox Sisters Spiritualism in Rochester

The Fox sisters were three girls from our region who played a significant role in the creation of Spiritualism. Margaret (1833-1893) and Kate (1837-1892) used 'rappings' to convince their older sister Leah (1814-1890) that they could communicate with the dead. The two young girls moved from Hydesville NY to Rochester to allow Leah to manage their "careers" as mediums.

Word spread among radical Quakers, many of whom were convinced of their psychic abilities. The girls became famous as mediums in the region and well beyond. Their followers became the core of the Spiritualist movement, which also espoused abolition, temperance and equal rights for women.

In 1888, the girls confessed that their "rappings" were a hoax produced by snapping toes, knees and ankles; they disavowed the Spiritualist movement.

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