

# THE YELLOW WASP

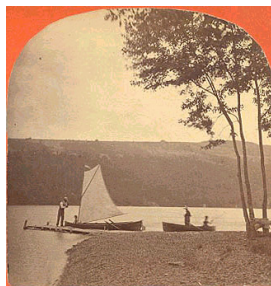
**Lima Historical Society**

**March 2010**

**LHS Meeting: Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30 PM**

*Canadice & Hemlock Lakes:  
A Look Back in Historic Photos - 1880's - 1940's*

**by Douglas Morgan  
Lima Town Historian**



Do you remember when Canadice Lake still had cottages around it? How about Hemlock Lake and its past glorious inns and hotels? Lima Town Historian Douglas Morgan will take us on a PowerPoint slide show of both lakes and discuss how they went from cottages to sanctuaries—private property to public trust.

Please join us for Canadice & Hemlock Lakes in antique photographs on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Lima Court House on East Main St. Lima (next to the Town Hall).

Free Admission

Open to the Public

Plenty of Parking

Tuesday, March 23rd

7:30 PM

Lima Court House

## **Summer Demonstrations at the Tennie Burton Museum**

Exciting news!! Following our grand reopening on Memorial Day, we are planning a series of special monthly demonstrations at the Tennie Burton Museum. On the first Sunday of each month—June through September— Jennifer Adams and her family will be offering a series of educational programs for young and old. They will feature spinning, weaving, 19th-century music and English country dancing. These programs will take place during our Sunday open hours, 2 to 4 PM, and will be free and open to the public. A detailed schedule for these workshops will come in the May *Yellow Wasp*.

We will also be opening a new exhibit in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting in America. Please see page 3 for details, or if you are able to give us information or artifacts relating to Boy Scouting in Lima.

## LHS Calendar of Events

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- Wednesday, March 10th**                      **Lima Historical Society Board Meeting, Lima Town Hall: 7:30 PM.**
- Tuesday, March 23rd**                      **Lima Historical Society General Meeting "Canadice & Hemlock Lakes:  
A Look Back in Historic Photos – 1880's – 1940's" by Douglas Morgan,  
Lima Town Historian. Lima Court House 7:30 PM.**
- April and May**                              **Reorganization and Cleaning of Tennie Burton Museum. Help needed. Please email Marilyn  
Schroeder [pmschroeder@frontiernet.net](mailto:pmschroeder@frontiernet.net) or Barbara May [BMAY123M@peoplepc.com](mailto:BMAY123M@peoplepc.com).**
- Sunday, May 23rd**                          **Lima Historical Society Annual Dinner Meeting. Speaker: Colleen Plimpton.**
- Memorial Day**                              **Grand Re-opening of the Tennie Burton Museum.  
Opening of new exhibit: 100th Anniversary of American Boy Scouts.**

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### What's Been Happening at the Tennie Burton Museum ??

You may have seen all the vehicles at the museum, and heard rumors about what has been going on there over the last few months. As we mentioned in the November *Yellow Wasp*, an extensive program of interior repair, repainting, and cleaning was planned for the museum during December.

Through the Livingston County Alternatives to Incarceration Program administered by the Sheriff's Department, a series of workdays were scheduled at the Tennie Burton Museum. Anywhere from 4 to 12 workers, as well as 1 or 2 deputies took part in the program on several days each week over a three week period. Floors, ceilings, woodwork and walls, where needed, were repaired, sanded and repainted during that time. A cleaning crew also came in to give the museum a thorough cleaning in between the sanding and painting. Thanks to Shanks Enterprises for their provision of trash cans during the painting cleanup.

A number of LHS members gave generously of their time to facilitate this process during the busy pre-Christmas season. First and foremost, Marilyn Schroeder did an exemplary job of planning, organizing, and scheduling the complex stages of the work, as well as LHS volunteer time. Other individuals who participated in various aspects of the project are (in alphabetical order): Judy Atwood, Judien and Jim Cooper, Dick Garey, Carol Ginder, Mike Leavy, Ellie Luhowy, Barbara May, Margaret Mercado, Shirley Murphy, Rose Reynolds, Sherlee and Bill Ruth, Martha Sempowski, Lee and Edna Shanks Mary Jule Welch, and Marilyn Zaludny.

Before the Sheriff's Department work could even begin, all of the exhibits had to be dismantled and artifacts and furniture safely packed up and stored. This was no small undertaking and we thank the Museum Committee and their helpers for their efforts then and in the months to come as the museum is put back in order. Throughout the several weeks of work by the crews, our members had to be on hand to safeguard our collections and to answer questions as they arose. The work was finished by Christmas and all seemed well. However, in all the rush of cleaning up, we had somehow forgotten to turn off the water in the museum as we would normally do in the winter. Then came those very cold January days!!!

On January 15th, the Museum Committee went into the museum early in the morning and found that the kitchen pipes had burst, spraying water all over the kitchen and into the dining room, and short circuiting the alarm system. To our dismay, we discovered that our insurance policy did not cover internal water damage. The LHS Board is presently in the process of reconsidering our insurance coverage. Thankfully, Lima resident, Larry Allen was able to come on short notice to fix the plumbing and replace the faucet. West Security was also called and came promptly to fix the circuit board (free of charge). Thanks to Andy Luft and Dick Garey for facilitating that work. The dining room floor was also seriously weakened by the water. Carpenter Bob Hanna was called to reinforce and replace the dining room floor boards. Marilyn Zaludny and Barbara May donated floor paint and Mike Leavy will sand and refinish the dining room floor. Several other members have offered to chip in toward a new rug for that room.

Plans are now in place for the Sheriff's Department crews to paint the exterior of the building in the spring. Then, it remains to get everything back in place, clean the house, and prepare for our Grand Reopening on Memorial Day. Volunteers welcome.

## A CHINA HEAD DOLL AT THE LIMA MUSEUM

by Sherlee Ruth, January 28, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Lima Historical Society Board was in progress. As I sat and listened, my eyes moved upward to focus on a glass enclosed doll which had been placed atop a cabinet. It hadn't been there before, if I remembered correctly. I have an affinity for dolls and belong to a doll club. I began to wonder what kind of a doll it was. When the meeting finished, I asked the group about the doll. Barb May of the museum committee, answered "Oh, we just put it up there to keep her out of the way while the cleaning was going on. I don't know much about her except she is supposed to be quite valuable and was given to the museum when it first opened." I asked if I could have it photographed, to make an identity, and was granted the request. My husband and I visited the museum shortly afterwards and made a set of photos which I took to the next meeting of the Bloomfield Doll Club. They told me it was an easy identification, that the doll was called a China Head and was probably from the mid-1880's.

That much accomplished, I began my research, both in my collection of doll magazines and books, plus information found on the Internet. Next came a visit to a Doll Show in Alexandria, New York. I was drawn immediately to a fine display of China Head dolls. The dealer explained that the age of the dolls could be determined by their hair-dos. There was ample material on these dolls in my books and they matched our museum doll. From the 1984 edition of Foulke's Blue Book of Dolls and Values, I found that our doll was called "The Covered Wagon" style because her hair and clothing were from 1850-1870 era. They were made mostly in Germany. I made a report back to the board and all were impressed with the doll's age and value. I had also seen an exhibit in our museum of photographs taken on the opening day of the museum, and there was our former Historian, Mary Semmel, holding the doll. I had to explain, however, that our doll (although beautifully dressed in a gown) was disintegrating. Her white, cotton body was splattered with yellow spots, a common problem with straw stuffed dolls of that era. The book experts suggest that the body could be replaced. Our board members declined any such action, saying the doll was very interesting in its present state and that they wouldn't consider a new body unless it absolutely fell apart. The experts agree. She (who has no name) will be on display once the cleaning, painting and repairs inside the museum are finished. Why not come in then to see her and perhaps suggest a name for this lovely, old doll?

*Photo by Bill Ruth*

### NEEDED

#### Lima Boy Scout Memories & Memorabilia

This summer, the LHS will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of American Boy Scouts with an exhibit at the Tennie Burton Museum. We are looking for information, memories, uniforms, flags, badges, awards, photos, canteens, mess kits, and other equipment pertaining to Boy Scouting in Lima. Please email or call Marilyn Schroeder (582-1238) [pmschroeder@frontiernet.net](mailto:pmschroeder@frontiernet.net) or Barbara May (624-2173) [BMAY123M@peoplepc.com](mailto:BMAY123M@peoplepc.com) if you are willing to help us with materials or info about Lima scouting.

### THANK YOU

#### to John Bailey

The Lima Historical Society extends a sincere thank you to John Bailey, owner of Bailey Custom Furniture on Livingston Street in Lima, for his generosity to the organization and to the Tennie Burton Museum. John is presently in the process of repairing and refinishing two candle stands and the front hall table hall for us at no charge to LHS.

We are extremely grateful to John and look forward to showing off his handiwork when the museum reopens in May.

### 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.

# Lima Historical Society

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**Please Do So Today!**

**We Need Your Support Now More Than Ever**

**Membership Form Enclosed**