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Salute to
LOGAN COUNTY Artists & Authors
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday April 30th, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

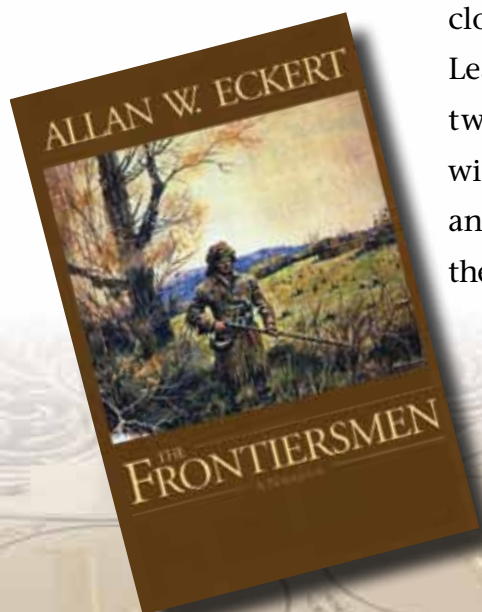


The Logan County History Center will host a *Salute to Logan County Artists & Authors* open house on Sunday, April 30, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00. The open house will feature exhibits throughout the history center on some of the artists and authors, like Warren Cushman and Allan W. Eckert, who have called Logan County home. Other exhibits will include art projects

by several Benjamin Logan Fifth and Sixth Grade classes featuring landmarks in Logan County. The Historical Society has been working closely with the Logan County Art League on this open house. Ten to twelve members of the Art League will be putting on demonstrations



and showing their artwork in the Transportation Museum's Atrium during the open house. There may be a few author book signings as well.



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**Logan County History Center
Includes:**

- The Orr Mansion
- The Logan County Museum
- The Transportation Museum
- Logan County Historical Society
- AcuSport Meeting Room
- Presidents' Meeting Room

HISTORY CENTER HOURS

Wednesday through Sunday
1:00-4:00 p.m.

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CURATOR'S CORNER



Todd McCormick

Too many times I have had to write in my Curator's Corner about the passing of one our beloved and dedicated volunteers. In this article, I need to mention three such people. Over the last few months Marj Brundage, Perry Hodies and Dick Ortli have all died.

Marj had not been able to volunteer for several years because of her health. However, before that she was docent and served on the Long-Range Planning committee when it first started in the late 1990s. Among its many goals, the Long-Range Plan called for an expansion of the museum which ultimately resulted in the Transportation Museum. Marj had a deep interest and knowledge of Logan County history. I'm sure she was influenced by her mother Louise Underwood who was a longtime and active member of the Historical Society.

Perry and Barb Hodies moved full-time to Florida a few years ago. We have missed them greatly over that time and have enjoyed their few visits back home. Perry and Barb were one of the first couples I got to know when I first became curator/director. Ever since then I have described them as the nicest people I have ever met. Perry was a docent for us and a valued member of the Building Committee. However, what I remember most about Perry was the way his face would light up when he talked about growing up at the amusement park at Indian Lake. He brought the amusement park to life for those who remembered it and even those of us who had never seen it.

Dick Ortli's death was a shock to all of us. Dick left an indelible impression on the Logan County History Center. As a member of the Building Committee he helped lay the floors in the lobby & Presidents' Room, worked on the caboose, installed doors, made numerous repairs and much, much more. As a monthly docent, he showed scores of people through the museum. Perhaps the greatest mark Dick left at the Logan County Historical Society was the history he taught the hundreds of students he led through the museum as one of our most dedicated and available student tour guides. Dick was a great person and he will be missed.

Our thoughts are with Richard Brundage and family, Barb Hodies and family, and Pat Ortli and family. Marj, Perry and Dick will be remembered very fondly by their Logan County Historical Society family.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

- Dec. Winner:** Diana Wackerman
- Jan. Winner:** Dee Ricketts
- Feb. Winner:** Amanda Norris

Docent Training Sessions

We are entering our busy time with the local schools through the traveling programs we take into the schools, school field trips to the History Center and our 3rd Grade Logan County Landmark Field Trip grant program. Over the last few years every Logan County school district, including West Liberty-Salem, as well as several schools from outside the county have visited the museum or taken part in the Logan County Landmark field trip or have taken advantage of our traveling programs. In some cases, all three. We are very proud of our growing relationship with area schools.

With so many field trips coming to the History Center, we depend on quite a few of our volunteers to be tour guides. In fact, we always need more and hope some of you reading this article will want to come help or may know someone who would like to be one of our school tour docents. We will be having a **SCHOOL GROUP DOCENT TRAINING SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH AT 10:00 A.M.** We need your help so please consider school group tour guide.

We will also be having our **“REGULAR” DOCENT TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH AT 6:30 P.M.** for those interested in being docents during the History Center’s normal hours (Wednesday-Sunday 1:00-4:00) and open houses. We encourage our current and any potential docents to come to this training. Please call the office at 593-7557 or email me at tmccormick@loganhistory.org if you have any questions about either of the docent trainings.

Leave Your Legacy

It is never too early to plan ahead and to consider your gift to the Logan County History Center. Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor, or somewhere in between, your gift can make a difference. Even a small amount can have a big impact over time.

Consider a planned gift for the Logan County History Center if you want to:

- Celebrate Logan County’s heritage
- Provide ongoing support after your lifetime
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- Feel positive about the impact you have on your community’s history

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If you would like to preserve part of your life forever by sharing with the entire community, please consider donating. If you have any questions please contact Todd at (937) 593-7557 or email at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.



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An Artist in Every Sense of the Word

Webster's New World Dictionary defines an artist as:

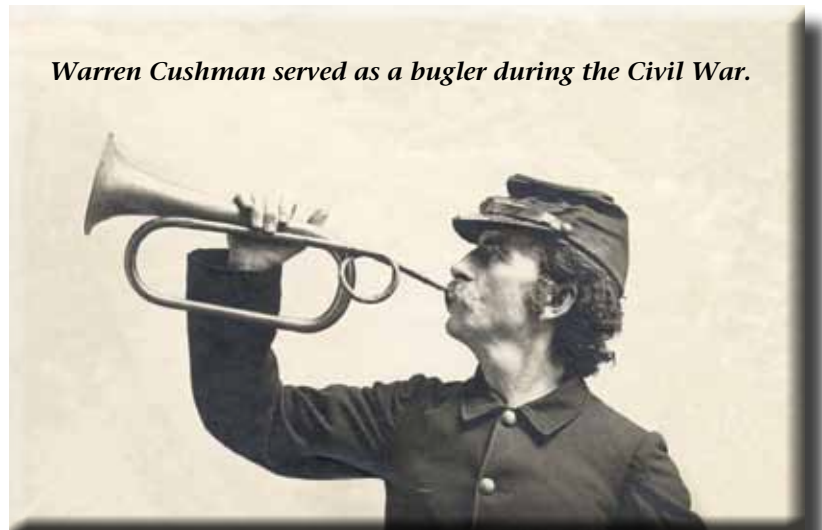
- 1) *"a person who works in, or is skilled in the techniques of, any of the fine arts, esp. in painting, drawing, sculpture, etc."*
- 2) *"a person who does anything very well, with imagination and a feeling for form, effect, etc."*

You can add photography and musical ability to the first definition and change "anything" to "everything" in the second definition and they would both describe Warren Sibley Cushman perfectly. Cushman was a prominent artist of this area whose works hung in the Corcoran Gallery in Washington D.C. and whose portrait of President Rutherford B. Hayes is in the White House.

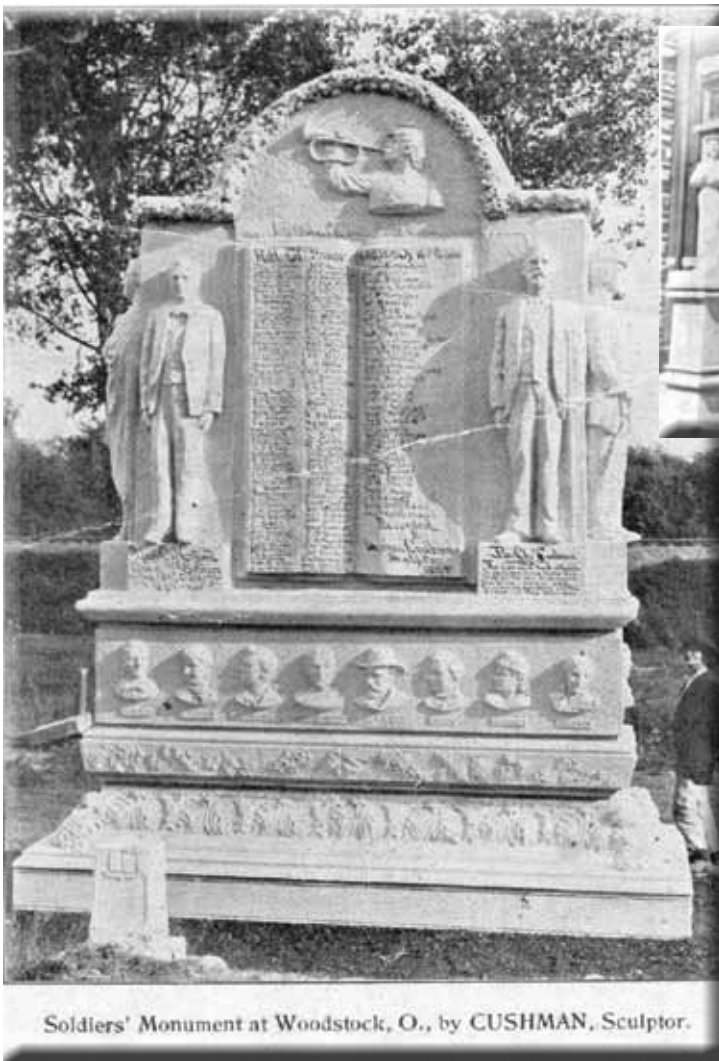
Warren Sibley Cushman was born in Woodstock, Champaign County, Ohio in 1845. He served as regimental bugler in the 134th Ohio Voluntary Infantry during the Civil War. Cushman also worked at several area resorts such as Springs Hotel, Silver Lake and Orchard Island. From 1883-1890 Cushman taught art and music in Springfield.

During his career Cushman made around one thousand paintings and many sculptures, including the statues of the sailor and soldier that once stood at Memorial Hall, and the elaborate Cushman family sculpture at the Woodstock Cemetery. His painting, Spanish Dancing Girls, was exhibited at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair (Columbian Expedition). It later sold for more than \$10,000.

Dr. Earl Sloan, of Sloan's Liniment fame, was a patron of Cushman commissioning the artist to paint several portraits, including the one of Dr. Sloan that is hanging in the hallway of the Logan County Museum. Sloan also had Cushman supervise the interior decoration of his home in New Bern, North Carolina.



Warren Cushman served as a bugler during the Civil War.



Soldiers' Monument at Woodstock, O., by CUSHMAN, Sculptor.



Left: Soldier and Sailor statues designed and sculpted by Warren Cushman for Memorial Hall in Bellefontaine. The statues are no longer in existence.

Right: Cushman's portrait of Dr. Earl Sloan of Sloan's Liniment fame. Sloan and Cushman were good friends. Cushman even oversaw the interior decorating of Sloan's home in New Bern, North Carolina.

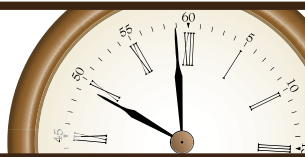


Left: Cushman's painting of cows crossing a stream.



Above: Cushman painted "Faith, Hope and Charity" for the Zanesfield Presbyterian Church in 1913. The paintings are still hanging in the Zanesfield Community Chapel. Photograph from Mary Mortimer.

2017



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 01** Building Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- 19** Society Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 25** Young Historians Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 30** *Salute to Logan County Arts*
Open House 1:00-4:00 p.m.

MAY

- 00** **NO** May Building Committee Meeting
- 11** **Trustee** Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 23** Young Historians Meeting 6:00 p.m.

JUNE

- 03** Building Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- 21** Society Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

JULY

- 01** Building Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- 13** **Trustee** Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MEETING NOTICE

April 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

The next Historical Society Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the AcuSport Meeting Room. Dwight Hansen and Brian Baker will talk about the restoration of the Wissler WA-6 Biplane. They will discuss how they went about researching the history of plane, learning the different techniques used in the restoration, recreating parts of the plane from scratch and much more. The presentation should be very interesting. For those have seen the WA-6 hanging in the Transportation Museum, you can imagine how much work and skill went into the restoration.

Light refreshments will be served.

June 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Bruce Norris will be the speaker at the June Historical Society Membership Meeting. Bruce will talk about the history of radio stations in Logan County, a topic he is very knowledgeable in and which he has firsthand experience. It should be an enjoyable evening. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the AcuSport Meeting Room.

Light refreshments will be served.

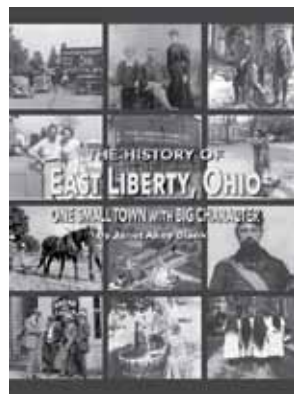
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The Young Historians are continuing this year's theme of Logan County Art by combining art and Logan County history. At the January meeting the members chose photographs of their favorite artifacts in the History Center. These photographs will be turned into a coloring book of the Logan County History Center. The February meeting saw the Young Historians use clay to make models of some of their favorite things in the museum. We will continue to work on the coloring book and models over the next couple of months.

The Young Historians will meet on Tuesday, March 28th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Presidents' Room of the Logan County History Center. The April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 25th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please note that this date was changed from the original Young Historians schedule. We will end our 2016-2017 Young Historians' year with an ice cream sundae party on Tuesday, May 23rd from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Presidents' Room.



December 7, 2016

March 7, 2017

Don & Susan Corwin
Benjamin Logan musical and school programs, Freemason's program for Grand Master Edgar L. Miller. Letter from Bruce Fawcett to Milk Route customers

Mark & Jeff Vernon
needlework from the Allinger family

Lynn Hooley
Bellefontaine Examiner newspapers

David Keller
Hayfork, cow magnet, 1934 Belle Center Herald-Voice newspaper

Dr. Harry Graber
book The Making of a Physician: This Was My Calling written by Dr. Graber

Bob Notestine
Photographs of his father Robert Notestine standing outside his Logan News Newsstand on south Main St. in Bellefontaine, Bob's Hamburger Restaurant and of Phebe Haines Sharp gravestone, matchbook from the Bob "N" restaurant.

Bob Easterday
Telegraph sounder boards

Terry & Susan Conley
Dog n Suds restaurant glass mug

Yvonne Smith
Photograph of Logan County Sheriff George Smith, 1916-1921 Logan Directory, Washington Local High School sweater, Hartley & Nichol basketball team uniform, Logan County Fair ribbons

Virginia Gregg
old cigar box, farm photographs

Pleasant Township
Check writer

Matt Stonerock
World War Army Air Corps uniform, military patches, US Capitol American flag

Robert Mattfeld
Produce scale from Tinsley's IGA, egg carton press

Antoinette "Tony" Angle Musser
1952 "The Washingtonian" yearbook (Washington Local School)

Karen Beasley
Lady's gloves

Bill Arnold
Drawing of a New York Central Lines steam engine by T.G. Fortney, Roundhouse photograph, railroad telephone

Marsha Roberts
Telephone Co. pole digging shovels, mowing scythe, drainage tile shovel

Bruce & Louise Norris
Jaycees armband, Farmers Banking Co. money bag, Huber Buchenroth garment Bag, I-T-E demonstration circuit breaker

Honda of America
2008 Honda V6 engine

Dale Holycross
1888 Rushsylvania Times reprint about the Brockerman Hall tragedy

Linda Shuttleworth
Vietnam era Navy uniform of her late husband – Chief Petty Officer George Shuttleworth

Bellefontaine Fire Dept.
"Resusci" Annie CPR doll

Springhills Auto Wrecking
1963 Ford Falcon car door (for restaurant exhibit)

Marna Elliot
Robert P. Kennedy genealogy, family photographs, Zane family genealogy

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- Christmas Open House docent/volunteer
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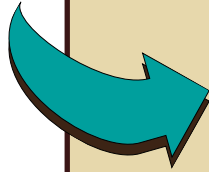
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