The Delhi Historical Society recently received two substantial grants. Once again John Schiff and the Skyler Foundation blessed us with a $10,000 gift. This gift was a godsend because recent landscaping, grass cutting and upgrades to the Farmhouse had really put a strain on the society’s ability to properly preserve Delhi’s history and on the important educational initiatives.

We also received $2,000 from Best Buy through the efforts of the Riverview Delhi Kiwanis. This money is earmarked for landscaping, grass cutting and upgrades to our exterior. Already some of the funds have been used to grade and regravel our driveway and parking lot. We especially want to thank Kiwanis members Al Dubeer and Gary Schroeder for working with Best Buy to secure this grant.

The historical society hopes to publicly honor these major donors at our November 12 program and at our Holiday Gala.

The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum reopens March 1. Hours are noon-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday.

The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum is open every Thursday & Sunday.

It’s Tea Time

It’s not too early to make reservations for Holiday Teas at the Farmhouse. Tea dates are Dec 1, 2, 8 and 9 - cost is $16 per person. Reservations go quickly so call Nancy Cusick, 922-4538, TODAY to reserve your seating. Groups are welcomed and encouraged.

The Detroit Historical Society Farmhouse is open every Thursday & Sunday.

Society News

Christmas Gala Dec. 2.
Mark Your Calendars Now

Mark your calendar now for the Delhi Christmas Gala to be held at the College of Mount St. Joseph Fifth Third Bank Hall. The Society will honor the Friedhoff Florists at this year’s Holiday Gala on Sunday, Dec. 2, as we continue to recognize the importance of the Greenhouse industry in Delhi.

Details:
College of Mount St. Joseph Fifth Third Bank Hall
Scrumptious Dinner served at your seat!
• Same great price as last year
• Live and Silent Auctions including, golf, wine, restaurants, trips, plus more, more, more!!
This event is the major fundraiser for the Delhi Historical Society. Your patronage ensures that the Farmhouse Museum can continue to provide quality exhibits, programming and preservation of Delhi’s history.

Best of Delhi

Don’t forget to return your Best of Delhi Raffle tickets by the September 10 meeting. You can mail ahead of time or bring to the meeting (no need to cut the sheets - our volunteers will gladly do it for you). We have some great prizes provided by Delhi businesses and institutions. Please remember to thank Robben Florist, McCabes, Delhi Frisch’s, The College of Mount St. Joseph, and Delhi Skyline for their generosity. You don’t need to be present to win.

Thanks
Thank you to all the historical society members who helped in so many different ways after the sudden death of our daughter Tina - Ben and Peg Schmidt.

Upcoming Dates

• Sept 10 - Americans at War - the Rise of the Machines with Col. Dean Smittle, 7 p.m. Delhi Park Lodge.
• Nov. 12 - Life on a Delhi Farm with Clinton and Howard Seitz
• Farmhouse Christmas Teas - Dec. 1, 2, 8 and 9.
• Delhi Christmas Gala - Dec. 2, College of Mount St. Joseph Fifth Third Bank Hall.

Upcoming Programs:

September 10: Americans At War - the Rise of the Machines.

The weapons people use to fight wars has changed dramatically in the past decade. The increased use of unmanned aerial vehicle - or drone - is but one example of the impact of technology in modern warfare. Retired Air Force Colonel Dean Smittle will talk about the changes in war weapons in his talk “Americans At War: The Rise of the Machines” on Monday, Sept. 10, at the Delhi Park Lodge. Col. Smittle is a military historian and is a military analyst on WLW Radio and WCPO-TV. He is an art educator, Disabled Vietnam Veteran, and is an active Aerospace artist whose works have been exhibited locally and nationally. His military career spans several decades in two branches of service - the Army and Air Force.

The date on your mailing label tells you when your membership expires. Don’t miss out on everything your membership offers. Renew your membership! (If no date appears then you are a life member.)
From the Archives
Archives enriched by recent addition of church/school documents

The Delhi Historical Society recently received several artifacts and collections related to religion in Delhi Township and the surrounding area.

St. Stephen School
Several weeks ago, Charles Paff walked into the Delhi Historical Society with architectural drawings from 1893 for a “St. Stephen’s School” to be built in Delhi Township. They didn’t appear to be any building that currently stands in the township, so we went to our archives to search.

Knowing that Our Lady of Victory Church had been called St. Stephen Catholic Church until 1853, we searched the records we have in our archives, only to find the photo at right of a school built in 1896 that clearly matches the drawings Mr. Paff brought to us.

According to a parish history written in 1943, St. Stephen Parish children attended school in the old log church which had been built in 1842 on Rapid Run Road. That log church moved to Neeb Road in 1852 when a parishioner donated the current property. When a new brick church was built in 1853, the church name changed, but the school was still called St. Stephen.

By 1893, it was clear that this old log building was not sufficient for the number students. Plans began for a two-story building that would also contain a dwelling apartment for the Franciscan Sisters who taught at the school. It was to be their home and workplace until 1917 when a convent was built next to the church (about where the OLV Convocation Center stands today).

The old log church then became a residence for St. Stephen parish priests.

In 1930, a new school (still standing) was built and connected to the 1893 school.

St. Martin Evangelical Protestant Church
One of our Farmhouse volunteers, Pam Hubert, has secured even more valuable records. While researching her Duebber/Krueger family tree, she needed to find records from St. Martin Church, which was located on River Road in Sedamsville from 1849 until the 1960s. Their church records had been transferred to Trinity Hill Church on Glenhaven, but were in a locked safe with no key. Pam secured a locksmith to open the safe, so the pastor has allowed her (and us) access to the records, which we are scanning and indexing.

These valuable church books contain baptismal, confirmation, marriage and funeral records for many families who lived on the east side of Delhi Township, Riverside and Sedamsville.

Pam continues to scan the hundreds of pages in the books. We are looking for someone who can do a name index so that people can easily search the records. If you are interested in doing this (can be done from your home either on paper or a computer), email delhi.history@fuse.net or give us a call at 513-451-4313. Some of the records are in German.

Page from St. Martin book from 1912 containing baptisms, funerals and marriages

We also very much appreciate donations of up to $99 from the following:

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Francis Ott Allen
Marilyn Armstrong
Karen Bepler
A Eugene Berke
Jean Burke
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Cappel
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Jim Mullen
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Membership Form
Name:____________________________________________
Address:__________________________________________
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Phone:_______________  e-mail:______________________
Make checks payable to: Delhi Historical Society,
468 Anderson Ferry Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238

Membership Levels
Senior Citizen or Student ($10)  Regular Annual ($20)
Regular Family ($35)  Sustaining Individual/Family ($50)
Patron Individual/Family ($100)  Business ($100)
Benefactor ($500)  Founder ($1,000)

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