

MUSEUM MUSINGS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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EXHIBITS: Our current exhibit features Archies Comics memorabilia of Nancy Silberkleit, co-CEO of Archies Comic Publications. Nancy's father-in-law, Louis Silberkleit, began publishing the Archies Comics in 1941, and when she married his son, she herself developed an interest in collecting Archies memorabilia. July 5th, Great Day Live (WHAS11) did 3 segments on the Archies Comics exhibit, which will remain on display through December 14, 2018.

Our next exhibit (January 7 – June 14, 2019) will feature WWII memorabilia from the collection of Dr. James E. Wheeler, a local resident. Dr. Wheeler's father, Gene Wheeler, was a heroic WWII pilot who died when he had to crash-land his plane, but not before making sure the 15 paratroopers aboard exited the plane safely first.

DONATIONS: Linda Horton donated some news clippings and a daguerreotype of Aileen Bryan as a child c1893. Aileen was the granddaughter of Dr. William Bryan, a Jeffersontown physician in the early 1900s. Aileen herself was a nurse (MORE ON AILEEN)

Laurel Horton donated a beautiful early 1900s writing desk that belonged to Sarah Owings Sprowl, who was the first wife of local entrepreneur, E.R. Sprowl. Sarah was referred to as "Sadie" by her husband, but according to the name engraved on her desk, Sarah went by the name "Sallie" as a young girl.

Laurel also donated a mid-late-1800s wool blanket believed to be from the Jeffersontown area. This blanket consists of two sections, each woven on a loom and joined by a central seam, then bound on either end.

In addition to the shadowboxes of Jeffersontown Police Department badges and such donated last month, Major Lee Meredith also brought in a 1970s riot helmet, a 1990s baton, and a radar gun to add to our collection of JPD artifacts.

McKAY REUNION: September 21st, The McKay family had a mini-reunion at the museum. The McKays married into the Bryan family (In 1872, Lizzie McKay married Charles Bryan, the son of William Bryan, one of Jeffersontown's first doctors). A cousin of the Bryan-Horton family, Hugh MacKay of Edinburgh, Scotland, traveled here just to meet his newly-discovered Jeffersontown relatives.

Members of the McKay family – Hugh MacKay is wearing the clan's tartan.



NEWS FROM JEFFERSONTOWN ARTS PROGRAM- OCTOBER-2018 -Rhonda Rowland

JUNE 2018- Teen Paint party with Whet Your Palette and the Jtown Library. The teens produced some great original art that they took home that day!

JULY 2018- Once again, the Children's Art camps were a great success! The children learned new techniques and created some really good original artwork.

AUGUST 2018- Nice evening of good music, dancing and eating. Junction Creek entertained the crowd with their country rock songs. Fun was had by all who attended this free, Jtown Arts event.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

-OCTOBER 5, 2018-DR. JEKYLL AND MR HYDE-A staged reading by KY Shakespeare Actors. 7-8:30PM at the Daniel Ruckriegel SR Ballroom. Free event.

-DECEMBER 4, 2018-SENIOR PAINT PARTY. Noon-2pm.- Holiday themed acrylic 8x10 painting. Whet Your Palette will instruct the group and they will take their painting home that day. Arts Program providing a discount and Seniors Center Members only pay \$5.00.

**Event details are available on the City of Jeffersontown webpage, under the calendar and on the City of Jeffersontown Facebook page.

**Send me an email at rowland@jeffersontownky.gov to be included in the Arts Program Events eblast of coming programs. Please tell your family and friends and join us in Jeffersontown for these great artsy happenings. Hope to see you soon. *Rhonda Rowland, Arts Program Mgr.*



Teen Paint Party



2018 Summer Art Camp