

## Mark Your Calendar! Annual Meeting Set for May 26<sup>th</sup>

The annual meeting of the Tiffin Historic Trust membership is just around the corner. It will be held May 26th at 6:00 PM in Wickham Hall (Castle) on the Heidelberg University campus.

The speaker for the event will be Tom Potts of Silling and Associates, with Commissioner Holly Stacy. The much anticipated construction of The Seneca County Justice Center is about to begin. Tom is passionate about good design, especially courthouses and its importance to the environment around it.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 and consist of a spring salad mix, butternut squash ravioli, herb crusted pork loin with pan gravy, Parmesan crusted chicken with sage butter, Parmesan herb roasted redskin potatoes, and Prince Edward veggies. Dessert will feature a turtle cheesecake or fresh berry sauce cheesecake.

There will be a cash bar.

Tickets can be purchased for \$25.00 per person by contacting the Tiffin Historic Trust. You must RSVP by May 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Tom Potts,**  
Principal  
Silling  
Architects



**Holly Stacy,**  
Seneca County  
Commissioner



### A Message From The President John Bing

We find it easiest to respect and preserve what we can see and touch. Thus, for most of our history as an

organization we have protected, restored and honored the buildings of Tiffin, our living heritage.

We must continue to offer our support to all efforts to preserve the best of our physical inheritance. We are more, however, than the sons and daughters of brick and mortar. We are the inheritors of the craft and passion that lies behind these creations. We remember an ethic of work and a love of play. Our mission is to listen to past voices and find guidance for the future.

I am not making yet another plea to “make America great again.” We are called is to continue and enlarge a promise of greatness, however shadowed by recklessness, ignorance, and greed, a rebirth of honor, courage and hope.

We tell a narrative of the past, a love story of many lives and many dreams. We represent, we re-present, an unfinished journey. We call for a new generation to write the next chapter in a long and humbling quest, to learn from our mistakes and take pride in how those who came before overcame physical barriers, suffering and injustice, to build a better world.

Historic preservation is not to pass on self-serving distortions, the legends and the myths that often cloud understanding. We exist to shine light on the past so that we can be a light for the future. We must tell the story of Tiffin as a truth, as a tapestry of failures, struggles, triumphs and dreams. We are the Italian stone mason, the German shopkeeper, the Czech glassblower, the black barber, the maiden teacher, the quiet nun. We taught our children, built our churches, tended our gardens, founded our industries and endowed our parks.

What do we “preserve?” At this moment in time, as members of this organization? The instruction of our failings and the inspiration of our achievements—what we were and are and shall be.

# BEHIND THE FAÇADE 2

Tiffin Historic Trust's Education Committee is planning another tour for the afternoon of June 12<sup>th</sup>. The first Behind the Façade tour was so successful; we are choosing to continue with the program. We will explore historic building in the block around the courthouse square. To accommodate people easier and with a greater selection of properties, we are adopting a different format. As in the Holiday House Tours, we will list the participating properties and allow visitors to tour one, or all of them, at their own pace within the allotted time frame. Check the next newsletter for more details about participating destinations.

## The Building Doctor Clinic Set

Plan to attend the Building Doctor Clinic Thursday, July 21st, 7-9 PM at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library.

Two Building Doctor experts from the State Historic Preservation Office will be conducting this informative seminar which includes ways to recognize and solve such common old-building problems as peeling paint, failing plaster, wet basements, deteriorating masonry, damaged wood, window

repair and many other topics. They will also be visiting 10 local sites by appointment on Friday.

Pre-registration is required to attend the Thursday seminar. Information is available online at [building-doctor.org](http://building-doctor.org), and brochures are available at SIEDC/Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce office. Tiffin Historic Trust, SIEDC and Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center are co-sponsors.



### TIFFIN HISTORIC TRUST PROPOSED BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2106 - JUNE 30, 2017

	BUDGET 2015-2016	ACTUAL 9 Months 2015-2016	PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Annual Meeting	\$1,000	\$25	\$1,000
Brown House Rend	\$5,700	\$3,975	\$5,400
Donations/Memorials	\$2,000	\$7,083	\$2,000
Dues	\$3,000	\$965	\$2,000
Fundraisers	\$1,200	\$8,660	\$4,000
Sales	\$0	\$50	\$0
Events (formerly Brown House Events)	\$2,000	\$1,545	\$3,500
Art Walk	\$0	\$275	\$0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$14,900</b>	<b>\$22,578</b>	<b>\$17,900</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Annual Meeting	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,300
Brown House	\$5,300	\$3,522	\$6,000
Brown House Rental	\$0	\$738	\$500
Dues to Others	\$100	\$285	\$300
Events	\$400	\$1,055	\$1,500
Fundraisers	\$200	\$0	\$200
Legal-Accounting Fees	\$700	\$600	\$700
Marketing Fees	\$200	\$0	\$200
Newsletters	\$100	\$0	\$200
Postage/Box Fee	\$300	\$60	\$300
Insurance	\$3,000	\$2,664	\$3,300
Board Expense	\$100	\$0	\$100
Office Expenses	\$300	\$0	\$300
Historic Properties	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Workshops	\$200	\$0	\$200
Art Walk	\$0	\$274	\$0
Endowment Fund	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$14,900</b>	<b>\$9,198</b>	<b>\$17,900</b>

### Nominations for THT Board

**Terms expiring 2017:** Jackie Fletcher, Cindy Kalnow, Mark Levans, David/Christa Selnick Phyllis Watts

**Terms expiring 2018:** Karin Brown, Rod Morrison, Vicki Ohl, Valeriya Stoyanova, Ashley Woodruff

**Term Expiring 2019:** John Bing, Doug Collar, Mary Lewis, Joan Martin, Nancy Rubenstein

#### Officers for 2016-2017

John Bing - President  
Jackie Fletcher - Vice-President  
Mark Levans - Treasurer  
Nancy Rubenstein - Secretary

Submitted by the Nominating Committee - Doug Collar, Joan Martin, and Nancy Rubenstein

# A Magical Tea Event It Was!

**A**pril 9th the rooms of the Grammes-Brown House turned into a magical tea event, "Dolly and Me." The program featured Myrna Riedel, co-owner of the Enchanted Moment Doll Museum and Gallery. Riedel began her narrative with a story about finding "a little doll, all alone on her bench tucked deeply inside a box, left on her front doorstep ... Welcome to my world," she continued with the story and shared that she cleaned, repaired, and cared for that doll which now resides in the museum.

Riedel shared that in her family there were three older sisters and when they went to school, she was left at home. She turned to her dolls who became her friends. Out of that friendship grew her love for dolls and today she still "plays with dolls."

In the early 1900s when one played with their dolls, "they would go into the parlor (living room), sit very still on the sofa, on a Sunday afternoon." The heads and arms of the dolls were fragile.

Throughout the room, Riedel had placed numerous dolls that were owned and named by members of the six or

eight members of the Grammes/Brown family. "Each doll is like a piece of artistry", she said, "signed by the artist who made them, and marked with mold and/or patent numbers or a limited edition number just like fine paintings." She gave an historical accounting of each doll by name, indicating that most were made in Germany.

However, heads and other parts were sold and "mothers made the rest of the doll out of whatever materials were available."

Several young attendees brought their dolls and shared information with all in attendance. Several adult women also brought their dolls and/or shared comments about their favorite dolls.

Future teas are scheduled for August 13 and October 8, 2016. The August tea will feature Lisa Swickard discussing "Tiffin Tales." The October tea will feature Ron Hill presenting "A Goblin Good Time."



*Top Left: Myrna Riedel, "Welcome to my world."*

*Bottom Left: Becky Hill, Laura Hill, Averie Hill holding her great-grandmothers (Ella Mae Holmer) doll, "Jo".*

*Bottom Right: Gracin Hampshire with her American Girl dolls.*





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## Our Mission

*"To promote historic preservation in Tiffin by meetings, publications, tours, or other means. To act as a non-profit organization to apply for and accept any grants that may be appropriate to further the cause of historic preservation. To promote and develop any plan for the preservation and restoration of Tiffin and to work with all interested groups and individuals to put this plan into effect."*

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