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# Tiffin Selected For "The Building Doctor" Clinic

Tiffin Historic Trust, SEIDC, and Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau are announcing the selection of Tiffin as one of six Ohio communities to be the sites of Building Doctor Clinics in 2016.

The Building Doctor is a two-part program

The Building Doctor is a two-part program presented by two "doctors" who present a Thursday evening lecture on July 21 and site visits to "sick" buildings the next day (July 22<sup>nd</sup>.) The Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as well as common maintenance and rehabilitation issues are addressed during the two and a half hour evening lecture. The lecture is to

be held at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library. This lecture is open to the general public and will include a formal presentation followed by a question and answer session.

The site visits, which are filled on a first-come first-served pre-registered basis, are open to local owners of all

types of private and nonprofit structures that were constructed prior to 1955, and located within a five-mile radius of Tiffin. The site visits are not tours for the public; they are opportunities for individual property owners to get advice from staff experienced with maintenance and preservation of historic buildings. During the clinic visits, the doctors each visit five sites on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July for a total of ten locations.

More information will be available after the contract has been signed and fees paid in February. Contact one of the sponsoring entities for further information.



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.

# A Message From John Bing



The past is present. It lives, not only in our memories, but in the amazing artistry that

still graces our homes, shops and public places.

Be for a moment enchanted by the past. It is our future. To recognize the care and attention to beauty that guided craftspeople, is to believe in a future that need not be manufactured and punched out by machines. While their work and memories remain in our hearts, we will carry forward the pride of craft and faith in imagination. That is why we look back. To share with our children a future world of the well-made and the well-loved.

It has been said that Grandma's recipes were better because they were made with the secret ingredient of love. That is also the secret for the success of the Enchanted Moment Doll Museum & Shoppe. Open since 2013 in Tiffin, the museum is a hidden treasure here in Seneca County. Over 3,000 dolls from far and wide, from past and present, live cherished lives in the many rooms of the museum owned and operated by Jean Berlekamp and Myrna Riedel. The museum and shoppe share space adjacent to Grammes-Brown House located at 174 Jefferson Street.

Enchantment is an oasis in the midst of sterile commercial designs and fabricated commodities. Beauty never leaves the world. It breathes new life into our dreams, in our striving to create a better future for the many generations to come, for the Tiffin's of the future. At the Enchanted Doll Museum and Shoppe there is an opportunity to go back in time and rekindle some of those memories.

# Three Victorian Theme-Teas Scheduled for 2016

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Our first tea is, "Tea for Dolly and Me," Saturday, April 9th, 2016, 12:30 P.M. We challenge you to bring your daughter, granddaughter, and perhaps your own doll. The ladies next door at The Enchanted Moment Doll & Gift Shoppe will be joining us and sharing their extensive knowledge of dolls. The Grammes-Brown House also has generations of dolls on display upstairs.

We think Tiffin is a marvelous place full of history and adventure. Lisa Swickard, one of our most fearless storytellers, will be bringing her own unique "Tiffin Tales," Saturday, August 13th, 2016, 12:30 P.M.



These ladies traveled from out of town to attend our sell-out October Tea last fall. They were certainly dressed for the occasion! It was scrumptious and scary as Ron Hill conjured up one of Edgar Allen Poe's most delectable tales. We enjoyed it so much we have invited him back for an encore. Please join us on for "A Goblin' Good Time, "Saturday, October 8th, 2016, 12:30 P.M.

Treat yourself to a fun and festive afternoon with friends, and enjoy a tour of the beautiful,

Victorian home and garden that Rosina Brown bestowed to the Tiffin Historic Trust in 1989.

We are asking a donation of \$20.00 per person for each tea. Tiffin Historic Trust members are eligible for a donation. RSVP to Nancy Cook, 419-447-0665. Seating is limited so please make reservations early.

### Museum Alliance To Host An Authentic Italian Dinner

Tiffin's Museum/Gallery Alliance is hosting an authentic Italian dinner to be held Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus (K of C), 49 E. Perry Street, Tiffin. Serving will begin at 4:00 p.m. and continue until 7:00 p.m. A live auction of donated items will start at six o'clock. Tickets are \$10.00 a person for the dinner and will be available at members locations and at Tiffin Ace Hardware. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the evening of the dinner.

The meal will be an authentic Italian dinner, including salad, spaghetti with meat sauce or non-meat sauce, lasagna, bread, dessert and a drink.

This event is a fund raiser for members of the Museum/Gallery Alliance, including American Civil War Museum of Ohio, Enchanted Moment Doll Museum & Shoppe, Seneca County Museum, Tiffin Art Guild & Gallery, Tiffin Glass Museum, and Tiffin Historic Trust/Grammes-Brown House.

The Alliance was created to better publicize and coordinate these cultural organizations, to present their unique resources and activities to the general public, and to better market our city's treasures to visitors and tourists. The proceeds from the dinner and auction will be equally divided and used by Alliance members to pay routine expenses. Contributions are tax-deductible.

For more information, please contact Miriam Fankhauser at mfankhauser@ embatqmail.com or at 419.992.4479.



### **Ohio History Fund**

### Support history projects in local communities that invest in Ohio's economy.

Donate to the Ohio History Fund on your Ohio tax return and help support history projects in local communities that invest in Ohio's economy.

#### What is the Ohio History Fund?

The Ohio History Fund is way for Ohioans to contribute to state and local history projects by making a donation on the state personal income tax form. Donations are tax deductible.

#### How is the money from the Ohio History Fund used?

Donations to the Ohio History Fund are used to fund local history projects throughout Ohio through a competitive grant program.

The Ohio History Fund was created to support the preservation and sharing of Ohio's heritage by funding local, regional and statewide projects, programs and events related to the broad sweep of the state's history. Funded from Ohio tax returns, it is a competitive matching grants program that requires grant recipients to have a matching funding source. The Ohio History Connection administers the program and cannot apply for a grant. For more information about the Ohio History Fund grant program and how to apply, visit ohiohistory.org/ OHFund.

#### How do I donate?

Look for "Ohio History Fund" on your Ohio tax return and

designate a dollar amount. That's it! Your tax-deductible donation goes to support history projects in local Ohio communities. For just \$9, you can help repair a roof, preserve rare color film footage or stage a historical reenactment.

## How many projects have been funded through the Ohio History Fund?

To date, the Ohio History Fund helped award \$348,000 in grant funds to 33 organizations in a quarter of the state's 88 counties. Grant recipients have matched granted amounts to the tune of \$658,000. The Ohio History Fund generates local investment in local history, all made possible because of your donation.

#### How was the Ohio History Fund created?

The Ohio History Fund was created in the state's two-year budget that was signed into law by Gov. John R. Kasich on June 30, 2011. The legislation allowing for the change in state tax forms was initially brought to the General Assembly by former State Rep. Kathleen Chandler (D-Kent) in 2005. State Rep. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) reintroduced it in early 2011 before it was enacted in the state budget.

### Who is eligible to apply for a History Fund grant?



Non-profit organizations registered in Ohio and public entities, including (but not limited to) local historical societies and museums, public libraries, genealogical societies, university archives and special collections, historic preservation groups, archaeological societies, county records management offices, township governments and incorporated "friends" groups of any of the above. The Ohio History Connection is not eligible for Ohio History Fund grants.

# What if I am not getting a refund on my tax return?

If you are not receiving a refund, you can still donate by giving directly to the Ohio

History Connection and designate your gift to the "Ohio History Fund." Click here for more information.

#### How can I find out more information?

We'd love to hear from you and answer any questions. Please contact the Local History Services at averhoff@ohiohistory.org or 614.297.2341.

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### Welcome new members John Huss & Tom and Carol Powell

The Tiffin Historic Trust Welcomes You To

### **Become A New Member!** I want to help preserve our architectural heritage. Please enroll me as a member in the following categories: Annual Memberships: ☐ Individual \$10 ☐ Patron \$50 ☐ Family \$20 ☐ Business \$75 ☐ Sponsor \$35 ☐ Corporate \$250 BECOME A MEMBER TODAY AND RECEIVE A 25% DISCOUNT ON TEA EVENTS, AND RECEIVE OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER PLUS ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER. Name Address Phone **Email** TIFFIN HIS www.tiffinhistorictrust.com

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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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