Remarks from Interim President, Nevin Martin

Hello all from your interim president.

A lot of interesting things have been happening at our board meetings. We are increasing our interaction with other local committees to help with planning and being more proactive as an organization. We are excited for the upcoming launch of the Tiffin Historic Trust internet web portal to assist with informing our members of current news and events and increasing communication between members, as well as keeping membership up to date (thank you, Mark Levans).

The board will meet with the riverfront project developer to gather information about the plan as well as to give our board the opportunity to ask questions about the project.

Joan Martin’s term is up as the Tiffin Historic Trust representative on the Architectural Board of Review, and we are happy to announce that Lisa Swickard will be the new representative (thank you, Joan and Lisa).

As stated before, we want to provide added value to our THT membership. To get us started, Doug Collar is planning a special member’s event, an exciting jazz evening on February 27 (thank you, Doug Collar). With spring in the air and thoughts of home repairs, on April 3 Nicholas Macmillan from Sherwin-Williams will present a program on Historic Paint Colors. Our teas continue to be a great success, and we have more activities planned for the summer, including a garden tour.

We would like to hear from the Tiffin Historic Trust members. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions, please reach out to any board member. Thank you all for your continued commitment to the Tiffin Historic Trust and the history of Tiffin, Ohio.

Hot Jazz for a Winter’s Evening

Take a mid-week break for some red hot discs with Doug Collar February 27 at 7:00 p.m., at the Grammes Brown House, 172 Jefferson St., Tiffin. A lifelong jazz enthusiast, Doug will present a series of vintage recordings from his collection and tell the stories behind the records and about legends like Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet, Jelly Roll Morton, Billie Holiday, Fats Waller, Jack Teagarden, and more.

Doug hosted and produced jazz programs at WKAR-AM/FM, Michigan State University Public Radio for many years. He has taught jazz history courses and has given presentations at jazz festivals, museums, and other venues.

Hot Jazz for a Winter’s Evening is a special benefit program for current members of the Tiffin Historic Trust and their guests. New members are welcome! Light refreshments provided. Bring your own beverage. RSVPs appreciated but not required. Contact Doug at dcollar@woh.rr.com if you plan to attend the Hot Jazz program.
Carnegie Library Up for Auction

The Seneca County Commissioners have announced their intention to auction off the historic 1913 Carnegie Library Building at 108 Jefferson Street which most recently housed the Juvenile and Probate Courts. The February 7, 2019 minutes of the Seneca County Commissioners meeting noted that the county entered into contract with Bill Jones of Re/Max Real Estate and Auction Services for the auction of 108 Jefferson Street [the Carnegie Library Building]. Board Member Fred Shelt is following the situation. He was told that the auction is not expected to take place for several months.

John Logsdon, Seneca County Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, offered to arrange a tour of the building for the Tiffin Historic Trust board members. In 2017 Logsdon estimated that building repairs could cost $370,000 - $390,000. A new roof would cost $150,000 and an elevator to make the building accessible $100,000.

Shelt is aware of some local developers who have expressed interest in saving the building. This is an opportunity for others to come forward with new ideas of how to re-use this iconic Carnegie Library Building. Let’s not lose another important landmark from our Downtown Historic District!

Seneca County Strategic Planning Meeting

Honor our past, while strengthening our existing assets
Engage in good stewardship of the built and natural environments

The above points were among those included in a list of aspirations at the January 14, 2019, public meeting of the Seneca Regional Planning Commission.

Under the guidance of CT Consultants, the Planning Commission is looking to develop a twenty-year joint strategic plan with Seneca County, Tiffin, Fostoria, and the Seneca County Park District. In addition to the broad issues of land-use policies and economic development, the plan will also address community concerns including affordable housing, agricultural and historical preservation and transportation. The group sought input from constituents in Tiffin, Fostoria and Green Springs. Tiffin Historic Trust secretary Nancy Rubenstein attended the session held at the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Building.

In their introductory comments, Tiffin Mayor Aaron Montz and Chris Hopkins of CT Consultants explained the goals of the committee. Of particular interest to the Tiffin Historic Trust were statements that implied a willingness to respect the architectural integrity of the city and its historic district by honoring our past, while planning for and embracing the future by engaging in good stewardship of the built and natural environments. The initial findings emphasized the need for attractive, desirable, and livable places along with maintaining a strong community character and image.

Following the presentations, the participants broke into groups and generated comments and concerns related to the broad areas of the study. The Planning Commission and the consulting firm will compile the comments from the public meetings for consideration in the final report.

Congratulations to Young Preservationists, Weston Reinbolt and Suzie Reineke

Heritage Ohio honored Tiffin with three Preservation Awards at the October 2018 Annual Conference in Cleveland.

• Best Public/Private Partnership: Tiffin’s Façade Enhancement Program
• Main Street Director of the Year: Amy Reinhart
• Young Preservation Leader(s) of the Year: Weston Reinbolt and Suzie Reineke

Historic Trust members Suzie Reineke and Weston Reinbolt have frequently included their in-process and renovated loft apartments on the Historic Trust’s Behind the Façade Tours and the Holiday Home Tours. We hope that their efforts will be an inspiration to more of our members to invest in the historic landscape of Tiffin’s Downtown Historic District and its neighborhoods.
Spring Brings Thoughts of House Painting

**Historic Paint Colors: Selecting the Appropriate Paint for Your Older Home, Including Dealing with Painting Issues.**

**Wednesday, April 03, 7:00 p.m. at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Frost Kalnow Room, 77 Jefferson Street, Tiffin.**

Presented by the Tiffin Historic Trust. Free and open to the public.

Summer home repair projects often include house painting, especially for older homes after a hard winter. On Wednesday, April 3, Nicholas A. Macmillan, manager of Tiffin’s Sherwin-Williams Paint store, will provide insights on choosing the correct paint for your home or building. Accompanying the guest will be a local house painter who has experience working on older historic homes and can help answer the painting questions that plague homeowners.

The Sherwin-Williams company is known for its historic interior and exterior preservation color palettes. They have coordinated color schemes for homes in all architectural styles from Victorian and Craftsman bungalows to suburban mid-century modern homes. The palette recommendations are based on the original color schemes used within the respective architectural eras.

As a bonus, the Sherwin-Williams store in Tiffin will offer a discount to those who attend the program.

For further information, contact Mary at 419-448-0370.

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### The Building Doctors Return to Tiffin - May 2-3, 2019

It has been a few years since the Building Doctors visited our community in July 2016. Tiffin Historic Trust, Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership and the Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Services are once again hosting the two-day event, a program of The Ohio History Connection.

During the Thursday evening May 2 public seminar in the Frost Kalnow Room of the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, the preservation experts (the doctors) will help owners learn ways to address common problems in older homes. They will also focus on how to maintain and update pre-1955 buildings without damaging their historic character.

On Friday, May 3, the doctors will visit pre-selected buildings whose owners are seeking cures for their ailing properties. The consultations are free, and all types of pre-1955 buildings are eligible, but only a limited number can be seen in one day. Applicants must request a Building Doctor appointment when they register to attend the clinic. Successful applicants will be notified in advance of the visit.

Contact Amy Reinhart of Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership to register for the Building Doctor Clinic and to apply for a visit by a Building Doctor. 419-619-5517 reinhart@tiffinseneca.org


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### Spring Upgrades Behind the Grammes-Brown House

We have contracted with an electrician to update the wiring in the “Carriage House” as soon as the weather warms a bit. Also, we are finishing a brick patio, replacing the posts in the fence by the alley, and making improvements to our lovely, serene Victorian garden.

And, since history is important to our group, it might be interesting to note that the building we call the **Carriage House** was built in 1911 as an enterprise to repair that “new rage” -- the automobile. However, at that time it was referred to as the **“Tin Shop”**. Should we call it that now?

Does the above pique your interest in volunteering in the garden or the house, or perhaps in using either building for events or parties such as graduations, family reunions, or club get-togethers? Call Jackie at 419-585-2075. Please leave a message, as she is probably in the garden already!
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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Garden Tour Returns
Sunday, June 30, 2019, 1 pm to 5 pm.

After a hiatus of several years, the Tiffin Historic Trust is again hosting a Garden Tour. Although we already have at least five gardens committed to participating, we are looking for residents who enjoy gardening and are willing to put their own garden on tour. Call Jackie at 419-585-2075 and leave a message.

Left: The Grammes-Brown Garden
Top: The Paula and Herb Crum Garden

Valentine Tea a Big Success

Tea-goers declared the February 9 Valentine Tea a big success. Mimi Lange Johnston’s performance Love is in the Air: Songs of Love was a hit – and the guests were treated to a bonus surprise performance of “If I were a Rich Man” from Fiddler on the Roof sung by walk-in former Tiffinite, Pete Fleck, with Johnston accompanying him on the piano! Karin Brown provided her famous Springerle cookies as party favors at each place setting.
Calendar of Events: February – June, 2019

Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Hot Jazz For a Winter’s Evening: Vintage Jazz Recordings With Doug Collar. Join Tiffin Historic Trust member and jazz authority Doug Collar as he spins vintage discs and tells the story behind these rare recordings by the giants of jazz at the Grammes-Brown House, 172 Jefferson St. This is a special event for THT members and their guests. New members welcome! Reservations appreciated. Contact Doug at dcollar@woh.rr.com or 419-443-8663.

Wednesday, April 03, 7:00 p.m.
Historic Paint Colors: Selecting the Appropriate Paint for Your Older Home, Including Dealing with Painting Issues. Nicholas A. Macmillan, manager of Tiffin’s Sherwin-Williams Paint store, will provide insights on choosing the correct paint for your home or building. Sponsored by the Tiffin Historic Trust. Free and open to the public (reservations not required). Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Frost Kalnow Room, 77 Jefferson St. Contact Mary at 419-448-0370.

Thursday, May 02, 7:00 p.m.
Building Doctor Clinic Seminar. A team of experts from the State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection, will provide information on solving common old-building problems. Co-sponsored by the Tiffin Historic Trust, Tiffin Seneca Economic Partnership, and the Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce. Free and open to the public. Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Frost Kalnow Room, 77 Jefferson St. Contact Amy Reinhart at, 419-619-5517, reinhart@tiffinseneca.org

Friday, May 03, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
The Building Doctor Consultations. The experts will visit ten selected properties and provide individualized recommendations. Applications to be chosen for a site visit are available from Amy Reinhart, Manager, Tiffin Downtown Main Street, 419-619-5517, reinhart@tiffinseneca.org.

Thursday, May 30, 6:00 p.m. SAVE THE DATE!
Tiffin Historic Trust Annual Preservation Awards Dinner Meeting. Evening program follows presentation of Historic Preservation Awards. Location TBA. www.tiffinhistorictrust.org

Sunday, June 30, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
2019 Tiffin Garden Tour – back by popular request! Details coming in the Spring Preservation Post.

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