

MUSEUM MUSINGS
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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MEETING: The next Friends of the Museum meeting is **Monday, July 9th, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.** in the Museum office. At our last meeting, we pulled out the video recorder when Dottie First and Sallie Cheatham Smith started reminiscing about Jeffersontown history. We taped a lot of good information and had a wonderful time doing it, so we would like to do that again at our next meeting -- the more the merrier, because people tend to recall more about the past when they have others around to spur their memories.

EXHIBITS: *Childhood Remembered* is the title of our current exhibit, which will remain on display through December 14th. We would like to thank all those who loaned us their childhood toys, games, furniture, and clothing for the exhibit, which we think visitors will find quite entertaining.

CITY WEB SITE: The City of Jeffersontown has its newly remodeled web site up and running at www.jeffersontownky.com. The site looks gorgeous and has all kinds of helpful links -- including one to the Jeffersontown Historical Museum. This link contains a brief history of Jeffersontown (with a few photos), our current newsletter and exhibit information, and the icing on the cake -- several historical books on Jeffersontown that can be viewed, downloaded, and even printed if desired. The Museum page is a work in progress, and more will be added to it in the future (including a link to the old *Jeffersonian* newspapers), but if you have any ideas about what else you would like to see on it, please let us know.

DONATIONS: Sheila Koshewa donated a mint-in-box Spirograph, Roy Rogers & Dale Evans paper dolls, and a 1950s Cowboy sticker book that all belonged to Jeffersontown resident David Ludwick. These items are on display in our current exhibit. J. Stewart Williams donated a binder full of information on the Omer/Ammer family of Jeffersontown, which is now included in the Jeffersontown Historical Museum's files and will be of immense importance to genealogical researchers. Marie-Pierre Good donated a ledger that contains transaction information from the Jeffersontown Creamery in 1911-1912, as well as information on Jefferson County Poor House residents from 1916-1917. Zita Kay Elder donated another Jeffersontown scrapbook, photos, hairpieces, a trophy and information on her mother (Averil Martin McDaniel), a lovely shirt Zita Kay made in Virginia Carrithers' Home Economics class, and a costume worn in 1938 - the first time children "trick-or-treated" in Jeffersontown. Connie Guthrie allowed us to copy her photocopy of the 1946-1947 Tophat Annual.

The CURRENT EVENTS CLUB came by the Museum June 22nd (along with Mayor Dieruf, his assistant, Elaina Fischer, and Chief Sean Dreisbach of the Jeffersontown Fire Department, as well as Courier-Journal reporter Martha Elson) in order to officially dedicate a quilt made by the club. The quilt (pictured below, along with a photo of the presentation) contains blocks representing various aspects of Jeffersontown's history.

The Current Events Club was founded in Jeffersontown in 1904 by ladies of the town who wished to educate themselves on topics of the day -- and eat a few sweets while they were at it! Their motto was "To know more that we may serve better."

