

MUSEUM MUSINGS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Rhonda Rowland

We wish to introduce our new Jeffersontown Museum/Arts Program Coordinator, Rhonda Rowland. Rhonda will be assisting in the Museum, but most of her time will be spent creating a new Arts Program for the City of Jeffersontown. Rhonda has some exciting ideas and will no doubt be a huge asset for promoting the Jeffersontown Historical Museum and bringing the arts to Jeffersontown residents. Here is a little bit about Rhonda in her own words:

" I currently live and was raised in Jeffersontown. I graduated from Jeffersontown High School Class of 1974. Graduate of University of Louisville in 1997 earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business with Marketing Major. I have one son, Bryce, who is a sophomore at Centre College. I am so excited to promote the Museum and Arts Programming in Jeffersontown. Promoting Arts in Jeffersontown builds community identity, livability and stimulates economic growth. Arts has been shown to enhance school achievement and attendance in our youth.

Thank you for this opportunity to be a part of this exciting program in Jeffersontown."
Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Rhonda, with best wishes for her this new and inspiring endeavor.

EXHIBITS: Our current exhibit, ***1920s JEFFERSONTOWN***, featuring historic photos and artifacts, will run through December 19, 2014. After that, Corn Island Archaeology has generously offered to set up an exhibit on Valentine Conrad's pottery. For those of you who may not know, Valentine Conrad was a potter on the town square in the early 1800s. Anne Bader, the head of Corn Island Archaeology, which is located in the Conrad-Seaton house, has conducted excavations around the historic home and found remnants of Conrad's kiln and pottery sherds, etc. Anne has even managed to get an historical marker for the Conrad-Seaton house. We really look forward to having an exhibit in honor of one of the earliest businessmen in Jeffersontown.

WEB SITE: We have compiled information on the Jeffersontown, German Reformed Presbyterian, and Lutheran cemeteries, and will hopefully have that information available online in the not too distant future.

FILM: With the backing of the City Council, Mayor Dieruf has commissioned producer Tim Antkowiak to create a short film history of Jeffersontown that will feature historical photos and information about our wonderful city, from its founding in the late 1700s through the present day. Of course, photos and information from the Jeffersontown Historical Museum feature prominently in the short video, which will be shown at city events and to prospective business owners, as well as local schools. The video will also be available online at www.jeffersontownky.gov.

DONATIONS: Katherine Phillips donated a 1991 poster/map of Jeffersontown and Middletown. Joan Jockell donated memorabilia from the Clovers, also known as "Grammy's Girls," a little league softball team she sponsored in Jeffersontown. John R. Bishop, son of Jeffersontown's well-known Dr. Bishop, donated several diplomas, plaques and medical books that belonged to his father. Sheila Koshewa donated a couple of 1920s books for our current exhibit on Jeffersontown in the 1920s. Earl Albin, who served in the United States Army Air Corps/Air Force, donated his official service records from 1942-1956. We also received copies of the Weaver and Frederick family histories, thanks to the generosity of family members who felt the information should be shared with others.