

# MUSEUM MUSINGS

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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**EXHIBITS:** *Memories of Grandma's Kitchen*, our current exhibit, features cookware and utensils from the 1800s and 1900s. The last day of the exhibit is uncertain, as the City hopes to renovate the Museum this winter, so make sure you find time this fall to take in the nostalgia of an old-fashioned kitchen.

Last year, a piece of steel and some concrete from the World Trade Center were dedicated in a memorial service marking their transfer to Jeffersontown. The pieces will eventually be made the focus of a permanent memorial in front of the Jeffersontown Fire Department, but in the meantime, the City of Jeffersontown welcomes everyone to the Jeffersontown Historical Museum to view the pieces, along with a video relating the events of September 11, 2001.

**CARRIAGE BLOCK:** Most of you were probably unaware of a large rectangular stone that sat by the Museum entrance in the back of the Jeffersontown Library. The city has done some beautiful landscaping of the building, and the carriage block has now been moved under the window of the Museum office. A sign stands next to the block to explain that the stone once stood in front of the Blankenbaker House and provided a means to make mounting horses or getting into carriages easier. Many such blocks used to stand on the town square, as most businesses and homeowners found them a necessity.

**DONATIONS:** Al Bunnell donated a tiny 1800s male dollhouse figurine. Thomas Eddleman donated the arrowhead collection of his late father, Gerald Eddleman (arrowheads happen to be one of the most favorite exhibits viewed by our patrons). Dottie First donated many interesting "give-away" items from old Jeffersontown businesses -- most people probably do not realize the history they may have lying around their homes in the form of old key chains, pencils, calendars, etc. These items typically contain not only the name of the business, but also its location and phone number -- which provides the museum with an invaluable resource, as well as interesting artifacts. Dottie also donated a beautiful first edition Raggedy Ann and Andy book, which is currently on display in one of our "childhood" cases, and she gave us a couple more Raggedy Ann-related items as well as a box of Epsom Salts that was purchased from Dr. Oatey's Drug Store which was located next to the bank on the town square from the 1920s through the 1940s. And last but certainly not least, Dottie also allowed us to scan more of her wonderful photos taken of Jeffersontown over the past several decades -- something we encourage everyone to do, if you happen to have photos of Jeffersontown.



*Memories of Grandma's Kitchen*

## NEWS FROM THE ARTS PROGRAM IN JEFFERSONTOWN.

The Summer Art Camp was a big success with the children and their families. In 2016 we will have two Summer Art Camps, and one of them is already almost full with returning young artists from this year's camp.

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm,** Thomas Freese will entertain with Ghost Stories at the Senior Center. The talented author will be available for questions and answers, and he will be selling his books. Refreshments are provided and the program is free of charge.

**Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:30,** Mayor Dieruf and the City Council will present the Louisville Orchestra, *Music without Borders*, along with an Art Exhibit including wine and cheese. The event will be held at the Jeffersontown Community Center. Tickets are available for \$20 on the Louisville Orchestra web site: <https://www.louisvilleorchestra.org/music-without-borders-2/>. Event details are available on the City of Jeffersontown webpage and City of Jeffersontown Facebook page.

Send me an email at [rowland@jeffersontownky.gov](mailto:rowland@jeffersontownky.gov) to be included in the Arts Program Events *eblast*. Please tell your family and friends and join us in Jeffersontown for these great events. Hope to see you soon.

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**2015 Summer Arts Camp**