

# Champaign County Historical Society

## NEWSLETTER

Museum at 809 East Lawn Avenue, Urbana OH 43078

November 2012

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Open House Sunday December the Ninth from 2 to 4:30pm at the Champaign County Historical Museum for a Christmas Thank You Event party to be enjoyed by members, guests, friends, and helpers at the Oktoberfest who made it a success again this year

### **JANE ELIZABETH SHARPE ART SHOW**

A special Art Show will be provided this year by the Museum commemorating Jane Elizabeth Sharpe's many years of artistic talent in the local Champaign County community. Jane was born March 26<sup>th</sup> 1920 and passed August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 at Vancrest of Urbana. She was the daughter of William and Bessie (Thorp) Sharp. On finding out in later years, from relatives, that her last name was spelled, by earlier generations, Sharpe, she added the e to her last name. Her father never did change the spelling.

The only reference I could find to Jane Sharpe's family was in the writing of Lucile Sharpe Arthur "These things I remember" (page 33) this is about Jane's parents. "When I was about fourteen Uncle Will(iam) got married and started farming on the adjoining Grandpa's farm. He really farmed both places for I don't remember Grandpa Sharpe ever doing much work. I guess he was a gentleman farmer. Anyway. Shortly after Uncle Will and Aunt Bessie were married, we went to a shivarce or belling for them. Joining a group of friends and neighbors we rang bells, pounded on pots and pans and clashed pan lids together like (sic) cymbols – making quite a din. Uncle Will and Aunt Bessie were in bed, but they got up and came down stairs and everybody enjoyed the ice cream and cake the revelers had brought".

Approximately 40 paintings will be on display for your viewing during the Christmas Thank You Event. If you have a Jane Sharpe painting, and are willing to share, for the day, please contact the museum. (653.6721)

**MEMBERSHIPS**, if you read on top of your newsletter home address anything other than 2013, or higher, your dues are due. Your dues are used for this newsletter and to pay other bills as they occur.

**ELECTION**. The membership meeting will be held near the end of the month of January on a Sunday afternoon to once again elect officers for the year 2013