

THE SOCIETY WELCOMES ITS NEW CURATOR

On behalf of the Trustees of the Bucyrus Historical Society I want to announce that the Society has just secured a new Curator, Tonia Hoffert. Mrs. Hoffert will be filling the shoes vacated by Co-Curators Mary Ellen and Don Lust who gave the society seven years of devoted service and retired at the end of 2013.



Let me give you, fellow members and friends of the Society, a brief introduction to Mrs. Hoffert. A more in depth article will appear in the next *Bucyrus Historian* and should provide some of the hopes and dreams which Mrs. Hoffert would like to see occur in conjunction with her tenure as Curator in the months and, we hope, years to come.

Born Tonia May in Lewis County, Kentucky, she grew up in Bucyrus and graduated from Wynford High School in 1981. She became Mrs. William Hoffert in 1985. At present Tonia lives with her husband just outside of Bloomville and has two grown sons.

Tonia has had a long interest in history and served as Curator of the Mohawk Historical Society and then the Seneca County Historical Society, this latter position held from 1999 until accepting her position as Curator of the Bucyrus Historical Society, of which she has been a member for a number of years. She has always admired our museum, Scroggs House, from a distance. Now she will be able to direct its displays and operations up close and personally.

In addition to her years of developing historical museum expertise in Seneca County, she brings to the Bucyrus Historical Society a desire to expand our museum's program beyond the walls of Scroggs House and develop fund raising programs and monetary grant applications. It is the hope of the Trustees that Mrs. Hoffert's enthusiasm for our Society can be extrapolated into the community and our schools. It is also extremely likely that she will be soon contacting the society's membership, at least those living in the area, in order to bring all members into a more participatory role in the future. The Trustees are thrilled about this possibility of bringing new and vital life into the Society's future activity in our community.

Drop by Scroggs House during current Fall open hours on Mondays, 1-4 p.m., from now until early December and meet Mrs. Hoffert. I am certain that she will appreciate getting to know all of the Society's members and might just find something for you to do in the future.

The presence of Tonia Hoffert as Bucyrus Historical Society Curator brings The Society into a new era, one about which we are very excited. Our special thanks to Don and Mary Ellen Lust for their years of service which have brought us to this point. May they truly enjoy their new season of retirement! Thank you also, Tonia Hoffert, for bringing your personality and expertise back to Bucyrus. We welcome you to Scroggs House!

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