

# Our Family Newsletter

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## 2003 reunion

# Clyde is ready when we are

**I**N response to family sentiment to move our reunion around, Clyde, Ohio, the home of George and Marilyn Huston for many years and where Marilyn and three of her four children still reside, is the location of the August 16, 2003, Hursey/Murphy reunion.

The Saturday reunion will be held in Clyde City Park in a beautiful, large enclosed shelter house that includes a kitchen and all the facilities. Even, Marilyn adds, in case it is hot in August, air conditioning. There is also plenty of outdoor playground for kids to romp in.

Plan to stay over as Marilyn has promised brunch at her house on Sunday morning.

Near Lake Erie in northern Ohio, Clyde has many activities in and around the area, including nearby Cedar Point with the highest roller coaster in the world, as well as Put-In Bay and Kelley's Island on Lake Erie.

For golfers, the challenging Sleepy Hollow Golf Course is right next door to Marilyn's house, about five miles north of Clyde.

Of course August will also be the middle of the harvest and Marilyn and George were long-time growers of prize-winning melons and peaches, which tradition Marilyn continues. Peach-picking, anyone?

For those who want to stay overnight and enjoy some of these activities Sunday, there are many good motels in the vicinity. The Red Roof Inn about five miles west of town on Rt. 20, is the closest. Their number is 419-547-6660.



The large activity building at Clyde City Park, where the 2003 Hursey/Murphy reunion will be held, with a view of the playgrounds, lake, and covered bridge.

There are also some nice Bed&Breakfast Inns in Clyde. The Davenport House (419-547-4119), and the Pine Rose Inn (419-547-9707) both appear to be quite elegant B&Bs. There is also the relatively new Candlelight Inn, near the City Park, but we could not find the phone number.

However, keep in mind that August is a very busy time in the Clyde area and it is suggested that those needing a room book early.

Marilyn has also agreed to open her backyard to campers if anybody wants to rough it. A Saturday night campfire is a possibility.

For entertainment at reunion, Marilyn suggested a game of Family Trivia. Everybody think about this and write down on cards some family trivia questions which then will be randomly chosen for someone to answer. An example: "Who came down the hill in a

wagon and crashed through the bathroom window?" Perhaps too obvious. You can do better. How about other entertainments? Board games? Pictionary?

It is shaping up to be a memorable reunion, so mark your calendars for August 16. See you there! There should be another *OFN* before August, with final details and directions. ■



<http://family.thetickingrose.com/>

## Our Family Website growing rapidly

READERS of *Our Family Newsletter* who are online frequently are no doubt already aware of this, but for those of you who do not have computers or who have not been watching, the completely redesigned *The Ticking Rose* website (of which *Our Family Website* is a part) has matured into a full-featured, interactive site with hundreds of pages and dozens of pictures.

The site (note URL address at the top of this article) started very small last summer (mentioned briefly in the July *OFN*) but didn't really start expanding until Fall; that is, until your humble webmaster had learned how to design, program and manage a large, interactive site. This meant learning to use such computer languages as HTML, Javascript, Perl, SSI, CGI, and other mysterious acronyms that make web pages work (and, sometimes, your head swim).

To give you an idea of what is now available or being planned, let's take a closer look at the navigation frame of the site's front page, shown here.

"What's New?" announces updates to the site, while "Headlines," — updated whenever there is anything happening in the way of news that I know about — includes family headlines, a picture-of-the-week (or, sometimes, if I can't find a picture, -month), as well as family birthdays, these dates thanks to Bob and John's genealogical data.

Clicking "Albums" brings up photo albums of family activities that I happen to have pictures of, which currently includes last year's reunion, the canoe trek, and Julie's recent wedding; plus an album of old family photos, of which I am always on the lookout for more.

"Genealogy and Family History" may be of most interest. We now have the Hursey and Murphy family trees, thanks to John Murphy's and Bob Hursey's work accumulating this data. We also have just posted a history of Hartwood Cemetery and Church (again thanks to John), and hope to add other churches, cemeteries and schools that are a part of our family heritage. Much remains to do in this area. If anyone would like to contribute content for these pages it would be most welcome.

"Other family links" includes links to sites with which family members may be associated, such as Walt Murphy's flying school and Bob Segedi's Cleveland Museum of Natural History. I am sure there must be more. Send me the links.

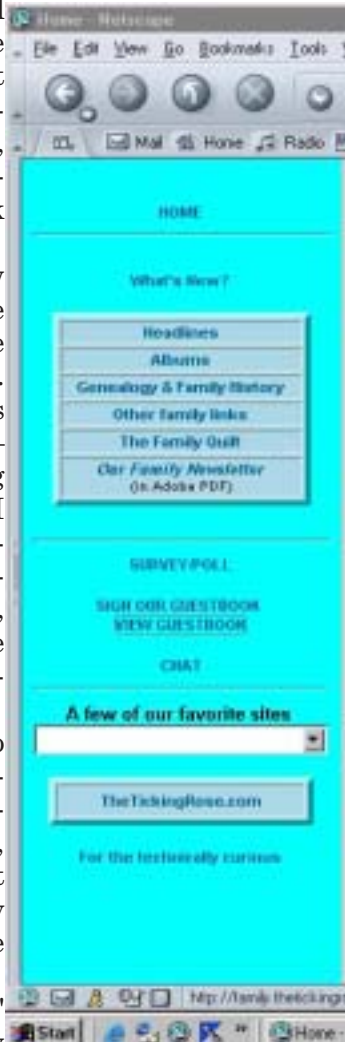
The family quilt pages are a presentation of the Millennial Family Quilt which, Minnie hopes, we should see in its finished state by this summer's reunion. Meantime, those of you online can look at the final quilt design, with detailed information on each of the 20 blocks contributed by family members.

Recent back issues of *OFN*, in Adobe PDF format, are also available for reading or reprinting.

A guestbook, a poll, a BBS (bulletin board), a list of favorite sites, and a little fun-with-Hypertext history of the site round out the choices on the navigation frame.

Also included is a link to our parent site ([thetickingrose.com](http://thetickingrose.com)) for publishing writing of general interest. Here can be found Bob's funny and poignant "The Lake Park Gang" memoir; the first chapter of Dick's long and fascinating travel piece (with more chapters to come); and Julie's funny account of her bicycle ride across Iowa (these latter two stories expanded from the highly-abridged versions published in the September *OFN*). A bit of my own

work can also be found on these pages. But enough of this — those of you who can are encouraged to explore the site on your own. And if you are not online yet, well, for better or worse, it's a connected world out there now. Anyway, if you do visit the site let me know what you think and your ideas for making it better, email addy in the box on page 3, or [webmaster@thetickingrose.com](mailto:webmaster@thetickingrose.com).



Jim

# Family, friends help Irene and Jack celebrate fiftieth

Twenty-six people, including friends, children and grandchildren helped John and Irene Hursey celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Everyone had a great time feasting on steak, crab legs and champagne. The couple wed on January 29, 1953 in Washington D.C.



The occasion provided an opportunity for folks who haven't seen each other for years, in fact for some, as much as 30 years, to visit and recall old stories (also

Jack and Irene, center, and their clan. On their right, from Lakewood, California are Debra and Jamila, with John Jr. behind. Next to John are Andrea and husband Bob Segedi from Cleveland, Ohio. To Jack and Irene's left are Alison Lutterman with son Tim, husband Mark behind. The Luttermans live in Duluth, Minnesota.

called "talk story" in Hawaii).

Jack and Irene's three children, their spouses and two grandchildren came from the mainland. The gathering of the flock provided a rare opportunity to sit for a formal family portrait.

The Hawaii branch of the Hursey clan observed the entire week of the Golden Anniversary with wonderful food, local trips around the Big Island and just plain visiting

with loved ones. Aloha from all who attended.

## Ann Hursey in NYC 9/11 ceremony

Ann Batchelor Hursey, gardener and poet, accompanied Seattle city council members and P-Patch gardeners to New York City to participate in the Liberty Gardens Dedication Ceremony on September 26, 2002. This lower Manhattan garden is near where the WTC used to stand. Ann read her poem, "Composting Peace," honoring the compost made up of an estimated million flowers left at the Seattle Center Fountain after 9/11.



Ann Hursey

**Composting Peace**  
Into the garden, not one but many, we join  
to turn a million flowers into tomorrow.  
Cradled bouquets by thousands, chopped  
flower by flower, we blend love and loss.  
Petals and stems feed earth's hunger --  
steam sweet promise.

-- Ann Batchelor Hursey

## Julie Evanko weds

Julia Joy (Hursey) Evanko was married to Lee Brooks in a private New Year's Eve ceremony in a Bed-and-Breakfast near Salem, Wisconsin, just over the border north of Chicago. Julie's father and stepmother, James and Margie Hursey, attended the ceremony, stopping over on their way to Tempe, AZ, for the Fiesta Bowl National Championship game.



Julie and Lee Brooks

The newlywed couple has purchased a new home in the Salem area.

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## Bob's Letter

# Ohio celebrates bicentennial

**D**URING the past five years, Ohio's bicentennial commission has been working on a great year-long 200th birthday celebration of Ohio's statehood.



Bob

We urge all our Murphy and Hursey family members to check out the many signature events, because they show what it was like for our pioneer ancestors, who have been in Ohio for most, if not all, of the 200 years that Ohio has been a state.

If only these hardy pioneer ancestors could be with us to tell us what it was like for them, and to see what it is like for us!

Some of the bicentennial re-enactments may be the next best thing. The re-enactors are even now busy getting ready to show us how it was. And if you can't get there in person, there are, for those of you who are online, many different websites to visit to share the celebration.

A old-time wagon train will travel the famed National Road across the state and all are invited to participate! (Visit [www.muleskinner.com](http://www.muleskinner.com)).

When our ancestors lived in Harrison and Jefferson Counties, steamboats on the Ohio

River were the most important mode of transportation. You can see how this was during the "Tall Stacks" celebration (see [www.tallstacks.com](http://www.tallstacks.com)).

On our Lake Erie coast — not far from Clyde, where this summer's reunion will be held — there will be a great celebration of "Tall Ships"

(see [www.toledotallships.com](http://www.toledotallships.com) and [www.clevelandharborfest.com](http://www.clevelandharborfest.com)).

Since Ohio is the birthplace of aviation, Dayton will host a great aviation celebration ([www.inventingflight.com](http://www.inventingflight.com)).

The nation's largest home and garden show will be held in Cleveland ([www.homeandflower.com](http://www.homeandflower.com)).

My employer, The Ohio Historical Museum in Columbus, has special exhibits and has posted a gallery of historic photographs on its website at [www.ohiohistory.org](http://www.ohiohistory.org).

And last but not least, Columbus will "pull out all the stops" for a great celebration during 4th of July week. If any of you are going to be in Columbus for this, let us know and we will be your hosts for the weekend! Let's celebrate our historic heritage! ■ **Bob**



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