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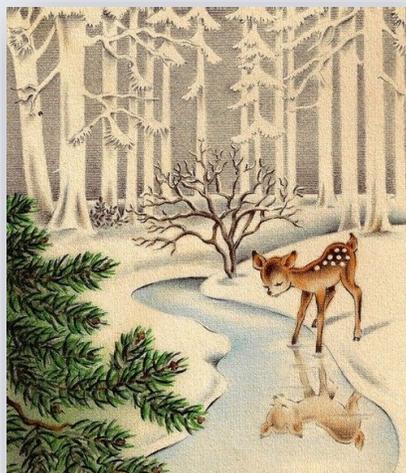
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AROUND THE SOCIETY...

Like the rest of the country, our organization has been on “pause” for quite a while now. Our museum has been closed to the public most of the past eleven months. We haven’t had meetings. No ice cream social, no yard sale, no cookies on Fourth of July (in fact, no Fourth of July celebration in the city at all in 2020).

But we’re making the most of this time off. While the museum has been closed to visitors, a lot has happened inside. The basement storeroom has been rearranged, with new shelves for more boxes. We have new file cabinets for our photo and paper files. One of the bathrooms has received a new coat of paint, a new mirror, and some artwork on the wall. And there’s a big project underway involving our clothing collection (details inside).

So even though we’re not interacting with the public, we are doing useful projects and getting things done that would have been more difficult with people coming into the museum.



We’re staying closed for at least the next couple of months. Hopefully we’ll be able to get back to normal – or something close to it – soon.

Stay safe. Stay well.

Julie Turner,
Your trusty newsletter editor

The Mt. Healthy Historical Society Museum is open most Tuesday and Saturday mornings, 9-11, and the first Sunday of each month (except January and February), 1-3 p.m.

Somebody sure is making a mess...

As many of you know, several years ago we started on a project to inventory and properly store our collection of clothing. When we first cleared out the storeroom, we had no idea what we had in our collection, and these clothes were in an assortment of bags and boxes that were quite bad for them. After 50 years or so of neglect, these artifacts have received the care and attention they deserve. We wanted to photograph this wonderful collection, as well, but couldn't manage it at the time. Now, as we're closed to the public due to COVID, it seemed like the perfect time to embark on this larger — and messier — project. Julie has set up a photography studio in the museum, and is reorganizing the boxes of clothes as she photographs the items and enters the descriptions into our collection software. It's a big job. We have a very impressive clothing collection. Thanks to all who have helped with this project over the years. Here are a few photos to give you an idea of what's going on:



Left: white cotton 2-piece dress, worn for Mt. Healthy graduation, 1915. Above: the photography studio. Below: black checked bodice with lace trim, circa 1890s. Lower left: repacked box.



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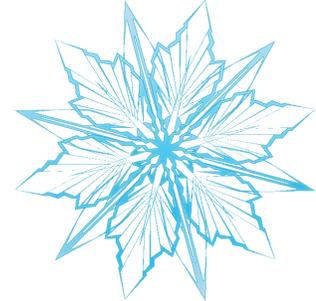
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