

**MUSEUM MUSINGS**  
**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

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**MEETING:** The next Friends of the Museum meeting is **Monday, October 10th, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.** in the Museum office.

**GASLIGHT FESTIVAL BOOTH:** The Gaslight Festival was celebrated the weekend of September 16-18. Mayor Dieruf had a *Jeffersontown Historical Museum* sign made to adorn the front of the booth since this year, since in addition to photos, the Mayor asked the Museum to display some artifacts as well. Mayor Dieruf also had the excellent idea for a *Then and Now* theme, showing photos of historical buildings alongside current photos of the same buildings or areas of Jeffersontown. It was a great success, and we wish to thank those of you who volunteered to help man the booth over the weekend. A very special debt of gratitude goes to John Ulmer, who not only attended the booth the entire weekend, but without whose assistance the photo display would not have been such a huge success -- John spent countless hours at the Museum and City Hall, working hard on helping us put the photos and history together. We don't know what we would do without him!

**EXHIBIT:** The model airplane exhibit has been going over extremely well, especially since the publication of an article about it written by Sara Cunningham for the *Courier-Journal* in August. The *Courier-Journal's* internet website also contained a photo slide show of the planes. About the same time, WAVE-3 news also aired a blurb about the exhibit and posted information on their website.

**ONLINE:** The 1907-1912 *Jeffersonian* newspapers have been digitized so they will be accessible through the City of Jeffersontown's new website once it is up and running. The Museum's collection of actual *Jeffersonian* papers is currently being microfilmed in Frankfort, so that they can later be digitized and accessed through the city web site as well.

**DONATIONS:** Sheila Koshewa donated a 1945 pill box from Newkirk's Drug Store and a 1936 cookbook. Don Olsson donated 1950s balsa-wood airplane models and a kit to show how the old models were made.

**GREAT NEWS:** The Conrad-Seaton House has now been placed on the National Historic Register, thanks to the tireless efforts of Anne Bader. Jeffersontown is so fortunate that Corn Island Archaeology LLC occupies the building. Anne's natural curiosity has prodded her to excavate around The Conrad-Seaton House (with the approval of owner Phil Stone, of course), and she is learning more and more about Valentine Conrad, who operated a pottery on the site in the early 1800s. The Marshall family has also been in touch with the Museum and Anne, providing whatever information they can on Dr. Samuel Marshall, who also owned the Conrad-Seaton house for a time.



*Jeffersontown High School artifacts 1925-1950*