

MUSEUM MUSINGS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we enter 2023, we are sad to part with Mayor Bill Dieruf, who has been an excellent leader for the City of Jeffersontown for the past 12 years. He has done wonderful things for our town, and very important things for the Museum, in particular. Thanks to him, we had much of our history digitized, so it could be made available to the public in a variety of ways. The Museum pages on the City of Jeffersontown web site garner a huge amount of hits, and the City's up-to-date technologies make it easy for us to quickly assist people who need historic research done. And of course, the Museum was very fortunate to be given a beautiful make-over this past year, thanks to Mayor Dieruf, the Town Council, and the Public Works Department. Mayor Dieruf will be sorely missed, and we wish him the absolute best in whatever he does in the future, but we also wish to welcome Jeffersontown's first female Mayor, Carol Pike, with open arms, and prayers for her as she moves the City of Jeffersontown forward. We know she will prove to be an excellent Mayor, and we wish her continued success.

EXHIBITS: Our latest exhibit, titled *Blessed are the Piece-makers: Vintage Jeffersontown Quilts,* features several local quilts made from feed sack material, as well as three quilts beautifully created by award-winner Helen Hester. The exhibit will remain on display through mid-June.

DONATIONS: Lawrence Donini donated an archive of WWII memorabilia belonging to Charles "Sparky" Williams. Duke Edwards, whose first job was at the Jeffersontown Water & Sewerage Commission stationed next to the old water tower on the town square, donated two commemorative plaques from the construction of the building, dated 1956 and 1976 – these items are currently on display at the museum.





Images from our latest exhibit, *Blessed are the Piece-makers: Vintage Jeffersontown Quilts.*

