

Every Life Tells a Story- The Butternut History Mural Project General Information Sheet

Project Overview: The Butternut Area Historical Committee is fund raising for a future Butternut Area Museum. To that end, they are sponsoring a **mural project which will depict the amazing men and women that made the Butternut Community, in a larger than life scale (~ 7 ft. tall)** The work will be done on panels by local artist Kelly Meredith during the winter and installed on the **south wall of Butternut Automotive** sometime during the summer of 2012. **Kelly is donating her labor so that all the money received can go directly toward the funding of the museum** (minus material costs.) This new project will beautify the south entrance to our town, honor our area residents, and increase visibility for our community.

How It Works: Residents can sponsor an area citizen who made a difference in our community. We are looking for people who, in some way, help illustrate The Story of Butternut. Inclusion in the project is left wide open; all time periods (including the present), occupations and 'claims to fame' are welcomed. The only stipulations are that a) the person was at one time a **Butternut area resident**, b.) made some specific contribution to or had **some impact on our community** (early settler, community leader, unique character, significant volunteer, etc.) and c.) is visually represented in photographs. Though we are open to many options, we reserve the right to reject any submissions that do not meet the overall goal of the project.

How to Sponsor: To sponsor an individual, please fill out an application form, submit your photos (see directions below), and handwrite a brief narrative of this person's life story (see details below).

Photo Submission Directions: DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL PHOTOS!!! Please send good quality color photocopies (Park Falls Print and Copy does an excellent job) or scan photos and print them out full page size. The artist will need a good quality portrait shot (wedding photos, yearbook photos, military portraits, or any professional portrait shot will work) and a full body shot. **Copies will not be returned.** If a full body shot is not available, Kelly will find appropriate references given time period, occupation, etc. Please have photos enlarged to full page size. Feel free to submit several photos to help depict the character of the individual. **Kelly reserves the right to reject any photo submissions that are not of sufficient clarity. Keep in mind that this is an artistic likeness and not a photographic reproduction of your sponsored individual.**

Narrative: In your own handwriting, please write a brief description of the individual's life. This is going to be reproduced behind the individual as a kind of background treatment. It will be obscured somewhat. The point is to illustrate that these people had unique personal stories. People may or may not be able to read the entire narrative.

Cost: The cost for sponsorship is \$225 per individual. Checks can be made to Butternut Area Historical Committee. **The Committee will also be selling 'plaques' for \$50 which would include the person's name, dates, and a few words indicating their significance to the community.** These will be in a border at the bottom of the mural.

Submission: Submissions will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The opening date for submissions will be Monday Aug. 1, 2011. There are~ 25 slots available.

Contact: For more information on the museum or the project contact Maxine Kleinsteiber at 715-769-3508.

