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Jane McDaniels, Pinckneyville name was drawn for first prize of a quilt in the 2009 Perry County Jail Museum Annual Open House. Pam Brown of the St. Louis area won a cookbook as a second prize, and Dorothy Hinton, Du Quoin won a gift basket. The drawing was held at the museum on Monday, December 14, and ended the open house event.

For the last meeting of 2009 the Perry County Historical Society met at the Outdoorsman's BBQ in Tamaroa. The jail museum committee didn't hold a meeting of its own in December but met with the historical society where its minutes and treasury report was read. This meeting served as a Christmas party and the museum quilters were treated to a free meal to recognize their important contribution to the museum.

The Perry County Jail Museum Annual Holiday Open House enjoyed good weather and a good turnout of guests this year. In December before Christmas and New Years the museum has to compete with many attractions for public attention so we were pleased with the number of guests. As soon as the Christmas decorations come down attention will turn to the next major event, which is the annual museum rummage sale, held the first weekend in April. This year the first weekend falls on Friday, April 2, and Saturday, April 3. Some rummage items are already being brought in to the museum. Far into the future, in October 2010 the Perry County Jail Museum will host a meeting of the Southern Illinois Association of Museums (SIAM).

Meetings



Perry County Jail Museum Committee
1:30 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2010
Perry County Jail Museum
Pinckneyville

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Perry County Historical Society
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2010
BJ's Garden Restaurant
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We are sticking to our winter schedule of daytime meetings of the Perry County Historical Society. Our next meeting will be back to Du Quoin at BJ's restaurant. No program has been announced.

Many members have paid their dues for 2010, if you haven't please do so. The membership dues are still \$15 a year. You may mail your dues to the address at the top of this page.

The museum building that was the old Perry County Jail and Sherriff's Residence will be 139 years old this year since construction of the building began in January 1871 and was completed by December 1871. As an old historical building on the National Register of Historic Places there are always repairs necessary for maintenance. This fall the front porch on the north side of the building needed repair. The posts were rotting on the bottom, the floor was draining off water after a rain, and the porch needed new paint. On the south side of the building that is the cellblock housing the jail itself, an opening in the wall for an exhaust fan needs repair around the fan and a crack in the wall needs patch. There is also gutter work that needs to be done. Bobby Hutchings Construction has repaired the front porch by repairing the posts, putting in new flooring, and repainting the north side. The arrival of winter has interrupted work on the south side. Some members have already made donations towards these repairs. Any contributions towards paying for these repairs would be greatly appreciated.



Above: Two views of the newly repaired and painted front porch. Left: A view of the Perry County Jail Museum from the northwest corner.

Stella Runyon's Genealogy Report

The only research reported is for the Sebastian Epplin family.

It has been very quiet.

Pinckneyville Business History book

Work on the Pinckneyville Business History book will continue in earnest this new year. There have already been personal recollections sent in and there are several video interviews recorded with some of Pinckneyville's older citizens.