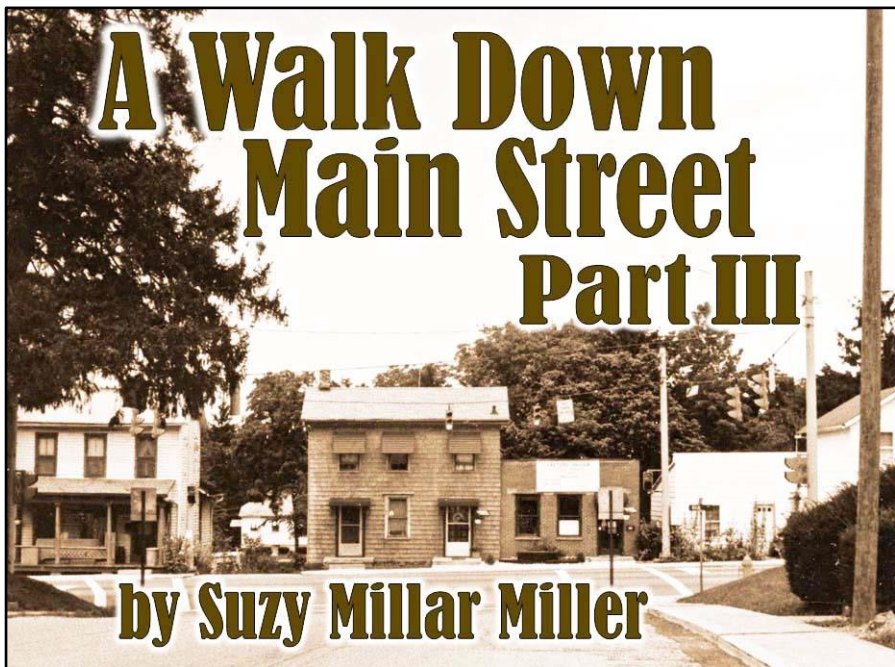




A Walk Down Main Street Part III

by **Suzy Millar Miller**



For the March 2023, *Courier* I “walked” down East Main Street and ended up at the Hayes house where they sold sweet corn in the summer. Now I’m going to continue East on the North side of Main Street to one of my former homes. My memories are a blend of the 50s and 60s and may not be totally accurate because my mind may remember things differently from my youth than what they actually were. First, I want to correct a comment I made in Part 2 of the walk, Nikki and Vikki Fledderjohanns’ grandfather was Perry Walz, not Oath Young.



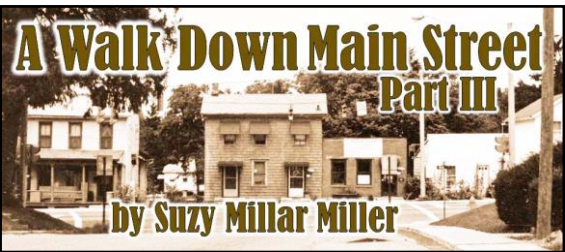
I had planned to “cross” Main Street at the crosswalk, but decided I would wander further up the street. There were a number of houses along the street that are no longer there. But some landmarks are still visible. **Miss Marguerite Click**, a longtime



teacher in Reynoldsburg lived in a white house with big butterflies on her porch. I don’t know if they were metal or ceramic, but they definitely stood out! Miss Click was famous for taking her little Pekingese dog, Foo Ling everywhere. The dog became the unofficial “mascot” of the school. There are pictures of him posing with the 1956 Homecoming Queen, Marilyn Babbert. *The Reynolian* (continued on page 02)

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listed him as “Foo Ling, the Homecoming King.” The house has since been remodeled into the Eerie Escape venue and doesn’t look the same.



One of the homes I visited often on Main Street belonged to **Mickey and Frances Slack**. Frances and I were both Founding Members of RTHS and served on the board in the late 70s. At one time we were sharing

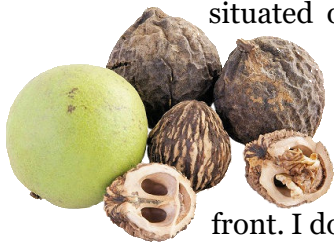


the Secretary position, but we had to split up because we talked the whole meeting rather than paying attention. That’s when I became the Publicity Chairman where I sent information to the local newspaper. Frances and I had a great time and she gave me many story ideas I used in the *Reynolds-*

burg Reporter.

The next place I remember was **Culligan Water Softeners**. I didn’t know anyone who had soft water, but they had a big building. The building is still standing and has been a variety of business locations over the years.

When we moved from Rt. 204 to the Burg, my parents rented a big white house that sat right on the edge of Main Street I think the front yard was about six feet wide. The house was



situated on a hill and the back of the house was quite a bit lower than the front. I don’t have any pictures of that house, but I remember it well. There were quite a few kids in the old village area and we liked to hang out in the backyard where the swing set was located. There was a huge red barn closer to the creek where one of my uncles stored a race car. One of the highlights of fall was when the big, **black walnut tree** dropped its nuts. The hulls were thick and green and hard to separate from the nut. I don’t know if you ever tried to crack a black walnut, but they are totally different than the English kind we see in the

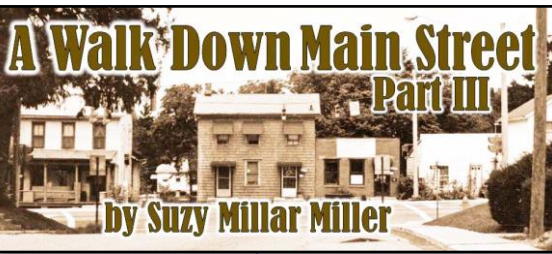
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stores now. Usually, we had to convince my dad to drive the car over the nuts a few times so we could get them open. A nutcracker couldn't open the nuts, pliers were a better choice.



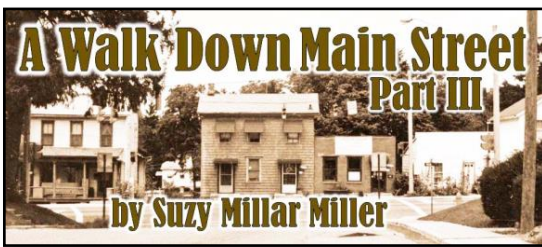
We moved into the house in 1953 so I could begin kindergarten. I celebrated my 6th birthday in the house with a big party. My guests were: Mike and Mark Davis (twins), Mark Mallet, Mike Wetherell, David Millar, Carol Ingalls, Susie Williams, Laura Bennett, David Uhrig, Barbara Fickle, and Karen Stokes. We even did "couples" style of dancing. I remember it was a lot of fun. The house was in a great location because Kindergarten was held in the United Methodist Church on the other side of the street. The house was where the Old Town Shopping Center is located. At one time the *Reynoldsburg Reporter* was located at 7512 East Main which was about where the barn used to be. It was pretty strange working at the newspaper right where my old house sat.

I guess it's time to get across Main Street now. The street wasn't all that busy most of the time. At first, my mom would walk me and my neighbor, Barbara Fickle, across the street so I would learn how to cross a big road to go to school. Until we moved to the Burg, I had never been around streets or traffic because we lived on part of the Pickering/Millar farm. My mom would cross Main Street later in the day to help me back home. She didn't do that for long because one day, my little brother, Mike, must have gotten up early from his nap and saw mom crossing the street. He escaped out of the screen door and started toddling across the street (he was two-years-old). I still have a mental image of him, grinning from ear to ear with nothing on except a



sagging diaper. Mom yelled at him and caught him on the run. It was quite a sight. Guess he was an original "streaker", except he had his diaper on! Needless to say, mom decided I'd

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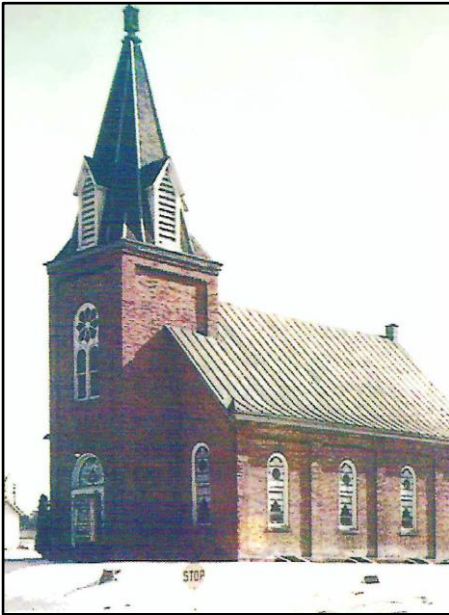


held a rack of choir robes. The back side of the room had a small

figure out how to cross the street without her. The house opposite ours was built in 1909 and was owned by **Maud Slack**. She often came out to greet us in the



street. The house has been renovated and recently sold. The Methodist Church was the next building on the South side of East Main Street.



Kindergarten was held in the basement of the **Methodist Church** in the space where the choir practiced. There was an old beat-up piano on one side of the room. Another side

kitchen and an area where there were little mats stored for our short mid-session nap. Before the nap time, we had a paper cup of Kool-Aide and crackers. I think we were only there for four hours. Our job was to learn how to get used to being around non-family members and to listen to the teacher. One of my most traumatic



experiences happened in that room. The teacher had given us all a cardboard shoe and taught us how to put laces through the holes. It was fun until we were taught how to tie a bow. Everyone in the class accomplished the task, except for me.



I couldn't figure out how tying was done. That's when I found out I was left-handed, and my teacher did not know how to teach lefties! I didn't learn until I

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was in the second grade.

Anyway, many of us spent a lot of time at the Methodist Church. I believe I was there five to six days a week for various activities over the years. My father built a side annex to the church that had two stories. The lower level of the annex had multiple entrances and windows. There was a pretty big kitchen at one end of the big room. The rest was a large open



space where the **Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF)** met for meetings and dances. The church ladies also used the space for "Circle" meetings or potluck meals. The other two floors of the annex were used for Sunday School. I was in the children's choir, youth choir, and adult choir while growing up.

Well, I'd better get on with my journey back toward Blacklick Creek. After going from the church, there was Cypress Alley that connected to where the minister lived. Just on the other side of the alley is where Helping Hands is located. My dentist, **Dr. John Seeds**, had his offices in a

house next to that small office plaza.

My father went to Dr. Seeds for years.



Years later I even took my kids there. Next to that office is a State Farm Insurance agent. I don't remember what it was years ago, but there probably was a house there.



Bates Realty is still located in the same place I remember it. Although - originally it was a Motel, not apartments. These buildings are all located in Reynoldsburg's Historic section. Next to Bates was a popular beauty (continued on page 06)

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salon known as **“The Powder Puff.”** I don’t remember ever going there, but my Aunt Virginia used to get her hair done there. The beauty shop



produced a cookbook for a few years which included recipes from their clients. I believe there is a copy of it at the RTHS museum.



The next important stop is the **United Presbyterian Church.** I visited there a number times when the churches had special combined services for Thanksgiving, Easter, or Christmas. One of my elementary teachers, **Martha Savage** was their organist for decades. Martha was the person who took care of the original RTHS museum, accepted and cataloged donations from guests, and made sure that everyone signed our

guest book! Martha kept our records in order for many years. **Shirley Vingle**, another RTHS member, used to be a youth leader at the United Presbyterian Church. Apparently, Shirley made quite a choice when she had our own, **Mary (Turner) Stoots**, play the Virgin Mary in the Christmas pageant. Usually little, red-headed girls weren’t chosen for such a visible

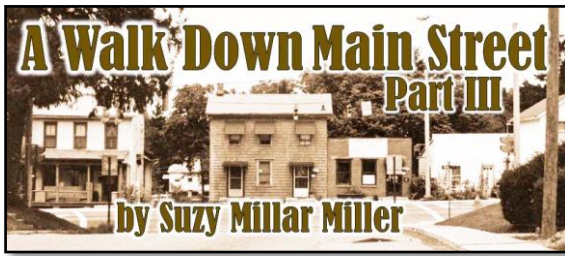


role! Mary is the current President of RTHS and editor of the *Courier*.

On May 31, 1927, an Army, large, single-bay, conventional bi-plane, Huff-Daland XLB-5 crashed



in Reynoldsburg. There were five men on that airplane. One of the men who parachuted (Continued on page 7)



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from the plane ended up getting caught on the steeple of the **United Presbyterian Church** at Main and Jackson. His name was First Lieutenant Bernard A. Bridget. My brother, Mike Millar, did research on the story of the crash in 1967 and found out from Bridget's son that his father had suffered back injuries from that jump for the rest of his life. (See the *Courier* article from May, 2020, Vol. 43, No. 3). The version of the church that was standing in 1927 burnt down on Dec. 29, 1946. Apparently, over the course of the years, the Presbyterian Church burned down at least four different times.

The church building was sold a few years ago. Our museum has one of the pews from the church. The pew is located in the kitchen of RTHS. I think I'll take a rest on that pew for a while before I finish up my stroll West to Blacklick Creek.

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IT'S TIME FOR A PIZZA COTTAGE FUNDRAISER!



For those of you who receive your *Courier* via **email**, a PDF file of the Pizza Cottage flyer is attached to the email. For those who receive your *Courier* by U.S. Mail, if you live within Franklin County, or a county that surrounds Franklin, a postcard of the flyer will be included with your *Courier*!

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 26th**. The fundraiser is open all day from 11:00am to 10:00pm. If you'd like to join some of us, we usually eat at about 5:30pm. Just look for a bunch of people with white hair (or no hair) having a good time!

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Something to ponder while everyone is preparing for their Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day, or any type of Armed Forces related holiday celebration; Arlington National Cemetery is 624 acres of why YOU'RE STILL FREE.

RHS Class of 1967



The RHS Class of 1967 met for lunch on April 26th at the Winking Lizard Tavern. Clockwise, (beginning on the left against the wall) Danny Kessler, Sharon Peters, Marcia Bowers, Rich Davis, Debbie Adkins Davis, Lee Atwood Parks, Sharon Young Daniel, Linda Young (Sharon's sister), and Shirley Adkins Buck; (Standing) Barb Rennard Jones and Patty Buechel Conry; (continuing clockwise, seated on the right side of the table) Mike (Cheryl Legg's friend), Cheryl Moore Legg, Vicki Moore (Wilda Kuhn's sister), Wilda Moore Kuhn, Tex Duncan, Judith Marcum Duncan, Vickie Edwards Hall, and Terry Miller

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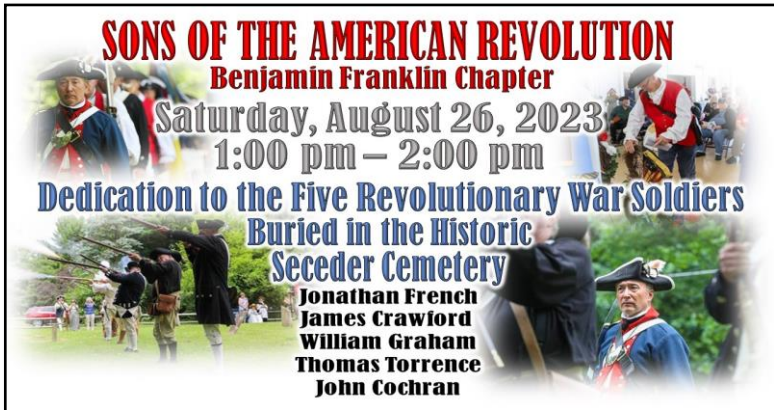
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Saturday, July 15, 2023

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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(across from the former Hannah J. Ashton School)



YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO A DEDICATION HOSTED BY THE SAR! (Sons of the American Revolution)

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter SAR will be hosting a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony on August 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Seceder Cemetery, located behind the Bibibop and Five-Bean Coffee 2087 State Route 256, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

We will be honoring Five American Patriots;

John Cochran
James Crawford
Jonathan French
William Graham
Thomas Torrence



This ceremony is open to all SAR, DAR and CAR members as well as the **general public**. If you are a SAR, DAR or CAR chapter and wish to present a wreath please contact Donald Miller no later than 7th of August 2023, at gunshipballs9@gmail.com.

SAR Color Guardsmen wanting to participate in posting of the Colors or Firing in the firing line please contact Ohio Society Color Guard Commander Robert Hill at leeslegiondragon@gmail.com no later than 7th of August 2023 and report by 12:00.

This will be an Ohio Society State and a 250th Anniversary Celebration event.

Thank you,

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President – OHSSAR
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Past Chapter President

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but Not Required



By Mike Johnson *PWInsider.com*

Al will be in a movie that started filming a few weeks ago in Louisville Kentucky. It's about a lady wrestler, Mildred Burke, and Al will be portrayed by Martin Kove.

Kove is best known for his role as John Kreese, the main antagonist of The Karate Kid (1984). He reprised the role in The Karate Kid Part II (1986), The Karate Kid Part III (1989), and the television series Cobra Kai (2018–present). Kove also appeared as Nero the Hero in Death Race 2000 (1975), and afterward as Clem in White Line Fever (1975). He was a regular on the TV series Cagney and Lacey (1982–1988), portraying Police Detective Victor Isbecki. He appeared in Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) and Quentin Tarantino's Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (2019).

PWInsider.com has confirmed a lot of additional details on the forthcoming independent feature

film *Queen of the Ring: Based on the True Story of Mildred "Millie Burke,"* an independent film written and directed by Ash Avildsen (*No Cover*, the in-development *Genghis Khan and Paradise City*, among other projects), which will tell the story of influential groundbreaking women's star Mildred Burke.

The film began shooting in Louisville, Kentucky last month on Monday June 12, and they'll shoot through at least late July and in some production material, the film has been referred to as just *Millie*, so they may be shortening the title. The screenplay by Avildsen is based on the excellent Jeff Leen book of the same title on Burke's life, which was released back in 2009. Avildsen recently scored a Grammy nomination for Best Metal Performance for singer Poppy, who has appeared on WWE NXT programming in the past.

Arrow star Emily Bett Rickards (Felicity Smoak in the excellent DC

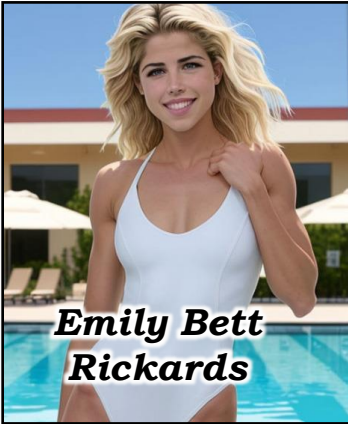
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series) has been cast to play Burke in the film.

The plot of the film – “The true story of the tough, gutsy Mildred Burke, the first world famous female pro wrestler and million-dollar athlete, who becomes a champion of a grow-



ing entertainment franchise in the 1930s to 1950s. Married to business partner BILLY WOLFE, the brilliant but vicious entrepreneur who pioneered women wrestlers, Mildred endured his infidelity and physical abuse despite the rise of her own power until she couldn’t take it anymore. With courage, panache and a loyal following, Mildred challenged the all-male hierarchy of the wrestling world as she became the first woman to headline over men.”

PWInsider.com has confirmed the following additional casting of professional wrestling personalities

from that time period:

-Francesca Eastwood, recently seen



in M. Night Shyamalan’s film *Old*, will be portraying WWE Hall of Famer Mae Young, who will be seen in her 20s/30s. Eastwood is the daughter of Clint Eastwood.

-Leona “Babe” Gordon, who Burke defeated for the Women’s World Championship will be portrayed by Marie Avgeropoulos (*The 100*).



She has also appeared in the Steve Austin film *Hunt To Kill*.

-WWE’s Charlotte Flair has been cast as June Byers, who was a former
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Women's World Champion for numerous promotions, and a major rival for Burke. One would think a match between the two would be one of the climactic moments of the film.



- Josh Lucas will be playing Billy Wolfe. Lucas is well known for roles in a number of feature films including *The Hulk*, *The Forever Purge*, *American Psycho* and tons of other projects. Wolfe, as some will know, was a major



promoter of women's wrestling in that time period and not a likable personality, in the least, as he exploited the women he promoted. He was also the former husband of Burke.

-Deborah Ann Woll (Karen from Marvel's *Daredevil*, in which she was

excellent) will portray Gladys "Kill em" Gillem.

-Kelli Berglund, who stars in STARZ pro wrestling series *Heels* as Crystal, will portray "Alabama Bombshell" Nell Stewart.

-**Legendary pro wrestling promoter Al Haft** will be portrayed by *Cobra Kai*'s Martin Kove. Haft was one of the original promoters to form the National Wrestling Alliance.

-Walton Goggins will be playing legendary New York City wrestling promoter Jack Pfefer, one of the first to ever break kayfabe* and reveal secrets of the business to the media at the time, but also pushed for women's wrestling to be legally allowed in NYC.

A number of these personalities were featured years ago in the excellent Ruth Leitman women's wrestling documentary *Lipstick & Dynamite*.

The film is said to be budgeted in the \$5 million area, so it's closer to an independent film than a studio production.

* *Kayfabe* - In [professional wrestling](#), kayfabe is the portrayal of staged events within the industry as "real" or "true", specifically the portrayal of competition, rivalries, and relationships between participants as being genuine and not staged.



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- 26 – WED – Pizza Cottage Fundraiser
11:00am–10:00pm

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- 04 – FRI – Alumni Walk Thru • RHS
Class of 1978 4:00-6:00pm
- 10-11-12 Tomato Festival
- 15 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 19 – SAT – Open House 10am-2:00pm
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- 20 – SUN – Deadline for September
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Barbara

Kelleck Battles

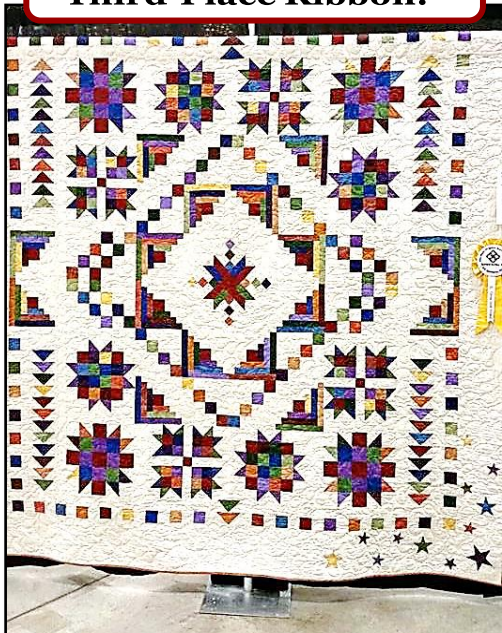
Barbara recently joined RTHS. She graduated in the RHS Class of 1967, has three children, five grandchildren, collects a few nutcrackers, has lived for the past 40 years in a log home by a river, loves all the outdoor activities, and → I discovered that she is a champion quilter!

The quilt on the right not only won **First Prize** at a West Virginia quilt show this year, but it was also displayed at the **state capitol building** of West Virginia!

WHAT AN HONOR!



**Barbara's 06/19/2015
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The Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
Welcomes the RHS Class of 1973



for an Alumni
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Two Alumni Walk-Thrus in August!

RTHS Members are always welcome to join us during the Alumni Walk-Thrus!

We could always use your help for all kinds of small tasks, like:

- Manning the buildings
- Asking our visitors to sign the guest sign-in sheets!
- Pointing out various displays, etc.

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