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HELP US PRESERVE

Logan County History

The Logan County Historical Society was founded in 1945 by a group of Logan County residents who saw the need to preserve priceless artifacts and local history. We need your help to continue this legacy!

WHY DOES THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEED MY FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

- To help with daily year-round operation of the History Center.
- For special restoration and repair projects to the History Center, including the beautiful 119-year-old Orr Mansion.
- To help fund educational programs for our schools including museum tours and field trips to Logan County landmarks. Over 1,000 students visit the museum each year.
- For special community events such as Halloween KidFest, open houses, special exhibits, and our Christmas open house.
- To support outreach programs with local schools, organizations, community events, and care centers that allow us to share the great history of Logan County with thousands of people each year.
- To help with the increasing cost of facility operations and maintenance.
- To preserve irreplaceable artifacts, photos, documents, and other historical items for future generations to learn about and enjoy.

HOW CAN I DONATE OR BECOME A MEMBER TO SUPPORT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

ONLINE: Visit our website by Scanning the QR code on the form at the end of the newsletter. You can donate using your credit card or paypal.

BY MAIL: Please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter, enclose the amount specified, and send it to the following address: **521 E Columbus Ave, Bellefontaine, OH 43311**



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CURATOR'S CORNER

It is with some bittersweetness that I write this Curator's Corner. As many of you already know, Toni and John McPherson retired at the end of year as Bookkeeper/Payroll, and Building & Grounds Manager, respectively. Toni started as Administrative Assistant of the Logan County Historical Society in 1997. I leaned on her heavily when I became Curator/Director the following year and I continued to lean on her and depend on her ever since. Toni was much more than an administrative assistant and bookkeeper. She filled many roles that were never listed in her job description. Thank you, Toni, for all that you have done for the Logan County Historical Society and Logan County History Center over the years. We would not be the same organization or museum if you hadn't been such an important part of us.

John has been with us for over twenty years. He first came to us as our part-time janitor. His position morphed into Building & Grounds Manager and a full-time position when we began planning and later building the Transportation Museum. Like Toni, John went above and beyond his job description to ensure that the History Center was clean, and he took it upon himself to try to stay ahead of repairs and needs of 100 plus year-old historic home, an aging museum building, and the large Transportation Museum addition. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard visitors rave on how clean we kept the History Center. John also brought something to his position very few other people could - he was/is a tremendous local historian. I am going to miss being able to walk over to John's office and ask him a local history question and almost always get the answer without having to do any research on my own!

Toni and John are going to be greatly missed as employees of LCHS/LCHC. However, we are a small staff, and our relationships are more than just co-workers and staff members. I'm also going to miss not having my friends around as much. While I will look back on our times as co-workers with fond memories, I am glad our friendship will continue. That said, John has already signed up to be a docent and has said he will help with different projects and committees!

Toni and John, I wish you luck and lots of enjoyment with your retirement and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done for the Historical Society/History Center during your time here and all that you have done for me. You are two very special people.

Thank you,

Todd McCormick

Curator/Director

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

December 2024

Richard & Linda Halterman

Joe & Linda Hughes

Jim Rash

Shirley McPherson

Kevin & Kristen Braig

Jeff & Amy Blackwell

Patricia A. Peck

Sue Hurley

Sunny Yoesting

Jean Devore & Camilla Aukerman

Brad & Suzanne Brandt

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2025

Calendar OF Events

JANUARY

1ST CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

**9TH BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING**

7:00PM AcuSport Room

13TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

FEBRUARY

8TH DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

10TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

MARCH

8TH DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

10TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

**13TH BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING**

7:00PM AcuSport Room

APRIL

12TH DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

14TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

**27TH SALUTE TO VETERANS
OPEN HOUSE**

1:00-5:00PM History Center

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

**MONTHLY \$20
GIFT CERTIFICATE
DRAWING**

September

Marlyn Kelly

October

Imogene Van Voorhis

November

Kathy Iven

December

Louise Norris

THE LOGAN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WINTER CLOSURE 2025

The Logan County Genealogical Society's library will be closed part of the winter season for in-person patrons. The Genealogy Library's last day will be from December 23rd, 2024 to March 1st, 2025, and re-open on Sunday, March 2, 2025. The LCGS board has made this decision due in part to Ohio's unpredictable winter weather.

Our volunteers will check incoming emails regularly as well as the phone's answering machine, as weather permits. Be sure to leave your name, phone number, and/or email address and we will contact you as soon as possible. We are still committed to helping you with your genealogy research but feel this action is in the best interest of all involved.

We look forward to seeing you again in March!

Deb Allison, LCGS President

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CORRECTION FROM FALL NEWSLETTER:

We would like to thank Ray & Cheryl Kramer for their monetary donation in 2024. We inadvertently listed the wrong names in our thank you list that appeared in the last newsletter.

Christmas

AT THE HISTORY CENTER 2024

The Logan County History Center hosted our annual Christmas at the History Center Open House December 7TH, 8TH, 13TH, 14TH and 15TH. Thank you to all who participated in decorating, volunteering, performing, and attending!

TREE DECORATORS

Adult Trees

*Ledley Family Farms

*OSU, Logan Co Alumni

*Deep Roots Renovations + Design Co.

Bellefontaine Lions Club, Don & Margaret Hilliker YMCA, The Homestead at Logan Acres, Friendly Senior Center Wood Carvers, Logan County Art League, Logan County Visitor's Bureau, Downtown Bellefontaine Partnership, Eastern Star, Shawnee Springs, Top of Ohio Patriots, TCN DVP/ Soteria House, and Donate Life Ohio.

Kids Trees

*Ben Logan Third Grade

*Ben Logan Kindergarten

*Ben Logan First Grade

Ben Logan Second Grade, Ben Logan Fourth Grade, Lo Co Art, History Center Home School Class, and Shooting Sports Living History 4-H Club.

FIRST FLOOR OF THE ORR MANSION

Decorated by

Dining Room - *Logan Piecemakers

East Parlor - *Logan County Libraries

West Parlor - *Betty Lloyd - First Presbyterian Church

Kitchen - *Logan County DAR

Orr Mansion Entry - West Liberty Garden Club

Music Room - Logan County Genealogical Society

MUSICIANS THAT PERFORMED

Bellefontaine High School Jazz Band & Les Fons Show Choir, Carol Burton, Marianne Antram, and the West Central Ohio Community Concert Band, flute music, Mary's Turbo Accordion Express, Lynn Fullerton & Mary Drake, Mad River Valley Dulcimer Society, Naomi & Olivia Dearwester, Alicia Wilkins, Leanna George, Cindy Bleininger, St Patrick Church Choir, Brenda Stinson Thomas, Kacey Adams, and Popular Demand Quartet.

Leanna George Piano Students

Rebekah Heizer, Dalton Frazier, Hayes Robison

Paula Deardurff Piano Students

Braelynn Neer, Crosley Stewart, Lydia Wilson, Eva Wilson, Gavin Wilkins, Annie Gallaway, Samuel Blake, Gabriel Blake, Blakely Vollrath, Dori Jervis, Griffin Burkhardt, Charlotte Burkhardt, Madelynn Baker, Vivian Baker, Avery McCarty, Rei Stamegna, Benjamin Church, Emily Church, Jacob Cronkleton, Luke Cronkleton, Emily Cronkleton, Rayven Peters. Oliver Morse, Rosie Moreland, Charlie Moreland, Devyn Hogan, and Alexis Hogan.

Shirley McPherson Piano Students

Brigg, Lake, & Kacey Adams, Winnie, Lottie & Brooks Bodin, Cooper Bookmyer, Laura Hagedorn, Tanner Hilbun, Caroline & Tommy Jones, Carter King, Sarah King, Lorali Klopfenstein, Karis Martini, Grace, Clara & Sam Middendorf, Crew McPherson, Emma Taylor, Lucas Taylor, Ethan Van Winkle, and Emily LeVan.

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE DECORATORS

Erin Rudat, Karen Tracey, Marilyn, Jackson & Noah Springs, George & Diana Wackerman, Jeanne Jenkins, Amy McCormick, Kit Wehe, Tam Van Ness, Leslie Warne, Sharon Kinney, Angie Messner, Judy Snyder, Pat Ortli, Don Corwin, Kathy Iven, Bob & Lois Stoll, David Saxby, and Beth Marshall, Chairman.

OPEN HOUSE WORKERS

Mark Curtis, Gary Haber, Doug Chamberlain, Ron & Dee Dee Ricketts, David Saxby, Jody Nolin, Scott Gill, Cheryl Hawkins, Erin Rudat, Pat Ortli, Imogene Van Voorhis, Tam Van Ness, Kit Wehe, Leslie Warne, Jeanne Jenkins, John & Karen Tracey, Mark Butler, Karen Beasley, Sharon DeVault, Dan Bratka, Tanner Wical, Art Mortimore, Linda Larsen, Angie Messner, Nancy Ledley, Bob Mattfeld, Tim McPherson, Bruce & Louise Norris, Abby Wolf, Kathy Iven, Judy Snyder, George & Diana Wackerman, Julie Schrader, Ray Kramer, Bill Tipple, Brian Baker, Marilyn Springs, Lois Stoll, Todd & Amy McCormick, John & Toni McPherson, Beth Marshall and Mary Mortimer.

Thank you to all who donated cookies for our open house

Best Adult Tree

1ST



Ledley Family Farm

2ND



OSU Alumni Club of Logan County

3RD



Deep Roots Renovations + Design Co.

Best Kids Tree

1ST



Ben Logan Third Grade

2ND



Ben Logan Kindergarten

3RD



Ben Logan First Grade

Best Room

1ST



Dining Room – Decorated by the Logan Piecemakers

2ND



East Parlor – Decorated by the Logan County Libraries

3RD



West Parlor – Decorated by Betty Lloyd

3RD



Kitchen – Decorated by the Logan County DAR

LCHS BOARD ELECTION

The Logan County Historical Society membership elected the 2025 Board of Trustees at the society membership meeting on December 11, 2024. The officers were re-elected to their respective positions: Dan Bratka (President – 3rd term), Doug Chamberlain (Vice-President), Abby Wolf (Treasurer), Bruce Norris (Asst. Treasurer), Karen Beasley (Recording Secretary), and Cheryl Watkins (Corresponding Secretary). The officers will serve 1-year terms. Erin Rudat, Bill Tipple, and Brian Baker were all re-elected as Trustees for the 2025-2027 term.

Save the Date A SALUTE TO LOGAN COUNTY VETERANS OPEN HOUSE

This year's spring open house, A Salute to Logan County Veterans, will be Sunday, April 27th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. There will be exhibits throughout the History Center on U.S. military history and Logan County's roles in this history. The exhibits will include a uniform gallery in the Orr Mansion's 3rd floor ballroom. This will be our third Salute to Veterans open house. The previous two events were some of the best attended we have ever had.

You can also follow us on our Facebook page and check our website www.loganhistory.org for updates and previews of the exhibits and stories that will be featured in A Salute to Logan County Veterans in the next few weeks and months.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

While we are sorry to see Toni and John retire, we are pleased to announce our new bookkeeper and our new custodians. Eric Adelsberger has agreed to become our new bookkeeper. Eric served as LHCS Board Treasurer in the early 2000s. He retired several years ago as treasurer of Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. We have also hired Matt & Joe Young for the Custodian position. Matt teaches at Benjamin Logan Elementary and Joe is an RN at Mary Rutan Hospital. They will be splitting the custodial duties for now. Matt will then take on the Custodian position himself after he retires from teaching. For the time being Todd will take on the scheduling of annual inspections, repairs, etc. that John has been doing as Building & Grounds Manager. Welcome to LCHS/ LCHC Eric, Matt, & Joe!



John & Toni McPherson

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Curator/Director

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Mary Mortimer

Administrative Assistant

Social Media/Website

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Beth Marshall

Assistant Curator/Archivist

bmarshall@loganhistory.org

Matt & Joe Young

Custodians

Eric Adelsberger

Bookkeeper

Tim McPherson

Caretaker

dtimmcpherson@gmail.com

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SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2024 – DECEMBER 16TH, 2024

ARTIFACT DONATIONS

Thank You!

Ann & Joan Beck

Desk used by their father John R. Beck and both donors at their law offices.

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Curt Peterson

Pen & Ink drawing of old BHS by Mike Major, BHS commemorative plate, BHS photo, BHS Class of 1969 composite photo, bronzed baby shoes

Keith Krieger

Late 19th century level, wood plane

Patricia (Trumbull) Waddell

Eugene Trumbull's 1944 BHS diploma, Class of 1944 reunion items, pencil drawing by Donald Forry

Marilyn Guthrie

Donor's winter dance, prom, graduation, "Miss Furrow," and wedding dresses

Adrienne Harrold

Information/short bios of M.C. Harrold and Odessyl Harrold (lived in Orr Mansion 1920s-1940s), photos scans of Harrold family members

Terry & Susan Conley

Photograph scans of Indian Lake photos and postcards

Diana MacDonald

Videotapes of Bob MacDonald's Indian Lake history speeches/presentations

Margaret Piatt

Bowl made by Jim White while he worked as a potter at Old Sturbridge Village

Cassie Hassel

Donor's painting of Don & Mary Gumpert

Janet Elliott

Cloris Aiken diaries, Aiken family books, photos, Carter-Funk family photos

Paul J. Hesse

Small collection of Brownie and other cameras

John Snyder

Mad River Theater Works brochure, Indian Lake photos, Examiner newspapers

Nancy Houser Gray

David W. Houser school and WWII paperwork & photos, newspaper articles on Dave Longbrake death in WWII

Sandy Lockwood

Wendell Lockwood's WWII Bronze Star, 1962 Lockwood Farm Conservation Plan

Jane B. McGinnis

Parlor set belonging to the Carter-Funk family

Sharon K. Brentlinger

Matchbooks from local businesses, Lincoln Log set, I.L. postcard/photo collage

Bob Mattfeld

Blowtorch, pea/bean shooter

Joyce Clay

Photo of New York Central locomotive with workers

Alice Ann Pruett

Local history/organizations scrapbooks

Toni Bales

Belle Center High School and Benjamin Logan High School band uniforms

Jazmin Nelson

School desks

Lynn Baer

Newspaper Daily Index-Republican 12/24/1915

Cindy Bleininger

Benjamin Logan Schools flag

Athenian Club

Poems by club charter member Belle Newell MacCracken, Athenian Club "100 Years of Programs booklet"

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