

Wish List

Old Photographs that we can borrow to scan for our collection. We can do this "while you wait" if you call ahead and let us know.

Programs or Brochures (old and new) from events in the community. For example, we have programs from the opening of the Portage River Bridge that just celebrated its 75th anniversary. We need more like those. Cleaning out, moving, or simplifying your life? Think of your museum!

New Volunteers to help out during the quieter days of the off-season. We need help sorting and filing news articles from the past and identifying old photos. We also have computer work—learn a new skill—we will train you! Call Wayne Walter at 419-797-0186 or 419-732-2237.

More Visitors! Come in and see us during open hours or make an appointment (call Peggy at 419-732-1039).

Monetary Donations— Consider the museum for your end of year giving. We operate entirely on donations and memberships.

OUR BOARD MEMBERS:

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OTTAWA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Greetings from the Curator!

Fall 2008

It's been a busy few months for me—thank you to everyone who has contacted me—keep those calls coming, and by all means, stop by!

A member has suggested that I have a "Coffee with the Curator" morning once a month and invite anyone and everyone to come in and chat. I am looking for your ideas of what you would like to see the museum do for you and for any information or items that you might have that relate to Ottawa County history. Coffee dates will be the third Wednesday of each month from 10 am to noon—October 15, November 19, and December 17. On October 15, we will look at old photos that we need help identifying. See you in the museum!

We are planning to put out some of our children's toys for an old-fashioned Christmas display. Plan to bring your children or grandchildren in around Christmas time—watch local newspapers for open times. We will also add the holiday hours to our telephone recording at 419-732-2237.

Peggy Debien, Curator



Winter Hours Resumed after Labor Day—Beginning September 3, we are open on Wednesdays from 12 to 3 p.m. If you would like to visit at another time, please call Peggy Debien at home, 419-732-1039, to schedule a visit.

THANK YOU for the following recent donations:

Ken Hartley—vintage photos believed to be of Matthews Boat Company workshops.

Wayne Walter—internet router to for WiFi capability—and he set it up for us, too!

Bob Reynolds—loan of Matthews Boat Company photos for scanning.

Ed Sandrock—loan of local photos for scanning.

Catawba Island Garden Club—original minutes and memorabilia.

Emmagene Belknap—hostas for our garden.

Kevin Hermes—help in identifying old photographs.

John Gibson—"Museum Open" sign for the front of the museum.

Researchers this summer included the Army Corps of Engineers looking for info on Erie Proving grounds/EAD/EOD and the Locust Point Firing Range, both local newspapers looking for photos/info and a local realtor looking for history of a building on a property she has listed for sale.

For those of you who have not renewed your membership—a renewal card is enclosed. For those who have renewed—THANK YOU!



Give a membership for Christmas!

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Historical Websites. Volunteer researcher Adrienne Melena has found these historical websites:
www.midwestconnection.com/lighthouses—Marblehead Lighthouse
www.ci.port-clinton.oh.us/history—Port Clinton city history
www.ohiotraveler.com—links to Marblehead, South Bass Island, Lake Erie Coastal Trail
www.coastalohio.com—historical sites, museums
www.ohiohistoricalsociety.org—links to Put-in-Bay, Matthews Boats, Battle of Lake Erie
www.rbhayes.org—Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center
www.ohiohistorycentral.org—Battle of Lake Erie, Civil War, Johnson's Island, Ohio National Guard, Treaty of Greenville
www.nps.org—National Park Service site, Perry's Monument, Battle of Lake Erie, National Parks

Volunteer Update: Don Melena has been contacting county schools to determine their needs for county history to help us develop an outreach and tour schedule for schools. Ellen Frias has been reviewing and filing news articles for researchers. Bill Smith has been scanning photos and postcards. Wayne Walter keeps the volunteers scheduled and busy and set up the Ohio Chautauqua performance by "Andrew Carnegie" which had around 40 people in attendance. Adrienne Melena has researched our old books, as well as websites. John Gibson fills in to open the museum when needed.

Thank you to **TOM OBERLE** of SEAWAY BUILDING SERVICES for lending us his painters to paint the museum doors and shutters and to **SAM CONTI** of LAKECRAFT CORPORATION who donated his time to paint the frame of the historical marker next to the museum.

Antique Books Available for a Donation !!!!!!! We have a number of books not related to Ottawa County available for a donation. Stop by and find a new treasure!

HISTORY MYSTERY!!

This 1936 photo of workers with pumpkins at the Port Clinton Canning Company is from the Louis Warner Collection in the museum. Do you know who these people are? Can you tell us more about the Port Clinton Canning Company? Call us at 419-732-2237.

Ottawa County Historical Society's Pumpkins-on-Parade will be at the Wolcott Keeper's House, Saturday, October 25, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., with pumpkin carving for children 6 through 11 years of age, a pumpkin illumination at sunset, bonfire, activities and stories, open to the public.

