

We're Looking for:

More old photos of the fishing industry, fishermen at work and ice harvesting.

Old and new photos of farmers at work.

Photos and stories of migrant workers in Ottawa County.

Standard Products items.

A strong magnifying glass, with or without a light, for looking at old photographs.

PCHS Revistas for years 48, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 74, 83, 85, 86, 93 through 2009. Other county high school yearbooks needed for most years.

Old photos of the western end of the county.

Please remember the museum—donations and memberships are our primary sources of support.

We have a great bunch of volunteers—why not join us and have a laugh or two while working for a good cause!

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OTTAWA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2010

Greetings from the Curator!

Great progress has been made! We are introducing our new exhibits to the local business community on July 1 at a PC Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. If you are a member of the Chamber, please join us. If not, please stop in any time after 1 July to see what has been accomplished! Board Member Lock Zeis and volunteers have been busy with hammers and nails and I have been helping plan exhibits out. It's been a lot of work, but we're proud of our new addition and think you will be, too.

Peggy Debien, Curator

THANK YOU for the following donations:

Casey Lambert—Fishing net weights from Lay Fisheries, early photos of Port Clinton Fish Company and Ford Tri-Motor with Port Clinton businessmen at Camp Perry
Jim Lundborg of Waterford CT—architect drawings of plot plan for Pharaoh's Omen Artist Colony and Trading Village, 315 W. Lakeshore Drive (now Brand's Marina)
Bill Gordon—1910 photos of Port Clinton snow storm and Lighthouse Keeper's boathouse, fishermen at work, shops in Port Clinton (inside and out), info on Holmes Little Tractor
John Liske of Oak Harbor Library Museum—photos of Port Clinton Basket Factory and German American Bank calendar
Lakeside Heritage Society—items from the estate of Charles H. Wolfe, including photos of Gypsum, Port Clinton Boy Scouts, Wideman Band
Rosann Graves—Naugahyde "nauga babies" from Uniroyal naugahyde plant
Ida Rupp Public Library—extra copies of Port Clinton High School Revista yearbooks
Bill Fehnrich—Photo/signed ball from 1947 VFW PC championship team,
Jane (Bracken) Ruster—Standard Products photos and items, PC Yacht Club yearbooks, and photos, news articles and large photo of the ship SUCCESS burning
Mary Alice Streeter—family portraits
Elmore Historical Society—Grace Leubcke's book on the history of Elmore
Joe Turinsky—small bank advertising the American Bank
Jeff Brown—Kirk Dairy bottle lid
Linda Snyder—Cochran majorette uniforms and scrapbooks
Port Clinton High School—Basketball from State Runner up team
Friends of Camp Perry—M-1 Carbine manufactured at Standard Products, Port Clinton

Memorials—Joyce Murphy in honor of her sister

Help preserve our past by designating the Ottawa County Historical Museum for a memorial donation or by making one in memory of a friend or loved one.

Coffee with the Curator—10 am to noon, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15.
Museum is open to one and all with coffee if you want it.

Summer Hours until Labor Day: **Noon to 3 pm Tues, Wed, Thurs.**
At the request of local residents and to accommodate weekday workers, we are opening the museum this summer on the **second Saturday of each**



Our new addition received the 2009 Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award. Many thanks to architect John Luscombe for his award winning design!

What's been happening in the museum?

Volunteers Don Melena, Ellen Frias and Rosann Graves and Curator Peggy Debien took a guided "windshield tour" of Camp Perry with the Camp Perry Historian (note: those are not POW huts at Camp Perry—they are GI huts). Ellen, Roseann, and Peggy also took an Underground Railroad tour in Sandusky. Join our volunteer cadre and then join us on our little adventures!

Volunteers also helped sort items that were in storage in LaCarne School. We've donated shells and snakes and lizards (Oh my!) to Port Clinton High School and sent for repatriation some bones believed to be Indian bones found on Catawba Island. (photo at right)

We have recently added several new volunteers to our rolls: Chuck Grindstaff has been organizing our storage room into a very useful archive. He has used his photographic expertise to organize and restore many of our photos.

Kevin Winters is a WWII re-enactor who has researched our militaria and is responsible for our new military exhibits.

Elsie Ward walked in one day to talk about the Bovia headstone she donated and stayed to help with our newspaper files and anything else that needs to be accomplished.

My mother, Lea Debien, helps with whatever needs to be done, returning the favor for all the times I helped her in the high school library.


Master Gardeners Jerry Tarolli and Jan Kerul have not only been working on our landscaping but also secured a very generous donation of Knockout roses and shrubs from Barnes Nursery on Catawba.



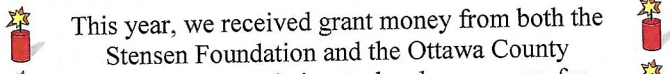
Skeleton plus jaw from storage in LaCarne School. May be Indian bones from Catawba.



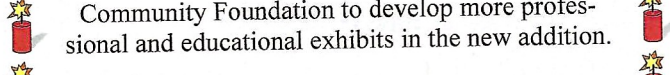
Left to right: Volunteer Kevin Winters, Trustee Lock Zeis and volunteer Chuck Grindstaff make sure the "Tin Goose" is flying right!

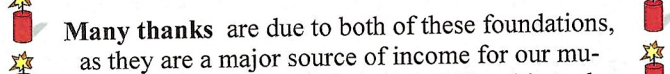


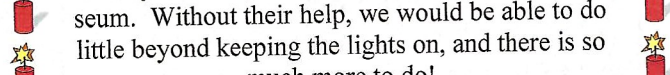
 This year, we received grant money from both the Stensen Foundation and the Ottawa County Community Foundation to develop more professional and educational exhibits in the new addition.




Many thanks are due to both of these foundations, as they are a major source of income for our museum. Without their help, we would be able to do little beyond keeping the lights on, and there is so much more to do!









Special thanks to Amy Heflinger, creative genius of aha creative, and Kim Godfrey, event planner of Always Genuine Events, for lending their time and talents to make our exhibits more user friendly and attractive.