

## We're Looking for:

### Photos and stories of:

- migrant workers
- farm life
- outhouses
- western Ottawa County

### Memberships:

—Please remember the museum! Donations, memberships and grants are our only sources of support.

### Volunteers:

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

### Memorials

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

### OUR BOARD MEMBERS:

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## OTTAWA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Until Memorial Day, Open Wednesdays Noon to 3 pm

Or whenever you want—call Peggy Debien: 419-732-1039

## NEWSLETTER

FALL 2010

### Greetings from the Curator!

Autumn is in the air and I am energized by the cool weather! Please come in and see your new, beautiful museum. You will hardly believe your eyes—it looks so much bigger inside than out. Out-of-town visitors included John Sutherland who along with local Tom Wiseman recently had a great time reminiscing about the “good old days” and the Matthews Boat Company as they wandered around the museum. We have had many out-of-towners visit—now we need more in-towners!

Volunteer Rosann Graves and I just cleaned up the piano (at left) that belonged to her uncle, Reverend Harold Boggs, who used the piano to compose church music. Rosann donated the piano, photos, and album covers some time ago, and Park McRitchie stored the piano at Quikstir until the museum extension was complete. Now that we have enough space, we have the piano on display and will be collecting stories about Rev. Boggs later this year. The piano will be the centerpiece of an exhibit about local churches.



*Peggy Debien*, Curator

### THANK YOU for the following donations:

- Vickie and Ed Heinsen, Marshall Inn—Donation for Chamber Business After Hours
- Dave Barth—Scans of Camp Perry Postcards
- Ottawa County Courthouse—6 oak juror's chairs
- Magruder Hospital—10 excess chairs
- John and Jim Herl—former Courthouse desk used by their father
- Lighted magnifying glass requested in last newsletter (please call—name lost)
- Chuck Grindstaff—Standard Products items and display
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- Mary Alice Streeter—oil portraits
- Elsie Bovia Ward—Matthews boat items from her father, including pins and burgee
- Monica Heineman—old postcards and photos of Put-in-Bay and the wine industry
- Dick Sneary—Tour the Clock Tower, book of color photos of courthouse clock tower by the man who maintained the clock for many years (come in and see these great donations!!!)

**Coffee with the Curator**—Cancelled for the future. No one either gets up that early or has time at 10 am to come in. We will have some additional open hours around the holidays so that children on school vacation and their families can visit the museum.

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**VOLUNTEERS**

**Chuck Grindstaff** has made three slide shows about early PC—the 1913 flood, early photos of PC, and the coastline changes—available for visitors to see. **Wayne Walter** keeps our computers running smoothly. **Joanne and Elsie Ward** keep the entire museum tidy and greet visitors, sharing their wealth of knowledge of the county. **Don and Adrienne Melena** are organizing news articles about the Great Depression in Ottawa County. Don is also working on a file of Matthews photos and Adrienne researches our old books online for their values and sale prices. **Ellen Frias** is keeping our information files organized and filling up the file cabinets fast! **She, Don, and Adrienne** also greet visitors and help them with their research. **Kevin Winters** and Amy were just married and are setting up house! Thanks to all of you!

**Recent researchers in the museum:**

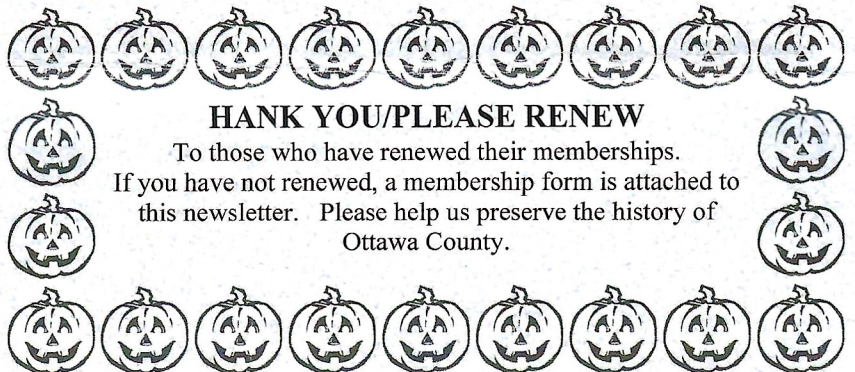
- **OSU professor looking for Civil War letters and memoirs of Ohio soldiers**
- **Writer looking for photos/info on Ohio lighthouses**
- **Woman studying PC cancer rates/sites**

**The Great Depression and The New Deal**

We have been advised by the Ohio Humanities Council that next year we will receive a photographic exhibit they are developing on the Great Depression and The New Deal in Ohio. To complement this exhibit, we are collecting news articles, stories, and photos of Ottawa County in the 1930s. If you would like to share information on these subjects, please call Peggy at 419-732-1039. The Ida Rupp Public Library will be hosting programs on this subject, and the Ottawa County Historical Society is collecting oral histories of people who lived through this era. Join this effort and be a part of history!



This photo of the 1934 PCHS marching band was badly torn and discolored in the upper left corner. Volunteer Chuck Grindstaff took it home and restored it, and it is now on display in the museum.



**HANK YOU/PLEASE RENEW**

To those who have renewed their memberships. If you have not renewed, a membership form is attached to this newsletter. Please help us preserve the history of Ottawa County.

**DID YOU KNOW** that the National Archives has digitized documents that you can order online? Their records include: land files, immigration and naturalization records, court records, WWI draft registration cards, native American records, and more. They can be ordered (for a fee) at [archives.gov/order](http://archives.gov/order) or by calling 1-800-234-8861.