

**Looking for:**

- *County high school yearbooks*
- *Photos we can scan*
- *Ink cartridges to recycle*
- A History of Oak Harbor Schools . . . by G. Thierwechter
- Old phonebooks
- Archeological Atlas of Ohio by Wm. Mills (re:Indians)

# OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM

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 Memorial Day to Labor Day: Tues/Wed/Thurs, Noon to 3pm; or by appt. (Call Peggy at 419-732-1039)

## NEWSLETTER

Spring 2015

*From the Curator*—This issue comes with our request to renew your membership. I personally thank you for all you have done for the museum through your memberships and donations. You have kept this museum and helped improve it in many ways. We are grateful for special contributors, too—**Ottawa County Community Foundation** gave us a \$1,000 grant to help renovate our out-of-date restroom into a staff workroom; the **Stensen Foundation** gave us a grant of \$5,000 to replace all outdated fluorescent lights and add spotlights in the old part of the museum; the **Gannett Foundation** funded the purchase of a new computer for our inventory project; **WalMart** frequently donates gift cards ranging of \$15 to \$35, which we use to buy office supplies; **Staples** has an ink recycling program that has also helped us buy office supplies. Last, but certainly not least, we thank our volunteers, who come in every week and do what needs to be done, asking for nothing in return: **Chuck Grindstaff, Peg Ormsby, Skip Ormsby, Meridith Beck, Ellen Frias, Kevin Winters, Kay Eberth, Jo Fleming, Dottie Douglass, Elsie Ward, Diane Jordan, Jan Kerul, Jerry Tarolli, Marianne Nemes.** See below for their contributions! (Photo on the other side.) *Peggy*

### Thank You!

**Winous Point Shooting Club**—book *Winous Point: 150 Years*  
**Lillian Capko**—Saint Mary’s Byzantine Catholic Church book and photo  
**Mike Harnisch**—Danbury school bell from his parents’ estate  
**Joy Roth**—Keurig coffee maker and coffee for our new staff workroom  
**David Wonnell**—framed display of schedule and tickets from train #5 Ohio Public Service Company  
**Virginia Oglesbee**—telephone operator display from PC telephone company office

### Memorials for

- Brigadier General Phil Williams by Mr. & Mrs. Lockwood Zeis and Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Warnicke
- James Fulkert from Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Warnicke and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Fleming

**Matthew Bowdish, Kara Bowdish**—Donation in honor of Sue Jenkins’ work at the Ottawa County Probate court. Thank you, Matt and Kara for the donation and thank you Sue for suggesting the museum receive their donation!

**SOME volunteer contributions this past year:** **Chuck Grindstaff** continues to clean up our archives as well as post antique photos on the Ottawa County Museum and other FB sites. **Chuck** also responds to requests for photos, including CNN, PBS NewsHour and CBS this year. **Marianne Nemes** set up the Ottawa County Museum FB site. **Peg Ormsby** completed the overhaul of museum files and our board’s files. **Elsie Ward** is our “scissorhands”—she cuts out news articles for Peg’s files and anything else we need cut out. **Diane Jordan** and **Ellen Frias** have been inputting photos to our digitized inventory file. **Kay Eberth** and **Meridith Beck** have completed an inventory of all artifacts on display in the museum. **Kevin Winters** designed and maintains a military exhibit in the Municipal Court lobby. **Jo Fleming** helps keep membership files in order. **Dottie Douglass, Jo and Ellen** greet visitors, show them around, and do any daily tasks that need to be done—mailing, filing, sweeping, etc. **Jan Kerul** and **Jerry Tarolli** keep our landscape looking great! **Skip Ormsby** wields a mean paintbrush and consults on computers!

### Our Board

- Jim Rusincovitch, President
- Janie Zeis, Treasurer
- Dianne Rozak, Secretary
- Natalie Bredbeck
- Dorothy Douglass
- Susan Hany
- Tom Priesman
- Park McRitchie
- George Wight
- Lock Zeis

**Update on ink cartridge donations:** Keep those ink cartridges coming in! And thanks donors! I bought a \$99 pkg. of ink cartridges, an \$11 ream of colored copier paper and a small pack of labels for \$55 after I used our \$40 ink recycling coupon and got other Staples discounts. We will also receive \$72 worth of credit for the ink cartridges I took in the same day to recycle. Good for the environment, good for the museum!

**\$\$\$ Donation Opportunity \$\$\$**

We have a donor who is looking for a 1922 Ottawa County aluminum dog license to complete his collection. He has offered the museum a \$100.00 donation if we can find this dog license for him. Help if you can!

■ We've hit the national news! One day in late March, I ■  
 ■ walked in the door at home to hear the phone ringing. It ■  
 ■ was a producer from PBS News Hour who was looking ■  
 ■ for photos of Port Clinton back in the "good old days," as ■  
 ■ described by author and Port Clinton native Dr. Bob ■  
 ■ Putnam of Harvard in the first chapter of his latest book ■  
 ■ Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis. I sent her ■  
 ■ photos via e-mail and she used them. A producer from ■  
 ■ CBS Sunday Morning was in PC the next day and visited ■  
 ■ the museum to see what photos we had. He and Chuck ■  
 ■ Grindstaff determined what he wanted and Chuck took ■  
 ■ care of that request. While I was away in early May, a ■  
 ■ CNN producer called with a 4-hour deadline on photos ■  
 ■ for a story by Fareed Zakaria. Chuck was hunted down ■  
 ■ by Jan Gluth and he met that deadline, too! You can find ■  
 ■ the PBS News spot on the PBS website or YouTube. We ■  
 ■ have not located the other programs yet, but will keep ■  
 ■ you posted.



◀ Many of our volunteers, with Diane Jordan in front dressed in black.

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**Volunteer Diane (Slobodian) Jordan** came to volunteer in the museum because she LOVES data bases (thank you, Diane!) She has taken on the task of getting our inventory database off the ground properly, which is a huge job. She has taken a couple of web classes and studied the database book until it is falling apart! Diane is a graduate of PCHS, class of 1965 (same as Peggy Debien) and Purdue University. She has worked in many fields, including information technology, and is putting her skills to good use here. In her spare time, she is a movie fan and a crafty artist, making jewelry and decorating items such as pill boxes and paperweights to sell at Twisted Sister shop.

**Re-routing the Portage River**  
 Many of you have asked if we would repeat Chuck Grindstaff's program on re-routing the Portage River in Port Clinton—YES! Chuck has agreed to do the program in October—that way we can use the library community room and hold it on a Sunday afternoon. More information to follow.