

Congratulations 2014 Alliance Award Winners!



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On Saturday, October 4 members and friends of the Ohio Local History Alliance gathered for the annual Awards Luncheon. Always one of the most anticipated events of the Annual Meeting, this luncheon celebrates the outstanding local history projects that are happening statewide through the presentation of the Alliance's Outstanding Achievement Awards.

History Outreach Awards recognize outstanding local history projects in three categories: media and publications, exhibits/displays, and public programming. Individual Achievement Awards recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to Ohio's local history organizations or to the understanding and appreciation of state and local history. This year's 14 recipients are inspiring examples of innovative ways to connect all Ohioans with their history.

HISTORY OUTREACH AWARDS: MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

Bicentennial Book, Cuyahoga Falls Bicentennial Book Committee, Cuyahoga Falls: As Cuyahoga Falls approached its 200th anniversary, representatives from a number of community organizations decided a bicentennial book was a

great way to inspire interest in local history, enable newer residents to learn more about their city, help former residents reconnect, and provide long-time residents a chance to reminisce. This compilation of over 600 striking photos, stories, and information was gathered from over 100 sources. The book is a testament to community partnership.

Bonnets to Boardrooms: Women's Stories from a Historic College Town, Oberlin Heritage Center, Oberlin: Oberlin Heritage Center board member Eugenia Poporad Vanek became fascinated by the Center's collection of little-known, but amazingly rich, series of oral history interviews. She pored over hundreds of pages of interviews and extracted extraordinary, powerful, and heartwarming accounts of women's varied lives in Oberlin. The profiled group includes teachers, mothers, administrators, wives, concerned citizens, and community activists born between 1895 and 1959.

Under the Baton: Music at Old Cedar Point, Sandusky Library, Sandusky: Although today Cedar Point is best known for its thrill rides, early visitors were drawn to the resort for its music. This 26-minute documentary explores the growth of the middle class, the increase in leisure time and leisure time activities, including concert band music, and how this all shaped and affected Cedar Point. The purpose of this documentary is to preserve the history

Recipients of the 2015 Ohio Local History Alliance Outstanding Achievement Awards pose with their certificates. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

of traditional American band music at the park and to educate viewers about the economic and social factors that gave rise to the middle class and amusement parks during the late 19th century. To complement the documentary, programs were developed on aspects of life during this era.

HISTORY OUTREACH AWARDS: EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

Streetscape, Historic Perrysburg, Perrysburg: Utilizing the themes "The Way We Were" and "History Happens Here," a research committee collected historic photographs and developed scripts for use on eight large, permanent plaques that were installed in the grassy area of Perrysburg's downtown historic district. The plaques detail the previous occupants and businesses.

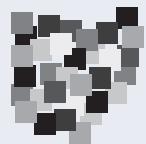
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President's Message:

It has been my great honor to serve as the president of the Ohio Local History Alliance for the last two years. During that time we accomplished a number of goals. We offered and awarded the first scholarships to our annual meetings. We updated our strategic plan. We stepped up our social media efforts. We also paved the way for great things in the year ahead including hiring a contract employee to help us accomplish more of our goals and providing even better services.



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The Ohio Local History Alliance, organized in 1960 under sponsorship of the Ohio History Connection, is composed of local historical societies, historic preservation groups, history museums, archives, libraries, and genealogical societies throughout the state involved in collecting, preserving, and interpreting Ohio's history.

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Serving on the board as a regional representative, a trustee at large, second vice president, first vice president, and as ultimately president has given me the chance to meet local historians from across our great state. While each of us work at different sites and have different needs, we all have similar goals, and we certainly are all united for our passion for the amazing work we do. The Ohio Local History Alliance does such a great job of bringing Ohio history practitioners together to share resources, swap ideas, and work together. The Alliance will continue to offer platforms for these things to happen, and will continue to grow as the needs of our membership (that's you!) evolve.

The 2015 officers will lead the Ohio Local History Alliance on to great things in the coming years. Please join me in welcoming Beth Weininger of the Westerville Public Library as incoming president of the Alliance.

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Save the Date for Statehood Day!

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Ohio's annual legislative advocacy event, Statehood Day, will be Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. Statehood Day is a chance for Ohio's history supporters to come together, as well as an opportunity to meet with their state legislators.

Statehood Day is sponsored by the Ohio History Connection, Heritage Ohio, the Ohio Archaeological Council, the Ohio Local History Alliance, the Ohio Genealogical Society, the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, Preservation Ohio, the Ohio Academy of History, the Ohio Council for Social Studies, and the Society of Ohio Archivists. ■



Statehood Day, an annual advocacy event, will take place on March 4, 2015. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to the Ohio Local History Alliance's officers for 2015! They were elected at the Annual Meeting. President: **Beth Weinhardt**, Anti-Saloon League Museum at the Westerville Public Library. First Vice President: **Todd McCormick**, Logan County History Center. Second Vice President: **Wendy Zucal**, Dennison Railroad Depot Museum. Treasurer: **Kathleen Fernandez**, North Canton Heritage Society. Secretary: **Ruth Brindle**, Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center at Wilmington College. Trustee at Large: **Jim Oda**, Piqua Public Library.

Thank you to those whose service on the Alliance board comes to an end in 2014! **Jim Gibson**, Knox County Historical Society. **Christie Weininger**, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center.

Welcome to a new board member! **Joel Koehler** is a new Region 8 Representative. Koehler is currently the historian at the **Mason Historical Society** and has also volunteered with the **Sharonville Historical Society** and the Tall Stacks Festival.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2014 Annual Meeting Scholarships! **Becky McKinney** from the **Marion County Historical Society** received the J.D. Britton Scholarship. **Linda Scarella** from the **Brunswick Area Historical Society** received the Trella Romine Memorial Scholarship.

Melanie Circle Brown is the new executive director of the **Upper Arlington Historical Society**. She is the founder of Circle of Life Histories, a research

and writing service helping individuals and organizations preserve their history. She has been involved with numerous fundraising events in the central Ohio community, most notably for the Columbus Museum of Art and Upper Arlington High School. Circle Brown is a graduate of Ohio University, earning her degree from the College of Communication. ■

Library Resources for Researching Local Historians

By Rebecca Larson-Troyer, Librarian,
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Local history research often means pulling together a variety of resources – books, oral histories, newspapers, archival documents and more – to piece together a story. Many wonderful resources are at your fingertips, but knowing where to locate information may take some digging.

Ohio is fortunate to have some of the best libraries in the country. Not only do these buildings house traditional print resources, but most libraries subscribe to online resources that can aid your quest for information. Many also offer access to local historical materials not found elsewhere. To locate a public library in a particular area of the state, visit the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) [Find-A-Library](#) service. You can search by city name or click the county you need to find a listing of public libraries. Link directly to library websites to view hours, services, departments and contact information. Looking for academic and organizational libraries, too? Visit OCLC's [WorldCat libraries](#) to find other repositories near you.

One important service libraries offer researchers is access to online databases. Did you know that all Ohio public libraries offer free onsite access to Ancestry Library? This database is a genealogist's best friend, but it can also be a boon for local historians. Access census information, vital records, city directories, military information, local history books, and more without purchasing a subscription. Ancestry Library (for in-library use) is made available through the [Ohio Web Library](#), which brings together resources provided through OPLIN, as well as other organizations throughout the state. Access [Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps](#), link to the [Ohio History Central](#) online encyclopedia, or connect to the [Ohio Obituary Index](#) to locate death notices and other information from over 60 partner libraries. View the databases your local library

subscribes to by clicking the “Locally purchased by your library” link from the Ohio Web Library [resources page](#).

Historic newspaper content is available through a number of sources. In addition to any newspaper databases your local library might subscribe to, Ohio Memory's [Digital Newspaper Portal](#) offers access to publications from communities across the state. Browse newspaper holdings by title or region, and link to digital copies available through [Ohio Memory](#) and Library of Congress' [Chronicling America](#) project. (Note: With few exceptions, content published 1923 and later is not available because of copyright restrictions.) In some cases, locating historic newspapers means tracking down microfilm at a public or academic library. Search a catalog like [WorldCat.org](#) to locate copies of a particular publication when digital versions are not available.

Local history research benefits from the fact that most print resources published in the United States before 1923 fall into the public domain. In addition to works digitized by public and academic libraries, local history books and other publications are increasingly available for free on sites like [Google Books](#), [Internet Archive](#) and [HathiTrust](#).

Although local history researchers enjoy ready access to countless resources online, some research still demands going to the source, especially when it comes to archival collections. Two of the challenges with one-of-a-kind resources are, first, knowing that they exist, and second, knowing where to find them. OhioLINK's [EAD Finding Aid Repository](#) brings archival collections from participating institutions throughout the state together in one searchable database. Search across all collections to view repositories that hold items of interest to your research, or browse the collections of a particular institution. Similarly, [ArchiveGrid](#) can help

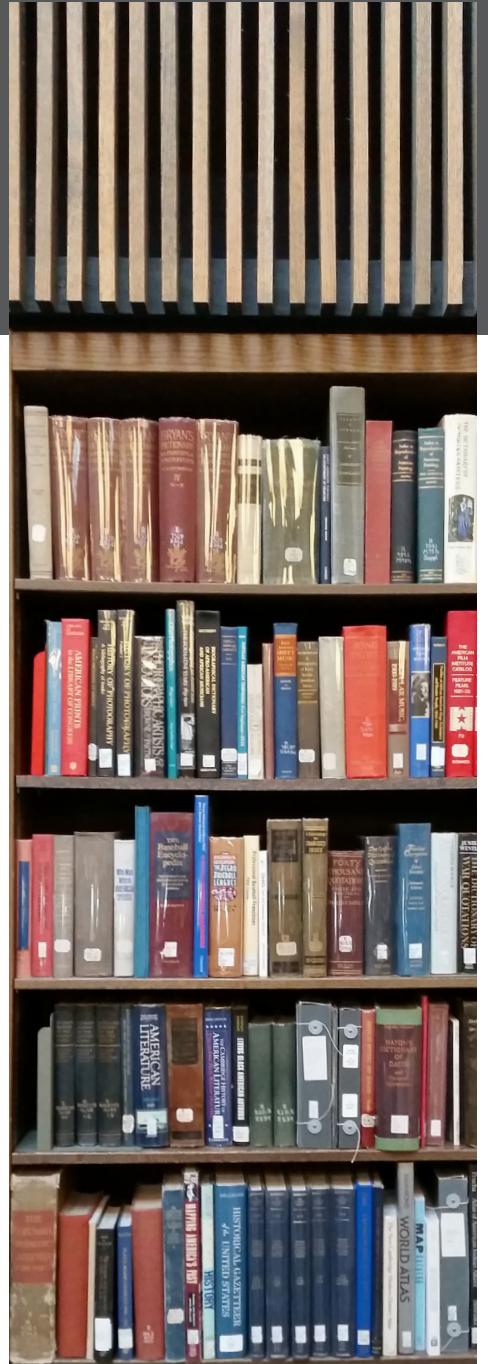
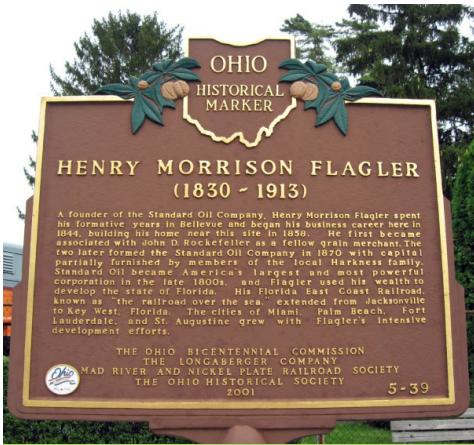


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locate archival collections across the state and beyond. If your organization holds collections of potential interest, consider sharing your finding aids or collection information in this way to help direct researchers to your organization's holdings.

Researching local history means hunting down a variety of resources, not all of which can be discussed here. Look to the many digital resources available, and take advantage of the wealth of resources available at libraries and institutions throughout the state. ■



Henry Morrison Flagler Ohio Historical Marker, Huron County.

Thinking about a historical marker to share your communities' stories? Thanks to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation of Syracuse, New York, the Ohio History Connection's Local History Office now offers additional grants to erect Ohio Historical Markers and Ohio Corporate Limit Markers. At this time these new grants are only for organizations in Erie, Huron, and Seneca Counties. These grants are in addition to, not a replacement of, the Ohio Historical Marker Grant Program that has existed since 2006.

Grants from the Pomeroy Foundation will pay up to \$2,440 of the cost of an Ohio Historical Marker or the full cost of an Ohio Corporate Limit Marker. Ohio Historical Markers currently range in price from \$2,440-\$2,730, exclusive of any optional artwork. Ohio Corporate Limit Markers, placed at a village or city's corporation limits, cost \$2,040. As with all markers, the local sponsor of the marker will assume the costs of placing and maintaining the marker.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Markers funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation should meet one or both of the following conditions:

1. The person, place, event, or thing commemorated must have a period of significance that falls between 1800 and 1900.

2. The Pomeroy Foundation will also fund markers that designate properties or districts on the National Register of Historic Places that meet the following criteria:

a. The listed property must be owned by a government entity or a non-profit organization. Properties under private ownership or commercial properties are not eligible.

New Grant Program for Ohio Historical Markers in Erie, Huron, and Seneca Counties

By Andy Verhoff, History Fund Grant Manager & Historical Marker Coordinator, Ohio History Connection, Columbus

b. National Register districts that include some, but not exclusively, private and/or commercial properties are eligible.

c. Properties that are listed as contributing structures in National Register districts are also eligible, as long as they meet the other eligibility requirements.

d. In the case of a National Register-listed property, the requirement that they fall within the 1800-1900 period does not apply.

Upcoming application deadlines are April 1 and July 1, 2015. Pending the success of the partnership between the Pomeroy Foundation and the Ohio History Connection, more deadlines may be announced.

HOW TO APPLY:

Simply complete the regular Ohio Historical Marker application, available at www.remarkableohio.org. Click on "Propose a Marker" for an application. Indicate on the application that you want to apply for a Pomeroy Grant by writing "Pomeroy Grant" next to the proposed title for the marker (#1 on the application.) Visit the Local History Office's [markers web page](#) for more information.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS:

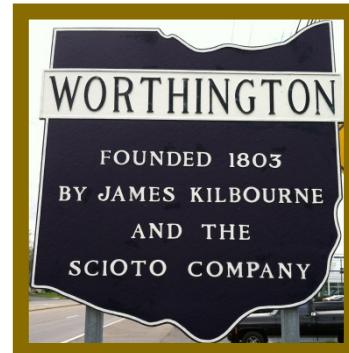
As with all Ohio Historical Marker applications, write a compelling Statement of Significance, draft a good Suggested Marker Text, and include copies of your sources. Primary sources are best, but creditable secondary sources are helpful too. Indicate who will be responsible for maintaining the marker. Under Funding Sponsor, write "William G. Pomeroy Foundation" and your organization's name and contact information as the local sponsor.

Finally, make sure your marker application is complete!

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact Andy Verhoff in the Ohio History Connection's Local History Office at 614.297.2341 or averhoff@ohiohistory.org.

The Ohio History Connection is excited about partnering with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. The Pomeroy Foundation already administers an active historical marker program in New York, which you can learn more about at www.wgpfoundation.org. ■



Ohio Corporate Limit Marker
The William G. Pomeroy Foundation makes grants to erect Ohio Historical Markers and Ohio Corporate Limit Markers.

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Privy to History: Civil War Prison Life Unearthed, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, Fremont: Developed in collaboration with Dr. David R. Bush of Heidelberg University's Center for Historic and Military Archaeology, this exhibit provided the Hayes Presidential Center an opportunity to share materials from its extensive holdings of original manuscripts related to Johnson's Island Confederate Officers Civil War Prison. This exhibit is the most recent, and perhaps most comprehensive, exploration of the physical evidence of human experience and events that occurred at the island prison since 1965.

campment, and a parlor on the homefront. Supplemental programs included a dinner with period foods served by historically costumed volunteers and a first-person interpretation of an emancipated slave. At another program, Abraham Lincoln put in an appearance and was introduced by his political rival Stephen Douglas. A cemetery tour, lecture series, and Civil War day held at the fairgrounds completed the suite of programs.

Ohio History: Warren City's Historic District, Upton Association, Warren: The curiosity of several women saved a structure about to be demolished when they

where local troops were presented with a silk flag by the people of Monroe County. For the second program, "On to Richmond," visitors were given passes to enter the camp of the local unit, while they were encamped in "Richmond" and volunteers showed visitors how to put together care packages for the soldiers. The final program, "Aftermath," shared the tragic story of the 25th OVI's heavy losses at the Battle of Gettysburg by creating a frighteningly realistic field hospital.

Alliance Pride, Alliance City Schools, Alliance:

A discussion about getting students out of the classroom and experiencing history firsthand led to an innovative idea and a partnership between Alliance City Schools and the Alliance Historical Society. The collaboration resulted in the creation of a textbook that included documents, maps, timelines, and photographs relating to the history of Alliance. Another component of the program resulted in "treasure chests" of historical artifacts that students, wearing white gloves, could handle and examine up close. The last piece of the puzzle was the opportunity for students to take a field trip to visit several of the city's historic sites.

2014 Family Day, International Women's Air and Space Museum, Cleveland: The mission of the International Women's Air and Space Museum is to preserve the history of women in aviation and space and to document their contributions today and in the future. In 2014, the annual Family Day event centered around Jerrie Mock, a resident of Columbus, who was the first woman to fly solo around the world. Ten activity stations symbolized the numerous countries where she stopped along the way. For example, in Morocco Mrs. Mock experienced ice build-up on her plane, so attendees experimented with molding play-dough on toy planes to see how different weights affected the way they flew.

The Wood County Lunatic Asylum, Wood County Historical Center & Museum, Bowling Green: Ten years ago in 2004, the crumbling Lunatic Asylum, an original building located on the Wood County Historical Center & Museum, formerly the Wood County Infirmary, was restored and opened to the public. To commemorate the tenth anniversary of this event, the Historical Center received a (Continued on page 7)



Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

Sauder Village Grist Mill Renovation and Exhibit, "Grain: From Field to Flour," Sauder Village, Archbold: Imagine learning about history, agriculture, technology, sustainability, and business in one 19th century structure! Time had taken its toll on the grist mill building that was donated to the Village in 1979. An extensive renovation was conducted on the mill, and a new exhibit was installed to enhance the building's interpretive message. It is now handicapped-accessible, and the exhibit provides hands-on, live-action experiences that all visitors can enjoy. The restoration of the mill has also impacted the Village's foodways program, which now uses freshly ground, period-appropriate grains.

HISTORY OUTREACH AWARDS: PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, Shelby County Historical Society, Sidney: Each year the Shelby County Historical Society selects a theme on which to base their programs. This year featured the Civil War. Kicking off the program year was the opening of a new Civil War exhibit that featured a recruitment center, a surgical tent, an en-

discovered it was the home of suffragette Harriet Taylor Upton. The restored home gave the Upton Association an opportunity to bring school children and adults to the site to learn significant history, enjoy the house, and walk the gardens. In collaboration with area schools, the tours have been expanded to include City Hall, the Upton Home, Warren Women's Park, and the Edwards House. The purpose of the tours is to teach the history of Ohio and Warren, but students are also taught about cleaning up litter, pulling weeds, and raking leaves. Students not only understand and appreciate their history, but transfer their experience into the beautification of their neighborhoods.

Woodsfield Civil War Living History Event, Woodsfield Civil War Living History Event Planning Committee/Monroe County Historical Society, Woodsfield: Through a series of three living history weekends held annually between 2011-2013, Monroe County residents could experience events as local people had during the Civil War. The first program, "To the Colors," was inspired by an article in an 1861 local newspaper that noted an event

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nationally recognized photography exhibit, *Asylum: Inside the Closed World of State Mental Hospitals*. In addition, the interpretation committee organized a free panel discussion and mental health fair on the museum's grounds. The panel highlighted the history of mental illness and current trends in mental health. These exhibits and programs serve to address this controversial subject matter in objective ways that invoke a visceral and emotional experience.

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Walter Edling, Oberlin Heritage Center, Oberlin: Edling made a big impact on the Oberlin Heritage Center with his "can do" attitude and willingness to roll up his sleeves, dig right in, and find creative solutions to any vexing problem. He has held many leadership roles at the Center, always bringing his unflappable good humor to every situation and his cheery optimism that the problem will be solved one way or another. Through his work with the Oberlin Heritage Center, Edling has perfected a number of skills: property management, roof repairs, lead paint abatement, storm water and flood control, and even sewer easement negotiations.

Sandra Halem, Kent Historical Society, Kent: When Halem became a board member of the Kent Historical Society in 1974, she was the first woman to join the board. During the past 40 years, she has brought her talents and creativity to every area of the Society's service and operations. In 1990, Halem proposed and founded the Kent State Shootings Oral History Project, which collects and provides access to personal accounts of the May 4, 1970 shootings and their aftermath. In 1998, she was commissioned by the Massillon Museum to write a play based on the letters between a 19 year-old boy and his family and friends from the time he served as a Marine in World War I until his body came home from France in 1921. Halem has written other short plays based on original documents and has supervised the publication of other works relating to local history.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations!

Ohio Historic Preservation Office Award Recipients

Each year the Ohio Historic Preservation Office recognizes achievements in historic preservation by presenting awards in two categories: Public Education and Awareness & Preservation Merit.

The Public Education & Awareness Award is for increasing interest in historic preservation through activities like publications in various media, interpretation and educational programs, original research, and special events. These activities must have increased public understanding and awareness of historic preservation at the local, regional, or state level.

The Preservation Merit Award is for preserving Ohio's prehistory, history, or culture. Eligible activities include restoring, rehabilitating, or otherwise preserving an important building or site; longtime stewardship of a property; promoting protective legislation; funding preservation projects; offering leadership, support, or service; and furthering preservation at the local, regional or state level. Congratulations to the 2014 recipients!

PUBLIC EDUCATION & AWARENESS

- Laura Henderson** – efforts to raise awareness of the value and benefits of historic preservation as a member of the Oxford Historic & Architectural Preservation Commission

- ARTneo, Trinity Cathedral, & Cleveland Public Library** – the exhibit *Charles F. Schweinfurth: Uncompromising Architect of Cleveland's Valient Age*

- Hancock Historical Museum** – Hancock County Historic Barn Tour

PRESERVATION MERIT

- American Veterans Heritage Center & Dayton Veterans Administration Medical Center** – preservation of the Grotto at the Dayton Veterans Administration Medical Center

- Great Lakes Theater Festival, Playhouse Square, & Westlake Reed Leskosky** – preservation & rehabilitation of the Hanna Theater



The 2014 Ohio Historic Preservation Office Awards Recipients. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

- Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream & Dimit Architects** – rehabilitation of the 1919 Rialto Theater

- Arc of Appalachia Preserve System, The Archaeological Conservancy, Heartland Earthworks Conservancy, Rivers Unlimited, & Hopewell Culture National Historical Park** – acquisition & preservation of the Junction Group Earthworks

- Dave LaRoe** – long-term preservation of the Kerr Dry Goods Building as LaRoe's Restaurant

- Friends of Goodale Park, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, Rogers Krajnak Architects, Quality Masonry, & smARTworks** – restoration of the 1870 Goodale Park Gates

- Oberlin College & Westlake Reed Leskosky** – preservation & rehabilitation of the 1913 Apollo Theater

- City of Athens, Jones-Stucky Limited, Michael Baker Inc., and Shelly & Sands, Inc.** – preservation & rehabilitation of the Richland Avenue Bridge

- Fort Jennings Memorial Association** – preservation & rehabilitation of Jennings Memorial Hall

- St. Luke's Church, Midstate Contractors, & NRC Engineering** – preservation & rehabilitation of the 1837 St. Luke's Church

- Village of Evendale & the Evendale Cultural Arts Center** – preservation & rehabilitation of Evendale School

- Ralph & Patricia Alexander** – preservation & rehabilitation of the John T. Wilson Homestead

Save the Date

Attending a regional meeting is a great way to connect with other local history groups in your area.
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OLHA 2015 Regional Meetings Coming Soon!

Next year's Ohio Local History Alliance Regional Meetings will be here before you know it. Taking place on Saturdays in March and April, these meetings will be another great opportunity to learn from and be inspired by your peers. This year's theme is *Invitation to Innovation*. Watch your mail for a brochure with complete information and registration early in the new year, check the [regional meetings webpage](#), and mark your calendars now!

Region 1: April 11, Hancock County Historical Society, Findlay

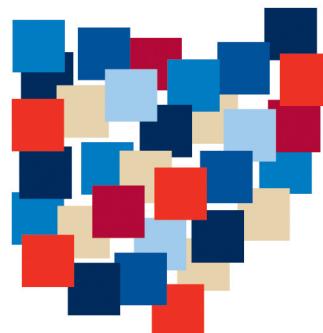
Region 2: April 18, Merry-Go-Round Museum, Sandusky

Region 3: April 25, Bedford Historical Society and Museum, Bedford

Region 4: April 18, Trumbull County Historical Society, Warren

Region 5: March 14, Massillon Heritage Foundation, Massillon

Region 6: March 21, Gahanna Historical

Call for Proposals

Alliance 2015 Annual Meeting Proposals Due January 19

The Ohio Local History Alliance is now accepting proposals for its 2015 Annual Meeting. The 2015 theme is *Invitation to Innovation*. With shifting audience demographics, diminishing funding, information overload, and ever-increasing attractions for a visitor's free time, challenges abound! What has your organization done that is new, different, pioneering, or novel to address such an issue? What can others learn from your experience? Submit your best ideas January 19, 2015. Find the session proposal form here: <http://www.ohiolha.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/2015-OLHA-Annual-Conference-Session-Proposal.pdf>.

Society, Gahanna

Region 7: March 14, Logan County Historical Society, Bellefontaine

Region 8: March 21, Mason Historical Society, Mason

Region 9: March 28, Meigs County Historical Society, Pomeroy

Region 10: March 28, Noble County Historical Society, Caldwell

Welcome



Welcome New AmeriCorps Members!

The Ohio History Service AmeriCorps Program's newest members have started their year of service to supporting community and local history in Ohio. Local History Corps members are available to help history organizations with projects like volunteer recruitment and

Some of the newest Ohio History Service Corps members at the 20th Anniversary of AmeriCorps Celebration in September. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

management, building partnerships, and education outreach. Historic Preservation Corps members are surveying buildings to add to the Ohio Historic Inventory. To find the AmeriCorps member near you visit <http://www.ohiohistory.org/local-history-office/americorps>.

This year's AmeriCorps members are:

- **Kaitlyn Goss**, Oberlin Heritage Center, Oberlin. She is eager to help Northeast Ohio organizations preserve and promote their local history.
- **Natalie Jemiola-Wilson**, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland. She will be supporting the library's Digital Hub and coordinating outreach efforts helping organizations understand the value of preserving their archival materials.
- **Pearl-Jean Mabe**, Heritage Ohio, Columbus. She is hoping to learn more about the ways cities and neighborhoods can leverage their community and their unique story as assets.
- **Nicole Marino**, Youngstown State University, Youngstown. A graduate of YSU, she looks forward to continuing her work with YSU, the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, and its affiliates to promote local history.
- **Logan Miller**, Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Columbus. He is excited to spread the word about the rich and exciting prehistory of our state.
- **Timothy Miller**, National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center, Wilberforce. He is thrilled to work in a field directly related to his major, to be creative and do interesting work.
- **Austin Poyer**, Ohio History Connection's Local History Office, Columbus. He is excited to enhance his professional development, and to provide a year of service to his country.
- **Aaron Swickard**, Cleveland Landmarks Commission, Cleveland. He is eager to branch out of his curation oriented training and learn more about preservation.
- **Rebecca Torsell**, Piqua Public Library, Piqua. She is currently documenting 150 buildings and sites in the Piqua area in an effort to identify historic resources and guide future planning and development.
- **Nancy Yerian**, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati. She is excited to explore new challenges, such as working with youth and furthering her skills in digital humanities.

MEMBERSHIP

List as of November 4, 2014

Welcome New Members

Individual

Brian Dickson, Lisbon
Rosalie Frazier, Columbus
Ruth Lichtensteiger, Hilliard
Heather Mahre, Grandview Heights
Amy Yuncker, Canton

Thank you Renewing Members

Individual

Sarah Aisenbrey, Springfield

Organizations

Athens County Historical Society & Museum, Athens
Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum, Bradford
Columbus Historical Society, Columbus
Cortland Bazetta Historical Society, Cortland
Custer Memorial Association, Jewett
Dublin Historical Society, Dublin
Historic Perrysburg, Inc., Perrysburg
Kelton House Museum and Garden, Columbus
Lorain County Historical Society, Elyria
Madison Historical Society, Madison
Mahoning Valley Historical Society, Youngstown
Marlboro Township Historical Society, Hartville
Mason Historical Society, Mason
Maumee Valley Historical Society, Maumee
Mount Healthy Historical Society, Mount Healthy
Oakwood Historical Society, Dayton
Ohio Northern University, Ada
Orrville Railroad Heritage Society, Orrville
Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc., Akron
Strongsville Historical Society, Strongsville
Yellow Springs Historical Society, Yellow Springs
Warren County Historical Society, Lebanon
Washington Township Historical Society of Stark County, Alliance

ON THE WEB

Section 106 Applicant Toolkit

[http://www.achp.gov/apptoolkit.](http://www.achp.gov/apptoolkit)

Have you heard of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, but aren't sure what it entails? The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has developed this toolkit to provide information and guidance to those who are applying for federal licenses, permits, assistance, or approvals. The toolkit provides an overview of the Section 106 process and information on the four-step process, consulting with states and Indian tribes, engaging stakeholders, and avoiding inadvertent activities that may adversely affect historic properties.

Join the Ohio Local History Alliance...

...or connect a sister organization to the Alliance and ask its leaders to join in one of the following categories:

Organizational Member

Get six issues of *The Local Historian*, save when you register for our Alliance regional and statewide local history meetings, receive periodic email updates, and save on Ohio Historical Society services for organization, including speakers and customized training workshops. **Best of all, when you join the Alliance as an Organizational Member, your membership benefits all of your organization's staff and members**—they will all qualify for discounts on registration for the Alliance's regional and statewide meetings and when buying Alliance publications.

Operating budget:

Over \$200,000 a year:
\$100 (\$190 for 2)
\$100,000-\$200,000 a year:
\$75 (\$140 for 2)
\$25,000-\$100,000 a year:
\$60 (\$110 for 2)
Under \$25,000 a year:
\$35 (\$65 for 2)

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Individual: \$50 a year (\$90 for 2)
Student: \$20 a year

Business Member

\$100 a year (\$190 for 2)

Join at <http://www.ohiohistorystore.com/OHIO-LHA-formerly-OAHS-MC120.aspx>

CALENDAR 2015

January 19

Alliance Annual Meeting Proposal Deadline. For more information, see page 8.

March 4

Statehood Day. For more information, see page 3.

March 14

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 5 & 7 Meetings. For more information, see page 8.

March 21

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 6 & 8 Meetings. For more information, see page 8.

March 28

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 9 & 10 Meetings. For more information, see page 8.

April 1

Ohio Historical Marker applications for William G. Pomeroy Foundation grants due. For more information, see page 5.

April 11

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 1 Meeting. For more information, see page 8.

April 18

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 2 & 4 Meetings. For more information, see page 8.

April 25

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 3 Meeting. For more information, see page 8.

Calendar items are chosen on the basis of available space and applicability to the largest number of our readers, who are mainly volunteer and professional leaders of local historical societies, history museums, archives, libraries, historic preservation groups, and genealogical societies in Ohio. We cannot include events mainly of local interest; for these we suggest local newspapers, broadcast media, Ohio Magazine, 1-800-BUCKEYE, and, if arts related, www.ArtsinOhio.com.

News from the Regions

Region 1

Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood Counties

Region 2

Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties

The **Lakeside Heritage Society** is beginning the first steps towards building an environmentally safe, fire resistant storage facility to house its collections. Thanks to a generous donation from a member, the first \$1,000 of any gift towards the new Building Fund was matched up to \$90,000. For more information on the fund's progress, visit www.lakesideheritagesociety.org.

Region 3

Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and Summit Counties

The **Summit County Historical Society** participated in **United Way of Summit County's** Day of Action in June. The society welcomed 60 **FirstEnergy** employees for a day of work on much needed projects. The volunteers began painting the Wash House with donated paint from **Sherwin-Williams**. They also painted the property's gazebo, wooden fence, and the dining room of the Perkins Stone Mansion. Volunteers weeded and mulched a garden and cleaned up debris around the John Brown House. Finally, the group boxed and labeled some of the society's artifacts so they could be taken to a new storage unit. Altogether the volunteers logged 300 volunteer hours in one day. For more information, visit www.summithistory.org.

Region 4

Ashtabula, Geauga, Mahoning, Portage, and Trumbull Counties

Region 5

Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne Counties

The **Dover Historical Society** has started a book club at the J.E. Reeves Home. The society wanted to create a fun and educational time for their members to gather and enjoy refreshments while discussing a monthly reading selection. The club kicked off in September and read *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale*

of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary by Simon Winchester. To learn more about the book club, go to www.doverhistory.org.

Region 6

Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Perry, Pickaway, and Union Counties

Thanks to a sponsorship from a local **McDonald's**, the **Madison County Historical Society** is busy preparing a Pioneer Day Camp for next summer. The camp will run for three mornings and will be open to students in third, fourth, and fifth grades. Campers will have an opportunity to work with a blacksmith and will experience churning butter, weaving, and story-telling. Local high school students will volunteer to help during the week, and the society is actively seeking other volunteers to serve as leaders.

The **Heisey Glass Museum** is renovating a new room to serve as the museum's library. The Louise Ream Library will be moved into a larger area in the first floor of the museum. It will give the museum more room to display and store educational materials and patrons will have a much bigger reading room to enjoy learning from the museum's holdings. The project has been funded by a donation from the Great Plains Heisey Collectors Club. For more information, visit www.HeiseyMuseum.org.

Region 7

Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby Counties

The **Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler**, in conjunction with the **City of Vandalia Division of Parks and Recreation** hosted a speakers' series earlier this fall. The first in the series was a lecture on the human sides of the founding fathers. The second featured Annette Jefferson performing as Harriet Tubman. The third was a lecture on the history of the Montgomery County Public Health Department. To learn more, go to www.historicalsocietyvandalia-butler.org.

Region 8

Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties

The **Butler County Historical Society** received some assistance from two **Miami**

University interns in their final semester of school. The interns focused their attentions on the society's costume collection. One intern organized and cataloged a previously uncatalogued collection that had been stored in the society's attic. The second intern created exhibits in three Benninghofen House bedrooms using clothing and accessories found in the collection. She wrote text and chose appropriate visuals and artifacts. For more information, visit <http://bchistoricalssociety.com>.

Region 9

Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton Counties

Region 10

Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, and Washington Counties

The **Castle** in Marietta featured a reenactment of a Victorian wake and funeral. Visitors traveled through dark rooms to learn about Victorian superstitions, their fascination with death, ghosts and séances, mourning customs, fashion, hair art, and post-mortem photography. To learn more, go to www.mariettacastle.org.

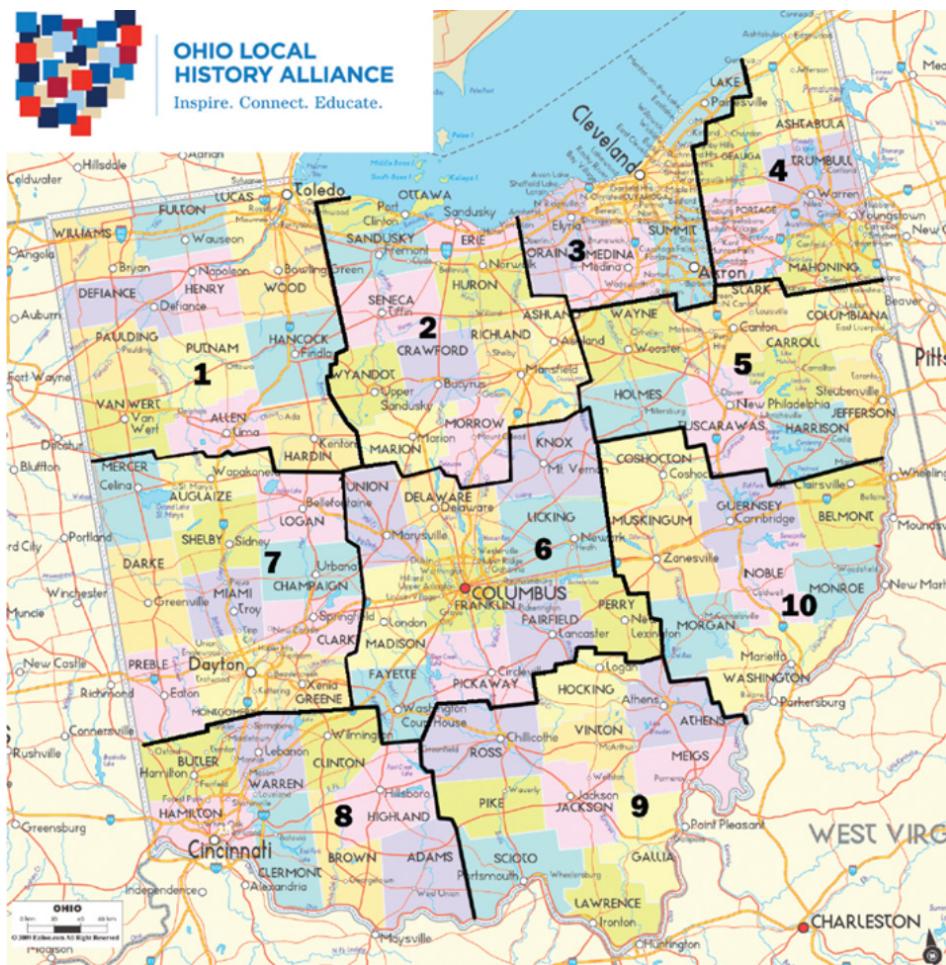
In 100 words or less, do you have outstanding news to share about your organization? Please email it to your regional representative for the next issue of *The Local Historian*. Contact information for the representatives in your region is on page 2 of this issue. Of course, you are welcome to forward your news directly to the editor of *The Local Historian* at arohmiller@ohiohistory.org. Rather than serving as a calendar of events, items for "News from the Regions" are chosen to inspire, connect, and educate the Alliance's members all over Ohio and celebrate notable and imitation-worthy accomplishments of Alliance members.

Region 1

Allen
Defiance
Fulton
Hancock
Hardin
Henry
Lucas
Putnam
Van Wert
Williams
Wood



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Region 2

Ashland
Crawford
Erie
Huron
Marion
Morrow
Ottawa
Richland
Sandusky
Seneca
Wyandot

Region 3

Cuyahoga
Lake
Lorain
Medina
Summit

Region 4

Ashtabula
Geauga
Mahoning
Portage
Trumbull

Region 5

Carroll
Columbiana
Harrison
Holmes
Jefferson
Stark
Tuscarawas
Wayne

Region 6

Delaware
Fairfield
Fayette
Franklin
Knox
Licking
Madison
Perry
Pickaway
Union

Region 7

Auglaize
Champaign
Clark
Darke
Greene
Logan
Mercer
Miami
Montgomery
Preble
Shelby

Region 8

Adams
Brown
Butler
Clermont
Clinton
Hamilton
Highland
Warren

Region 9

Athens
Gallia
Hocking
Jackson
Lawrence
Meigs
Pike
Ross
Scioto
Vinton

Region 10

Belmont
Coshocton
Guernsey
Monroe
Morgan

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