

Free Program Offerings from
Col. Matthew W. Nahorn & the New Indian Ridge Museum

If you are interested in having Col. Nahorn speak to your group, please contact us via the form on this website, www.newindianridgemuseum.com

Following is a list of programs provided:

"Indian Ridge Museum - From Old to New"

The signature program of the New Indian Ridge Museum, this talk traces the history of the original Indian Ridge Museum and the formation of the New Indian Ridge Museum, at the 1811 Historic Shupe Homestead by founder Col. Matt Nahorn.

"Prehistory of Northern Ohio"

Thousands of years ago, as the giant glaciers were receding, American Indians moved into this area. Local historian Col. Matt Nahorn sheds light on the major American Indian groups that lived in what we now know as Northern Ohio. A brief background of these American Indian groups will be provided, such as information learned about these people from the tools they left behind and the sites they occupied.

"Residents of the Historic Shupe Homestead & the Mystery at Oak Point"

Local historian Col. Matt Nahorn sheds light on those who called Amherst's 1811 Historic Shupe Homestead their own home (still used as a private residence today) – oldest house in Lorain County. A brief background of those residents will be provided. A unique connection to mysterious plans for the land around nearby Oak Point will be discussed. Tips on how one may research their own home and property will also be provided.

"A Thirst for History - Amherst's Old Spring & Rediscovered Braun Brewery"

What is a major reason for the location of Downtown Amherst, Ohio? Amherst's Old Spring, a natural seep spring aquifer, is located in the center of Amherst and was a major source of drinking water for many years. The surprise rediscovery of the Braun Brewery, adjacent to the Old Spring, provides a unique twist to the story. Restoration efforts by local historian Col. Matt Nahorn, of features around the Spring, such as a stone arch, will be reviewed.

"What is a Watershed - Land-use Affects Water Quality and Stream Bank Integrity; Focusing on the Beaver Creek Watershed"

How we use the land around us greatly dictates water quality, how quickly erosion takes place, and the overall health of a watershed. We all live in a watershed, and in this talk, Oberlin College graduate Matt Nahorn will use his background in environmental studies to enlighten attendees on watersheds, particularly the Beaver Creek Watershed right here in Lorain County. Tips on what we all can do to better the environment around us will be provided.

"Lost Houses of Lorain County"

A Review of Selected Historic Houses & the Case for Historic Preservation

It is a tragedy when an "old house" is demolished. But, when a house is demolished, architectural salvage is important, as these structures contain beautifully hand-crafted features made of old growth wood. Over the last 25 years or so, Matt Nahorn has salvaged over 60 doors from old houses, mostly representing the 19th century.

Let's take a trip through early Lorain County history, reviewing some prominent early architectural styles. With that, let us review selected houses from which we have salvaged doors, windows, and other architectural features.

"Glover's Cave: Once a Thriving Home"

This natural limestone cave was once home to ancient peoples of the Red River valley in southwestern Kentucky. Archaeological research in and around the cave, along with the unique geology of this specific area will be reviewed by Col. Matt Nahorn, who has extensively studied the work of Col. Raymond Vietzen and also personally visited the cave over eight summers.

"Academy of the Ridges: A Brief History of Lake Ridge Academy"

The private school, L. R. A., sits on an ancient glacial beach ridge in North Ridgeville, Ohio. Three gentlemen had a vision to found an independent school that would provide unique educational opportunities to students. Prepared in anticipation of the School's fiftieth anniversary, in this talk, 2008 L. R. A. graduate Matt Nahorn outlines the founding of the school and its growth through the years.