



# Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

Fall 2023

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## Fall Events at Museum Free Admission!

**Sunday, September 10, 2-4pm: A Taste of Olde Pickerington.** Help celebrate our Historical Society's 30th year in the former Carnegie Library!

**Sunday, October 1, 2-4pm: "Mystical Museum".** Enjoy an early Halloween at our Museum featuring private readings, a Victorian spiritualism program, plus a Victorian tea table with tea leaf reading handouts.

**Thursday, October 26, 6-8pm:** Our Museum is open for Pickerington's annual "Haunted Village".

**Sunday, November 5, 2-4pm: Open House at the Museum:** Featuring PHS North Student Art Show.

## A Taste of Olde Pickerington

**Sunday, September 10, 2:00-4:00pm  
Free Admission and Food!**

Join us for a celebration of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society's 30th year in the former Carnegie Library!

In our Museum's Lower Level, enjoy a "Taste of Olde Pickerington" featuring free samples of well-loved foods dished up by local residents along with their stories and recipes. Meet guest servers, sample food, hear stories, and collect recipes. Free sample foods include:

- \* Wilma Moore's Potato Salad
- \* Violet Huntwork's Chocolate Cake
- \* Mary Alice Good's 24-hour Bean Salad
- \* Mildred Taylor's Apple Crisp
- \* Violet Township Fire Department's famous Ham Balls

On our Museum's Main Level, select your favorite old-time records and listen to the music played on our 1912 Victrola phonograph while you shop Pickerington collectibles for sale at closeout prices! See photos and pricing on page 4.

## "Mystical Museum" — Sunday, October 1, 2:00-4:00pm

Get ready for some early Halloween fun as we transform our Historical Museum into a "Mystical Museum":

### MEET SHELLEY

- A Cosmic Spider
- Reiki + Energy + Sound Healer
- Writer + Author of "When Animals Speak"
- Podcast Host for The Positive Spirit w/Shelley
- Teacher, Mentor, Forever Student



- ◆ **Shelley Wasicki of The Positive Spirit Company** will provide private, 15-minute readings for \$20 and answer questions regarding all things chakra, energy readings, and more.
- ◆ **Pickerington Online** staff will present a Victorian spiritualism program with pendulums, divining rods, talking boards, memento mori, and more.
- ◆ **Historical Society Volunteers** will set up a Victorian 1837-1901 tea table with tea leaf reading handouts.



## AROUND OUR MUSEUM



### Summer Sunday Afternoon Fun at our Museum

← **July 9 Heritage Day:** Members of a longtime Pickerington Quilting Group demonstrated hand-quilting and displayed their beautiful hand-made quilts. Mary Wampler with the Fairfield County Beekeepers Association brought an observation bee hive. Visitors also were able to observe lace being made by hand along with finished samples of hand-made lace. We plan to offer “Heritage Day” again in 2024.



↑ **During our August 6 Member Summer Picnic** at Kevin Wetherell’s home near Rushville, members enjoyed an outdoor picnic lunch and a tour of Kevin’s home which is filled with Wetherell Dairy artifacts as well as photos and other treasures Kevin (seen at right) has collected during his lifetime.



### *Mark Your Calendar!*

**Historical Museum Open House: Sunday, November 5, 2:00-4:00 PM**

**Pickerington H.S. North Student Art Show  
& Historical Society Membership Drive**

Enjoy fabulous artwork by Pickerington H.S. students and interesting exhibits of Pickerington-Violet Township people, artifacts, places, events and more!

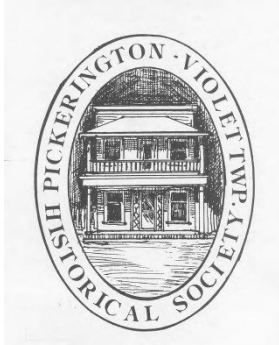
Bring a friend who might like to join you in preserving local history as a member of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society. When you sign up a new member, your membership will be FREE for the year 2024:

**Annual Membership Cost: Individual \$10; Family \$15.**



## LOCAL HISTORY

### Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum: How it came to be ...



← **May 18, 1987:** Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society was organized and Gary Weaver selected as the group's first president. The Mason-Richter building at 21 W. Columbus Street served as the Historical Society's first headquarters.

← **Sept. 1, 1990:** Shown at left are two postcards celebrating Pickerington's 175th birthday. The drawings depict the Mason-Richter Building (the Historical Society's first home), and their soon-to-be new home in the Carnegie Library.



← **June 3, 1993:** Historical Society members met at the Carnegie Library to begin moving items from the Richter building into the Carnegie building. The City of Pickerington leased the Carnegie Library to the Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society for 99 years. Society membership at this time numbered 132.



← **June 6, 1993:** A dedication ceremony was held for the newly constructed Pickerington Public Library on Opportunity Way. A \$3.1 million bond issue approved by voters enabled construction. The new facility replaced the Pickerington Public Library residing in the Carnegie Library building in Olde Pickerington Village since 1916.



← **September 2, 1993:** The Carnegie Library was entered into the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service. Memorabilia and furniture from the Richter Building had been transferred to its new home; and meetings and events were held at this new location. The Historical Society Board of Trustees decided to hold a grand opening of the new Museum during the Fall of 1994 as seen in this 1994 photo.

**2022-2023  
PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVES**

**Elected Officers**

President: Peggy Portier  
Advisor (Past President): Gary Taylor  
Vice President-Administration: Keith Ebright  
Vice President-Programs: Jack Whitaker  
Secretary: Mary Herron  
Treasurer: Fiona Spears  
Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson, and Greg Karoly

**President's Appointees**

Historian: David Williard  
Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson  
Publicity Chair/Website & Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

**Open Appointed Positions:** Curator; Librarian

**2022-2023 Historical Society Projects**

- Digitize, repair and preserve Pickerington High School class photos. This project is almost complete!
- Begin research/planning the task of preserving our Museum's windows.
- Begin video-recording residents' historical memories.
- Encourage donations to Historical Society Operational and Endowment Funds.



**30TH ANNIVERSARY SALE  
OF GIFT SHOP TREASURES!**

**Don't miss your opportunity to purchase collectible souvenirs of Pickerington history — at bargain prices — from our Museum Gift Shop.**

**Gift Shop Closeout Items Include:**



**White & Cream China with colorful Pickerington logo including:** tea pots, jewel boxes, napkin holders, coffee mugs, toothpick holders, and key rings. Originally, these items sold for \$20 to \$6.50 each. **Prices on September 10th will range from \$4.00 to 50¢.**

**Cat's Meow Pickerington**

**Village Collectibles:** 70 little wooden Pickerington buildings, originally priced from \$17-\$20 are **available for sale for a mere 50¢ each!** Included are Richter House, B.J.s Bouquets, Central House, Mason's Meat Market, and Pickerington's Ohio Bicentennial Barn. Collect them all for yourself and gifts for friends.



**Artwork:** Nancy Brackbill framed watercolor prints (\$5.00 each); 1986 Zeller-Smith Covered Bridge Ltd Edition Unframed Prints, or Pack of 4 notecards (\$2.00 each)

**Other Collectibles:** 1880s issues of *Harper's Bazar* Magazines or 1980-1990 Pickerington landmarks Christmas Ornaments (\$2.00 each).

**Postcards:** Hundreds of olde-time photo postcards from which you can choose. **Only 5¢ each!**

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