



Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

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2023 Spring Museum Events

**Friday, March 31, Saturday, April 1,
8am-1pm both days:** In-door Yard Sale,
Museum Lower Level.

Sunday, April 2, 2-4pm: Museum Open
House in Main Level featuring new
exhibits and newly donated Player Piano
music. Everything 75% off at In-Door Yard
Sale in Museum Lower Level.

Friday, May 5, 6-8:30pm: Pickerington
Chocolate Hop and PHS North Art Show.

Sunday, May 7, 2-4pm: Museum Open
House featuring PHS North Art Show and
Veterans Exhibit.

Sunday, June 4, 2-4pm: Museum Open
House (free) and Olde Pickerington Village
Guided Walking Tours. Tours begin at
Museum and end at Combustion Brewery.
Tour fee is \$5.00 for anyone age 13 or
older. Children are free.



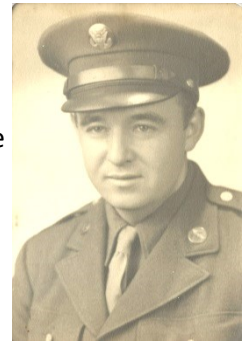
See What's New at our Museum

Join us for an Open House
Sunday, April 2,
2-4pm.

Visitors can experience a
new Violet Grange exhibit
featuring artifacts recently
donated by long-time
Grange members John and
Janet Price. Violet Grange

was formed in 1914 to serve as a "friend to farmers." Its 250 members built a Grange Hall on Lockville Road in 1954 which became the social center of our community. The building was razed in 2015 when an expanded Violet Township Fire Station was built.

Also see newly donated items once belonging to Ivan Nicodemus (photo at right) which include his WWII medals, uniforms, photos and other memorabilia. The first Nicodemus family arrived in Violet Township in the early 1800s. Ivan Nicodemus, a Historical Society member, passed away in 1990. Family member, Susan Fetters Nicodemus, recently donated these items to our Museum.



Find bargains at our Historical Museum's In-Door Yard Sale Fundraiser

Our Historical Society's annual In-door Yard Sale will be held in our Museum's handicap-accessible Lower Level (enter door at rear of Museum off Lockville Road) on Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, 8am-1pm both days. On Sunday, April 2, from 2-4pm prices will be 75% off! Volunteers are needed to help with this Yard Sale Fundraiser.

If you can lend a helping hand, reply to this email or phone/text Maggie Arendt at 614-507-6067.

Historical Society members and friends are encouraged to gather and donate their gently-used/no-longer-needed items for the Yard Sale Fundraiser.

Beginning Wednesday, March 15, Historical Society volunteers will be available to pick up donations from your Pickerington-Violet Township home OR you can deliver your donations to our Museum at an agreed-upon time **between Wednesday, March 15 and March 29.** Clothing and large pieces of furniture cannot be accepted.

Contact Peggy Portier at 614-595-5867 (text or voice) OR phone our Historical Society Leave-a-Message Center at 614-382-5989 with your questions, pick-up or delivery requests.

AROUND OUR MUSEUM

Preserving Pickerington H.S. Class Photos

Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society volunteers have been spending Friday afternoons counting/measuring photos and ordering supplies in order to carefully dismantle, photograph, and preserve the collection of 1909 through 1981 Violet and Pickerington High School class photos that grace our Museum's stairwell and Lower Level walls.

In order to preserve the original photos from further damage by sunlight, artificial lighting, and humidity, the plan is to photograph the original photos and safely store them in acid-free boxes. The frames also will be stored. The digitized photos will be placed, in chronological order, within the new display rack purchased with the help of member donations last year.



↑ *First Violet Township 1909 H.S. grads were (clockwise from upper left): Amy Lyons Humphrey, Rue Fishbaugh, Guy Fishbaugh, and P.C. Milnor.*



← *Historical Society volunteer "High School Class Photo Preservation" committee members are seen here working on their project. They are, clockwise from lower left: Fiona Spears, Barbara Freeman, Peggy Winter, Peggy Portier, and Stephanie Johnson. Not pictured are volunteers Terry Guay and Maggie Arendt.*

More Spring Historical Museum Events

Friday, May 5 from 6-8:30pm: A pre-Mother's Day "Chocolate Hop" takes place in Olde Pickerington Village.

Donate \$5 to get a map of all the Chocolate Hop stops where you will receive chocolate treats! Maps are available at The Humble Crate (Weds-Sat, 11am-5pm), or The Hair Boutique (Tues-Thurs, 9am-7pm or Fri-Sat, 9am-3pm). Our Historical Museum will be one of the stops for chocolate treats. As a bonus, guests can tour our Museum to see Pickerington H.S. North's Student Art Show.

Sunday, May 7, from 2-4pm: A Veterans Exhibit to help celebrate May's Armed Forces Day/Memorial Day will be featured at our Museum as well as a continuation of Pickerington H.S. North's Student Art Show.

We need your help with Veterans information/photos for this exhibit: We'd like to include Veterans from Pickerington/Violet Township who died while in the armed forces or from a service-related injury or illness. Already included in the exhibit are Bruce Dill, John Dovel, Dustin Derga, David Johnston, Jack Moran, and Dale Stemen. If you know of any other Veterans or can provide additional information about the six Veterans mentioned here, please contact Peggy Portier at 614-595-5867 or peggyportier@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 4, 2-4pm: Guided Walking Tours of Olde Pickerington Village will be offered. Each tour, with a Historical Society Volunteer Guide, will begin at our Museum and end at Combustion Brewery. Tour fee is \$5.00 for anyone age 13 and over. Tour admission for children is free!



LOCAL HISTORY

Pickerington Happenings 30 Years Ago (1993)



This is a February, 1993 photo of Pickerington's City Hall located on Lockville Road. The building was constructed a year earlier after the Municipal Building (former Pickering family homesite in Sycamore Creek Park) was razed due to termite infestation.



Huntington National Bank is pictured here during 1993 when the building was located in the northeast section of the S.R. 256 and S.R. 204 intersection. This photo was taken shortly before the drive-thru was removed in order to widen S.R. 256.



B.J.'s Bouquets, located at 18 W. Columbus Street in downtown Pickerington, shortly after this new business opened in 1993. During May, 1992 the building (then known as the Cody-Ziegler building) was damaged after being struck by a car. Many years before this date, the building had been home to two grocery stores: Newlon's Grocery, and Fowler-Fancher Grocery.



Pickerington's new Public Library, constructed at 201 Opportunity Way, as seen during February, 1993. The Library's official ribbon-cutting ceremony and opening took place on April 27, 1993.



Also during April 1993, the Pickerington Library Board of Trustees deeded the Carnegie Library to the City of Pickerington with a stipulation that the building be used for historical/educational purposes. On May 5, 1993 the City of Pickerington leased the Carnegie Library to the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society for \$1 per year for 99 years.

One of the first exhibits in the new Historical Museum's main level is seen at left. It consisted of furniture and memorabilia that the Historical Society had collected and displayed at 21 W. Columbus Street — the former Mason's Meat Market, a building owned by local historian, Cleo Mason Richter.

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

2023 Historical Society Projects

- Digitize, repair and preserve Pickerington High School class photos .
- Preserving our Museum's windows.
- Begin video-recording residents' historical memories.
- Encourage donations to Historical Society Operational and Endowment Funds.

CELEBRATING MEMBERS WHO ARE MISSED



Carrie Ebert passed away Feb. 7, 2023. She is survived by her husband, Gene Ebert, and four children. Carrie was a special needs preschool teacher for 20 years and a dedicated Historical Society supporter and volunteer. She always read stories to children at our Museum Christmas events.



Thelma Kelley passed away at age 100 on Feb. 1, 2023. She attended Pickerington H.S. and worked for the Pickerington Creamery until it closed. In 2003 Thelma was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Paul Kelley. She is survived by a sister and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Dorothy "Pete" Peterson, age 97, passed away Feb. 2, 2023. She is survived by three children, grandchildren, and long-time friend Dorothy Kavanaugh. "Pete" served as an Army Cadet Nurse during WWII and continued working as a nurse until her retirement. She was an active member and volunteer of our Historical Society.

An April 29, 2-4pm Celebration of Life for Dorothy will be held at the Pickerington Senior Center.



A little Historical Society humor to brighten your day!



↑ Our Historical Museum's new look! Gone is the large tree with leaves, fruit, and roots that was slowly destroying our 100+ year-old building!

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