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Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7 PM
Christmas in the White House with America's First Ladies
Presented by Salem Preservation Society's Performing Group
Bring holiday-inspired snacks (like Christmas cookies) to share.
Beverages will be provided.

No Membership Meetings Scheduled in January and February Due to Unpredictable Weather

Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7 PM
Program To Be Determined
Speaker to Be Determined

Please check our Facebook page and website for updates on future speakers!
We are looking for exciting and interesting speakers for our membership meetings. If you have a speaker or topic you'd like to suggest please call Kevin at 330-205-3923.

President's Greeting for December 2024 — *Jay Wootten*

This is my last President's Greeting — I am leaving the President's office on December 31. A new President will be elected by the Board at its December 9th meeting. However, I will still be here working to help preserve Salem's history.

This year has been a whirlwind — we hired our first part-time paid director, and we've lost our first part-time paid director as of November 29th. Chrystal Robinson came on like a firestorm of new ideas and energy, which we welcomed. She leapt into grant writing and engaging with local organizations, trying her darndest to attract visitors during Second Saturdays and offering trolley rides during the Super Cruise. After great effort, Chrystal has decided that she needs to return to her real home, the art community. We wish her well.

We've begun some onerous and not-so-sexy tasks — updating our general ledger accounts, refining our financial policies and procedures, organizational overhaul, and strategic planning. It might sound boring, but if you were a fly on the wall, you'd hear and see lots of energetic questioning and discussion. We'd like you to be a part of that! I think we'll be sending out questionnaires to the membership, and I hope you will respond.

We are trying to chart the future of the Salem Historical Society in troubled times. Who is interested enough to volunteer? How do we find the younger people who care about the history of their city and people? Or better yet, how do we engender that interest in both adults and children?

Also coming up next year is our cookbook fundraiser. We hope that you attended the November potluck kickoff, but if you didn't we still want your special recipes. We have an ethnic theme: all recipes are ethnic! Some of my favorite recipes are for dog cookies, but I think we will stick to human food this time around. Watch the website and March's ***Bugle*** for submission information.

We plan to have a gala fundraiser next year. What form that will take is still undecided, but I can guarantee that it will tickle your historical interest.

Elsewhere in the ***Bugle***, we thank so many people who donated to us this through October this year. The artifacts you gave and your financial support are important to our mission. I thank you for your helping us preserve Salem history.

Happy holidays and a warm winter to you!

Recipe Collection Begins by *Jay Wootten* for the Cookbook Committee

We are eagerly collecting favorite recipes from our membership to include in a fundraising cookbook to be published next year. We began with a yummy potluck dinner at the November 12th membership meeting, so those present got to taste some of recipes to be included.

Please submit one or two favorites of yours. We are collecting recipes for appetizers, side dishes, main dishes, sauces, beverages, desserts — everything good to eat.
You can email them to thesalemhistoricalsociety@gmail.com (use the subject Cookbook), mail them to The Salem Historical Society at 208 S. Broadway, Salem, OH 44460, or drop them off at the Shaffer Research Library on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9 AM until noon.

Please include your name and email address or phone number in case we have any questions about the recipe.

I am looking forward to trying many good dishes from you!

The Curator's Porch from *David Shivers*

'Twas the month before Christmas, and all through the museum, the volunteers moved so fast, you could just barely see 'em. The ***Bugles*** *were written and placed in the mail, hoping our members would receive them without fail.*

I think most of us know this story or one like it. Time is flying at the museum. A lot is going on and we are busier than ever. Grab something to drink, sit back, and relax, I'll fill you in on what's been happening around the museum.

Some months ago, a cookbook committee was formed. The objective is to gather recipes that filled the stomachs and fueled Salem's early town folk. Through the years, recipes have been shared throughout our diverse cultures which built Salem. November's meeting was a delicious, covered dish dinner showing off a few of these recipes. We would love to see your recipe compiled into the best of the best. You can mail a copy or email your recipe to the addresses on the back of this ***Bugle***. *We will be testing all recipes submitted. I believe there is a no Jello salad recipe rule. That could be a cookbook all its own.* We look forward to receiving your submission.

Kevin Schafer organized another successful season of Ghost Tours. During October, the museum had ten ghost trolley tours, two walks, and a dinner. During the tours, I ran the gift shop and gave the museum's "spooky" history. The scariest part of the season happened after our dinner. The dishes were scraped clean and loaded into our hand-me-down, portable dishwasher. Early into the pre-rinse cycle steam started pouring out of the vents. It didn't look or smell quite right, so I took a big whiff. It was smoke. We quickly shut it off, unloaded the dishes, and pushed it to the curb to be gathered by a scrapper. I am adding another gently used portable dishwasher to our Wishlist. I washed and Kevin dried thirty complete place settings by hand. While this task didn't cause us any harm, it did give us a new respect and appreciation of the modern conveniences of life.

A committee led by Tom Corll and consisting of Jay Wootten, Craig Fehr, Joy Cable, Keith High, David Hughes, and myself is reviewing and revising our Strategic Plan for the Historical Society and Museum. Susan Hays led the museum through our last Strategic Planning sessions in the early 2000s. This was one of the best learning experiences of my life. It gave me a greater understanding of organizations and their planning for both the present and future needs. We continue following the plan we set in motion at those meetings. This time we are adding a technical category to our original plan. This will enable us to keep up with the times and how lives have changed through the mass use of smartphones and similar devices. There is one thing I just remembered about Susan's meetings that I should incorporate into our present meetings… Hershey Kisses!

We have been receiving wonderful new donations to add to our collection. Joy and Chris are doing a remarkable job of keeping up with them as they come in. Sherry and David Stratton are keeping the office running efficiently. Our other faithful volunteers are seeing that all the preparations for the winter months ahead are completed which will help us as we come out of "hibernation" in the spring for a new tour season.

I wish you a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season. Until next time.

And they heard the curator exclaim as he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

Donors From 01/01/2024 thru 10/31/2024 Submitted by *Joy Cable*

We thank our donors — those who gave money and those who gave artifacts. Without you, we wouldn't exist. Recent work on the budget showed that nearly 72% of our operating expenses come from donors, endowments, grants. Thank you so very much.

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Quotes from Dale Shaffer & Research/Genealogy from
Alice Deatherage and Kristy Hinchliffe

As usual, we begin with quotes from our friend, Dale Shaffer. He continues to serve as an example for all of us.

1) Courage is not the absence of fear but the concealing of it.
2) Take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
3) If something is worth doing, then you've already been paid.
4) The amount of pain we inflict upon others is directly proportional to the amount we feel within us.
5) We too often love things and use people when we should be using things and loving people.

We had a recent visitor from Michigan. She had requested information on her family--burial site, road where the family lived, and other local information. We were able to give them plenty of answers and the three women visited the museum library and cemeteries. They made a much-appreciated donation and later sent a thank you.

We are still looking for places for family Bibles. We have sent out a number or inquiries and are waiting on responses. We do share records with Columbiana County Archives and Research Center.

Don't throw anything away without contacting the museum first. What you have may be valuable to others.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year 2025!

From the Gift Shop — *Gloria Judy*

Get your holiday gifts here! 20% off all books through December. Salem Schools Table Runner now only $10. And our 2025 calendar featuring local current and vintage Police and Fire photos is only $24.95. The gift shop is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM-noon and during the membership meeting on December 10th from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Report from *Taylor Cappa, Membership Chair*

As the holiday season approaches, we at the Salem Historical Society would like to extend our well wishes to each one of you for a blessed holiday season! Our community is a melting pot of different cultures and traditions, many of which are documented throughout our society's museum. Our collections that remind us of holiday seasons that have come and gone are examples of how your continued support truly is the backbone of this society. With warm hearts, we would like to welcome our newest members: John & Carol Janosik, Carol Richey, and Alexa Hrvatin. We also extend our special thanks and gratitude to our current members who have renewed their membership: Pat Pinkerton, Erin Renner, Bruce & Debbie Williams, Raymond Steffen, Timothy Cope, Judith Lindsay, Mike & Brenda Carnal, Robert Hunt, Diane Foreman, James Yapp, Nancy Ciotti, Robert Hunt, Cheryl Taus, Keith Mann, Gayle Thomas, David Sommers, Ken & Annette Banet, Elaine Maki, Norma Byers, Sherry Ayers, Carol Bailey, Vi Begalla, and David Schwartz. We extend our condolences to the Schwartz family for their loss -- Arlene was a valued member of our society and we will keep her family in our thoughts. As always, please don't forget to check your label to see the date your membership expires. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions! We hope you all have a joyous holiday season and are VERY thankful for your continued support to our society. Happy Holidays!

November/December/January *Bugle* Highlights

1984 Dick Wootten was Society President. Annual memberships were $4.00. A representative of the Ohio Historical Society offered tips for conducting a local museum, while rating our museum as 'outstanding'. President Wootten encouraged the use of the newly available computer to inventory our artifacts. The world premier of Burchfield's Vision was shown at the high school, which

netted $2170 for the Burchfield Scholarship Fund. A grant was awarded from the Salem Community Foundation for new vinyl siding on the Pearce House.

1989 The Methodist Church bell choir presented a Christmas program when we met at the First Presbyterian Church. Janice Lesher replaced the retiring Dot Costlow as Society President. A Victor Parlor stove was donated by Ginny Snyder in memory of her parents. Marjorie Richards donated the wooden icebox in memory of her parents. A new 'photo-history' display of old electric railroads and trolley that once served Salem was prepared.

1994 Annual memberships were $8.00. A tribute was presented in memory of Judith Heaton Anderson, who had died following a short illness during her two-year term as Society President. Louise Murdock served as ***Bugle*** compiler. As part of the community's Home for the Holidays, the Society conducted a Collector's Showcase where several individuals displayed their unusual hobby collections, i.e., Bob Guehl and his antique fishing lures.

1999 Carolyn Caldwell was Society President and ***Bugle*** compiler was Wilma Schilling. Todd Korda, as an Eagle Scout Project, worked on preparing a sign for the Friends' Cemetery on South Ellsworth. Dale Shaffer submitted excerpts from Those Wonderful Smells of the Past, one being the delightful smells from the barber shop and another being a pair of new shoes from Haldi's shoe store.

2004 Dan Williams was recognized for his 'Behind the Scenes' efforts of caring for our lawn after he completed his 25th year. George W. S. Hays was Society President and individual dues had been raised to $20 per year. The war uniform of Robert Labbe, first Salemite killed in Viet Nam, was donated to the museum. The Salem Garden Club disbanded after being founded in 1931 and caring for our herb garden since 1981. Christmas greeting cards were prepared by Sam Kirkland for sale in our gift shop. Articles "Recalling Gas Rationing During the War" involving Rollie Smith and "Salem Remembers Flu Epidemic of 1918" by Dale Shaffer were shared with the readers. Dale's statements on "Why History is Important" were shared. A grant from the Pearce Foundation provided new carpet and painting for the meeting room.

2009 A featured exhibit was Romanian heritage led by member Rosemarie Sulea Cardoso. Among the items were the wedding outfits worn by her parents. Of special interest were the four large photographs, which had originally hung in the Luel Hall. Rosemarie's father, Earl, celebrated his 100th birthday. – New books of local interest were added to the gift shop; ***Philena's Friendship Quilt***, ***The Salem County Club, Its First Hundred Years*** by Bill Ward, ***believe***, by Karen Biery. – The outhouse located in the Herb Garden was placed. – A grant from the Community Foundation made possible a folding stairway to the attic of the Schell House. – Dale Shaffer visited with friends during the book signing of his latest book, ***Hope Cemetery – A Storied History***. – It was noted that David G. Swaim a former Salem resident was present at the death of James A. Garfield, hearing his final words, "Oh Swaim, there is a pain here. Swaim can't you stop this, Oh, oh, Swaim!" Swaim's wife and children are buried in Salem. Swaim is buried in Arlington Cemetery. – Bicentennial scrapbooks were presented to George Hays and B. J. Abrams, co-chairs for the 2006 Salem celebration. – A 12 x 14 inch poster was available of the Columbiana County Bicentennial throw produced for the anniversary.

2014 Dixie Gordon oversaw the renovation of the old office into the new Garden Gift Shop. Assisting her were Bill Ward, Lou Raneri, and Mike Wargo. Andy Blyth, great grandson of W. H. Mullins, performed tunes and tales of the history and accomplishments of Mr. Mullins and Salem's Mullins Company. He was accompanied by Bill Schilling, founder of Dulci-More (and ***Bugle*** compiler in his 15th year after inheriting the job from his mother, Wilma). The 2015 calendar was announced with the theme "Monuments and Memories". The Historical Society hosted the Chester Alfred Paxson Art Exhibit with Janis Yereb directing the placement of the artwork. The Salem Beautification Committee awarded us the 2014 Sunflower Award for "continued excellence".

[Compiler's Note: Although the Salem Historical Society was doing many exciting things during 2019 and 2020, only one or two issues of the **Bugle** *were published each year. Thus, many "Highlights" will be missing for these years from future issues.]*

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