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Curator's Corner

Jane Spriestersbach
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A curator preserves and protects the artifact and document collections of a museum, but a docent is the guide who connects history with the visitor. "Docent" is derived from the Latin *docen* meaning to "teach or lecture". In the 18th century, docents were only men. They were scholars who shared their knowledge with the educated elite. Today, docents are men and women who volunteer as guides to interact with museum guests.

I am proud to say that CIHS has 21 volunteers who act as docents. Without them, we would not be able to operate the Union Chapel Museum. Our docents open the door to the community and guide the public through the important history that is preserved here. I am proud to be part of this group who donate their time and share their knowledge.

Thank you all for a wonderful season. We will be back in the spring, ready to help celebrate the 250th United States of America's birthday!

Until then, stay warm, read a book (history) by the fire, and enjoy family and friends.

Annual Membership Drive Begins



The Catawba Island Historical Society (CIHS) was created in 2017 to collect and preserve the trappings of local history. It does this by operating the Union Chapel Museum in a former Sabbath school and house of worship. The building, itself a part of island history, was constructed in 1888. There is no admission charge to visit the museum. Funds to cover the cost of operation are derived, in large measure, from dues paid for membership in the historical society.

Each fall, CIHS asks existing annual members to renew their $25 or $100 subscriptions for the following calendar year. Opportunities are also offered to purchase lifetime membership for a one-time payment of $1000, or to sponsor museum exhibits called *Heritage Waypoints* for a $10,000 investment payable over 4 years.

Our 2026 membership drive has just begun. If you are as proud of Catawba's heritage as we are, we hope you'll consider joining CIHS to help keep the Island's story alive for future generations. More information, including an application, is included in this newsletter. You can also learn about becoming a member on the web at www.catawbaislandhistoricalsociety.com.

A listing of our current members, by category, is available at the end of this newsletter.



Notable Exhibit Upgrades Finished Off Our 2025 Season

Our museum designer, "Ricardo Von Guggenheim", (board member Rick Thomas), outdid himself this year with display additions and modifications.

The most comprehensive change involved the **story of peaches**. A new exhibit was started from scratch and focuses on five themes: 1) A timeline story of peaches from origins in China to Catawba Island, 2) A peachy "fun fact" section, 3) The art and science of nurturing peach crops, 4) marketing the peach crops, and, 5) The business aspects of the local peach industry.

A second large, from-scratch display is found in the museum foyer and celebrates the **120th anniversary of Miller Boat Line**. It occupies a space to be used for "temporary" exhibits on an "as needed" basis. The journey of Miller from ice harvesting and delivery to a formidable ferry service is quite remarkable.

A smaller, 3-dimensional addition was added to the existing Caleb West floor exhibit. While looking through items in our storage annex, the actual wooden, **wall-mounted box phone** from the West's general store was discovered in pieces. It was thoroughly cleaned, reassembled, and is now in the West exhibit along with the family's black walnut postal box, mail wagon, and signage advertising their summer boarding accommodations.

Finally, time was taken to **thoroughly clean and oil dozens of our finest wooden artifacts**. These included early settlers' work clogs, mid-19th century dry barrels, nautical devices, a fruit grader, wooden ice cream makers, furniture, signage, and much more. Furniture cleaner and oil often bring dry, wooden items to life which can reveal hidden text and dates not otherwise visible.





Caleb West's business phone, with story, (left) has been added to the existing family artifact collection. Like many settlers, the West clan managed a number of business ventures.



It's hard to imagine life on Catawba without the incredibly reliable **Miller ferry service.**

It was certainly our pleasure to research their history and visually celebrate their 120th anniversary. We wish them many more.

MEANWHILE...*OUTSIDE* THE MUSEUM





Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Jim Stouffer and his diligent CIC team, two *very* heavy farming artifacts were wrestled from the woods along the golf cart path between holes 10 and 11. They were skillfully delivered to our extended parking area. With township trustee Bill Rofkar's approval, his team cleaned up and added gravel to receive our newest implements. Island graphics designer, Jerry Davenport, kindly donated the outdoor signage. It is now my turn to enclose the area and mount the signage between the devices. I've had my eye on the hay rack for some time. It turns out that what is now the 11th fairway of CIC was once a working farm that belonged to the Drusbacky family. The descendants were excited to hear the news! They have fond memories of the farm they grew up with. I'm planning on having the display finished when we open next year. *Designer, Rick Thomas*

Fall Speaker





This year's fall speaker for the CIHS Cultural Lecture Series was Emmy-nominated author Jennifer Boresz Engelking. Her presentation, titled "Spooky Stories from Lake Erie's Past", followed the CIHS annual business meeting on October 9th at the Catawba Island Township Community Hall.

Jennifer grew up in Northeast Ohio. She has been drawn to stories of Lake Erie, particularly little-known tales of shipwrecks and legends, since childhood. She has written five books, including "Lost Lake Erie" published by The History Press in 2023, and "Hidden History of Lake Erie" which is new on the market. Her work often includes references to Catawba and the Lake Erie Islands.

Before becoming an author, she worked as a broadcast reporter at CBS stations in Erie, Pennsylvania, and Toledo, Ohio. She also wrote and produced historical documentaries for PBS. She even played a reporter in the movie "Unstoppable", directed by Tony Scott.

Thank you, Jennifer. We truly enjoyed your speech!



New Museum on the Horizon

What do card games, a retired curator, and the Lake Erie islands have in common? The answer is a chance to combine a love of history with the magic of human networking.

This past July 28th, our Union Chapel Museum designer, Rick Thomas, received a very nice text message from Middle Bass Island resident Mary Roesch. It turns out she, her husband, and a group of enthusiastic MB residents intend to start a museum of their own, from scratch, on their patch of the Lake Erie islands.

Among other things, the text message indicated that *"Both my husband Jim and I live on Middle Bass Island. We have heard so many wonderful things about the Catawba Island Museum from Joan Copeland and Pete and Connie Batterton. Joan told me she spoke with you regarding our exciting project of building a historical museum on our island.*

My husband and I are heading up the project. Jim is fourth generation on MB and he is overseeing the actual construction of the building, permits, etc. and I am overseeing the committees. We have many enthusiastic people over here who are willing to help.

I am wondering if I got a group together (committees, board of directors), if we could meet and talk with you as we move forward with our project."

This text illustrates what a small world we live in, especially here in the Lake Erie Islands. Joan Copeland, a long-time Middle Bass Island resident and history buff, plays cards on a regular basis with Rick's wife Rita. There she learned of our CIHS. Connie Batterson was the first curator at our Union Chapel Museum and apparently knows the Roesch's.

Some days later, a meeting was indeed set up. CIHS president, Dave Wonnell, past-president Craig Koerpel, and designer Rick Thomas spent the day on Middle Bass with the "enthusiastic people" mentioned in the text. It was a wonderful and fruitful encounter. The same contingent will be visiting us later this fall to tour our museum and garner ideas for their project. Stay tuned for further details.







President Dave Wonnell, *above left*, and Trustee, Craig Koerpel bidding farewell to Middle Bass after a long, warm day. Left: Jim Roesch resting on the porch of the restored Lonz mansion.



Council of Nabagon Reception

More than 80 guests attended the 2025 Council of Nabagon reception for lifetime members of CIHS. This year's event was held at the 1812 Food and Spirits Restaurant from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on September 10th. Owner Kevin Lowe prepared a sumptuous selection of heavy appetizers to accompany half-priced cocktails, wine, and beer.

Historical society board member, Craig Koerpel, served as the evening's master of ceremonies. Not only did he provide an update on 2025 additions and improvements to the Union Chapel Museum, but he also gave a fascinating and entertaining presentation regarding Catawba Island's famed *"Nabagon the Watcher"*. Craig explored the provocative premise set forth in the 2008 "Legends of Catawba" book, edited by local historian Don Rhodes. In it, the legendary protector of Catawba Island, an Ottawa Indian named Nabagon, was brought to light.

According to Craig, "Don believed that the author credited on the original 'Legends of Catawba' book, Henry W. Prescott, was a fictional pen name invented by the real author, Josiah H. Bellows. The romantic and whimsical tales contained in the book appeared as a weekly series in Sunday's Toledo Blade Peach Section. The stories both garnered interest and helped to market lot and cottage sales in Bellow's growing Cliffs community. Nothing in Craig's research was firmly conclusive as to the truth of there ever having been a real Ottawa brave named Nabagon. A large stone profile resembling an Indian does exist on the north face of the tall cliff below the island's "Lookout Point". For those who give credit to the legend of "the Watcher", the stony profile is noteworthy and certainly fun to ponder.



Pictured from right to left at the 2025 Nabagon reception are CIHS trustee, Ken Landon, and some of our newest lifetime members Dawn Allen, Jeff Allen, Steve Cellier and Johnette Cellier.

Harry Stensen Memorial Fund Grant Request Approved



CIHS applied to the Harry Stensen Memorial Fund for a 2025 grant to purchase a **refrigerator** and **upgrade the museum electrical system** to support its use. Our $2676.08 request was approved! The refrigerator will be used at the museum to store perishable items for regular meetings, seasonal celebrations, educational programs, and other historical events. This investment will improve the experience of our guests and volunteers, broaden opportunities for community engagement, and enhance the overall quality of our services. Many thanks to the Harry Stensen Memorial Fund for their support!

A Peachy Tribute is Planned



As revealed in the spring/summer 2025 CIHS newsletter, Union Chapel Museum plans to help America celebrate its 250th anniversary next year. We will be highlighting Catawba's fruit production prowess. Ohio was the nation's peach capital in the mid to late 1800s.

A series of peach-related events are being considered by the museum to honor this distinction. At their vanguard will be the planting of a ceremonial peach tree on the museum grounds. The tree will be a gift from **Howell Orchards**. **Dave Howell, proprietor**, will do the planting early next spring. Other events being considered include an old-fashioned peach ice cream social and a peach pie baking contest.

More information about our plans for America's 250th celebration will be included on the CIHS website and Facebook pages.

A Special Thank You to our Docents & Volunteers



Docents and volunteers are critical to the smooth operation of Catawba Museum at Union Chapel. The former greet guests upon arrival and answer questions that arise as visitors view our displays. Volunteers shoulder more of the clerical work. We rely upon them to do things like filing documents, categorizing records, and sorting photographs, all critically important tasks.

On Friday, September 26th, we had an opportunity to thank all of them for their service during the museum's 2025 operating season. Our twenty-one docents and three volunteers were invited to an "appreciation luncheon" at the 1812 Food and Spirits Restaurant. Several have been helping us since the museum opened in 2018, but it was an inaugural event for Betsy Volchok and Denise Dartt who had just spent their first summer with CIHS as docents. Thank you, ladies!

Many thanks to deputy museum curator and head docent, Donna Wonnell, for another successful season of recruiting and scheduling the men and women who take on these important tasks!

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions at Union Chapel Museum please contact Donna at 419-967-5363.



C.I.C.'s Mr. Jim Stouffer (left) with some of his team

Tours for Private Parties Available!

Do you have a group in mind that would enjoy a personalized tour of Catawba's Union Chapel Museum? Simply call Jane Spriestersbach, Museum Curator, at 419 967 5363 and let's see what can be arranged!



Board Members Elected
Two New Members Welcomed Aboard

The board of trustees of Catawba Island Historical Society is currently comprised of 13 members. Two of them, **Elisabeth (Lis) Brand and Dean Clemons**, were new to the board this year and each is currently only serving part of a one-year "initial" term. They were, however, elected to serve full three-year terms beginning in 2026 at the CIHS annual business meeting on October 9, 2025. Five other board members with three-year terms expiring at the end of 2025 were reelected at the annual business meeting for additional terms of three years each beginning in 2026. They include Jeff Brown, Jan Gluth, Cindy Gunderson, Ken Landon and Al Sprenger Jr.

Lis Brand is a seasoned marketing and public relations professional. She brings more than 25 years of industry experience to CIHS. In her most recent role, she is the co-founder and managing partner of Indicre Marketing. Prior to Indicre, she was executive director of marketing and public relations at Magruder Hospital. And before Magruder she owned and operated her own marketing agency. She holds an MBA in organizational change and leadership from Tiffin University and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio State University.

Dean Clemons, formerly a lead financial advisor for Bussa Financial Partners, retired in 2024 after more than two decades of working with small and mid-sized businesses to establish employer-sponsored retirement plans.

He grew up on the water. At 18 he became one of the youngest charter captains on Lake Erie. Dean operated a successful charter business while studying for his Bachelor of Arts degree from Findlay College and an MBA in finance from Bowling Green State University. He sold the charter business in 1999 and subsequently spent several years in Michigan where he launched his career as a financial advisor. He and his wife, Lyn, returned to Ottawa County in 2021 and live on Catawba Island.

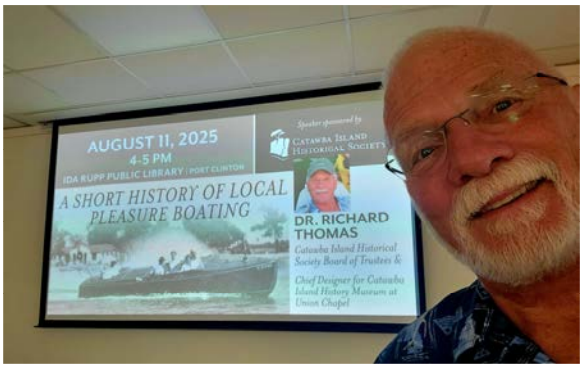
CIHS Board officers for 2026 were selected following the annual business meeting. They are David Wonnell, President; Cindy Gunderson, Vice President; and Ken Landon, Secretary/Treasurer.



Lis Brand



Dean Clemons with his wife Lyn



Hi! Did you know we have speakers available?

Are you interested in having a historical presentation at your next event? CIHS has speakers available.

Trustee, Rick Thomas, gives a fascinating talk about the trials and tribulations of his father-in-law who was conscripted into World War II military service as an 18-year-old gunnery sergeant – but on the German side of the equation! He can also speak about the history of pleasure boating around the islands.

Founding CIHS president, Craig Koerpel, shares the secrets of Catawba Island in a presentation packed with facts, legends, and lore. Do you know why there are so few fossils found locally? Do you know who "The Watcher" is? How about the first name that was given to Catawba Island Township and why? Craig can tell you.

John Gibson's speech about Bootleggers and Rumrunners is an intoxicating reminder of our Prohibition past. Former Navy pilot Al Sprenger is working on a couple of presentations with a military flavor.

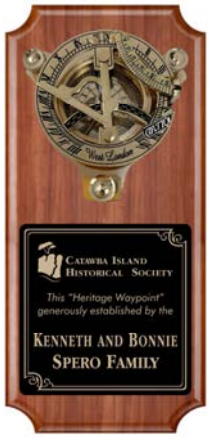
If you would like to schedule a speaker, please contact our museum Curator, Jane Spriestersbach, by email at info@catawbaislandhistoricalsociety.com or by phone at 419-967-5363.



Establish a Lasting Legacy

One of the benefits Union Chapel Museum offers is the opportunity for patrons of history to create an enduring legacy. The CIHS board of trustees has established a committee to assist those who wish to explore options for preserving Catawba's heritage while simultaneously creating a personal or family tribute. Al Sprenger Jr. (left) will chair this effort.

"The typical visitor to Union Chapel," observed Al, "has a deep appreciation for the value of sharing lessons of the past with future generations. There are ways that they, too, can be remembered tomorrow for what they do today. Our committee will be investigating options and suggesting possibilities to those with such an interest."



One avenue already in place is the museum's *Heritage Waypoint* program (right). Sixteen large freestanding panels in the main gallery were set aside as personalized tribute opportunities. The acquisition cost of naming rights per panel is $10,000 payable over 4 years. Six have already been committed. For Information about those remaining you can email www.info@catawbaislandhistoricalsociety.com.

It is anticipated that Al Sprenger and his board committee will identify and soon be able to share information about additional options related to deferred giving, wills, bequests, and estate planning.



WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY!

Do you love Catawba Island? Has it been a fun and meaningful part of your life? Would you like to preserve those memories so your kids – and their kids – will know what a wonderful place this is?

Well, you can! All it takes is a little planning on your part and a promise from the Catawba Island Historical Society that we will honor your desire to create a worthy personal legacy.
The planning involves including a gift – commonly called a "bequest' – to us in your will.
You have lived well. Why not also be certain you leave well?
You can be remembered by partnering with us to perpetuate the Catawba story. Enable future generations to benefit from the CIHS mission of preserving and protecting our lakeside heritage. Establish a bequest on our behalf so we can faithfully curate memories of the Catawba Island you love. Where there is a will there truly is a way!
Property (cash, securities, or real estate) given by will can significantly reduce the taxes otherwise payable by your estate. The value of the bequest will not be subject to estate taxation. Your heirs benefit, and your generosity will serve as a living symbol of your charitable intentions.
If you have already created your will, you can add an appendix or codicil naming CIHS as a beneficiary. Seek advice from professional council to do this. The following language may, however, be a good place to start:



I give and bequeath and devise to Catawba Island Historical Society Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio and located in Port Clinton, OH, _____ percent (_____%) of my estate OR the sum of $_____ OR all my right, title, and interest in the following described property: _____ OR all rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to be used for the following purposes:

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MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



Your membership in the Catawba Island Historical Society provides the dues revenue which - in large measure - enables us to carry out our mission. The Society was created as a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity in 2017. Catawba Museum at Union Chapel opened in 2018, and by 2019 CIHS had attracted 235 members. Today we typically serve a membership of more than 350 individuals, families, businesses, and other organizations.

2025 will be a year for revisiting the lessons of history, for renewing belief that the principles of our forebearers have value, and for dedicating ourselves to sharing those tenets with future generations. You can help as a CIHS member. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

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Alison Lanza Falls
Danielle & Todd Fodor Family
Bill & Miriam Forquer
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Judge Richard A. Frye
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Alan & Karen Goldenbogen
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Marlene Gulas
Shad & Cindy Gunderson
Dr. Mark & Tina Hablitzel
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Jean Haven
Hal & Diane Hawk
Amy Heflinger
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Eric Kummero & Andrea Kummero
Richard & Jane Kusnir
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Bobby & Maria Symonds
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Dr. Richard & Rita Thomas
John & Marcia Thornhill
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Walker Funeral Homes
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Cindy Burdorf
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Musical Arts Series
Ottawa County Historical Society
Ottawa County Museum



From the Ohio Development and Publicity Commission, 1949:
"PRETTY AND DELICIOUS! And proof that if you're looking for something good you'll visit Ohio's Catawba Island Peninsula between now and Labor Day. A large percentage of this year's peach harvest will be sold to the thousands of motorists who will come direct to the farms to buy. Ottawa County has over a quarter of a million peach bearing trees alone. The 'picking peaches' are Reva Osborne and Jo Anne Bauer."



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – CATAWBA ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP DESIRED **TERM AND PAYMENT**

- ☐ ***COUNCIL OF NABAGON** *Lifetime membership; single payment of $1000*
- ☐ ***CURATOR** *Annual membership; $100/yr.* (Jan. 1- Dec. 31)
- ☐ ***HISTORIAN** *Annual membership; $25/yr.* (Jan. 1- Dec. 31)

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