



The Native American, Nabagon, is central to Catawba Island lore. After performing an act of great valor, Nabagon's facial profile magically appeared as a rocky outcrop along the Lake Erie shore. He is called "The Watcher" because his spirit is still said to look over and protect the Island's inhabitants from that spot on E. Cliff Road. Nabagon's story inspired the naming of our most prestigious membership in the Catawba Island Historical Society.

Preserving Yesterday to Prepare for Tomorrow

The Catawba Island Historical Society (CIHS) and the Catawba Island Township Trustees collaborated to convert the Union Chapel on E. Porter Street into a museum and cultural center. This iconic non-denominational church, established in 1888, had been an idle Township asset for decades. The renovated building reopened in 2018. More than just a repository for yellowed pages and dog-eared photographs, it is now a focal point for resident and visitor use of local history to educate, inspire and prepare for the future.

In addition to operating the Museum, CIHS sponsors an educational lecture series. Guests speak on a wide variety of subjects applicable to the area's past. Admission to both the Catawba Museum at Union Chapel and lecture series events is free of charge. It is underwritten by community support in the form of annual and lifetime Historical Society memberships, gifts, grants, and sponsorships.



Membership Categories

Catawba Historian

Yearly dues to become a Catawba Historian member are \$25. Members are included in a monthly drawing to receive a softcover copy of the Henry W. Prescott book *Legends of Catawba*, as edited by local historian Don Rhodes.

Catawba Curator

Yearly dues to become a Catawba Curator member are \$100. Membership includes one softcover copy (for your initial subscription) of the Don Rhodes edition of Henry W. Prescott's book *Legends of Catawba*, and invitations to preview select new exhibits before they are available to the public.

Council of Nabagon

Lifetime membership in CIHS is available for a single investment of \$1000. It includes invitation to private events, access to all exhibits before they are officially opened, and tasteful inscription of member names on an appreciation plaque at the Museum. Each subscriber also receives a leather-bound edition of the volume *Legends of Catawba*.

Those who subscribe early enough are designated as **Founders**. They receive a copy of the book that has been signed and numbered by its editor, Don Rhodes.

Membership Application

Date: _____

Category of Membership Requested (please select one)

___ **Council of Nabagon** – \$1000 Lifetime Membership

Ⓜ **Founder** status for early subscribers

___ **Catawba Curator** – \$100/year

___ **Catawba Historian** – \$25/year

___ Please contact me to discuss other options
(CIHS Endowment Fund, Sponsorship, etc.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone #1 _____

Telephone #2 _____

Please make checks payable to the Catawba Island Historical Society. Mail this application to CIHS at P.O. Box 396 – Port Clinton, OH 43452

Many thanks for your interest and support!

Endowment Fund & Sponsorship Opportunities

CIHS Endowment Fund

The CIHS Endowment Fund is held and administered by the Toledo Community Foundation's Ottawa County Community Foundation Fund. It conservatively invests non-recurring, one-time gifts of varying amounts that are often bequests or the result of estate planning decisions. In this way, initial capital is preserved while the financial return generated underwrites part of our operating budget.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Opportunities exist for sponsoring or naming specific exhibit components. The most unique among these is our "Windows in Time" program which allows the permanent naming of the ten individual display panels in the main gallery. Other possibilities can be created to accommodate specific requests. Please contact the Museum Curator for more information.

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Tax Deductibility

The Catawba Island Historical Society is a Domestic Non-profit Corporation. Initial Articles of Incorporation were filed and recorded with the Ohio Secretary of State. Our Employer Identification Number is 81-509908. We subsequently requested and received 501(c)(3) Federal tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service. That status is retroactive to January 18, 2017.

Please speak with your tax advisor or accountant to learn more about the tax deductibility of your membership subscription.



Catawba Island is historically known for its abundance of fruit orchards, vineyards, and water-related recreation.