



*News for members and friends of:*  
**PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## SPRING 2016

**Find us:** 15 E. Columbus Street, Olde Pickerington Village ~ [www.PickHistory.org](http://www.PickHistory.org)

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### 2016 Historical Society Calendar

**April 2**, 10am-1pm: Museum Open Houses resume each Saturday thru December 17

**April 7**, 7:30pm: Society Meeting/Program: "The Eastern Longhunter"

**May 5**, 7:30pm: Society Meeting/Program: "Columbus Clippers Baseball History"

**May 6**, 6-8:30pm: Olde Village Chocolate Hop. Buy \$5 maps at Museum.

**June 2**, 6-8pm: Society Field Trip/Tour to Bob McDorman Auto Museum

**June 3**, 9am-8pm: and **June 4**, 10am-1pm: Museum Yard Sale

**August 4**, 6:30pm: Society Members-Only In-door Picnic /Tour at Ohio Glass Museum

**August 28**, 2-4pm: Carnegie Library 100-Year Birthday Celebration at Museum

**October 6**, 7:30pm: Society Meeting and Program: "Civil War Medical Equipment"

**October 27**, 6-8pm: "Haunted Museum" during Pickerington's annual "Haunted Village"

**November 3**, 7:30pm: Society Meeting. "Postcards" presentation by Richard Barrett

**December 1**, 6:30pm: Society Members-Only Christmas Potluck Dinner at Museum

*Volunteers are needed for all of these events. Email [pickhistsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:pickhistsociety@hotmail.com) or phone Cristie Hammond, 614-570-4074.*

*Ask a friend to become a Society member and join you for all of these great events!*

### Museum Opens with Volunteer Training

*Our Historical Museum's 2016 opening is Saturday, April 2. Saturday hours are 10:00am to 1:00pm through December 17.*

During each Saturday in April and May, a member of our new "Volunteer Mentor Team" will provide hands-on training for one or two new volunteers. Our Volunteer Mentor Team includes Peggy Portier, Fiona Spears, Greg Karoly, Maggie Arendt, Mary Herron, and Cristie Hammond.

If you've been thinking about being a Museum volunteer, now is a great time to become involved. You'll have fun, make new friends, and discover interesting local history tidbits and artifacts!

To give Saturday volunteering a try, phone Volunteer Coordinator Cristie Hammond (614-570-4074) or access Sign-up Genius by clicking on VOLUNTEER-SIGN UP on the home page of [www.pickhistory.org](http://www.pickhistory.org). We welcome new volunteers or ones who feel they need a volunteer refresher course.

### Meet the Eastern Longhunter on April 7

Dave Reed (*photo at right*) has been a re-enactor for 30 years. His camp name is "Salt Licks" — derived from the area where he grew up in Southern Ohio.

You'll have an opportunity to meet Dave and his wife, Ginger, on April 7 at 7:30pm during our Historical Society's first meeting of the year. We'll meet in the Museum's Lower Level which is handicap-accessible via the rear door of our building.

Dave will educate and entertain us with tales of what it was like being an Eastern Longhunter between 1740-1790. This was during the time of the French and Indian Wars. The "longhunter" was named for men who would leave home to go on hunts lasting a long period of time.

Dave will bring his flintlock and be dressed in period clothing including a brimmed hat, weskit, silk neck scarf, leggings and moccasins. Bring your friends to hear and meet our Eastern Longhunter, ask him questions, and enjoy complimentary desserts and beverages after his presentation.



## WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM FOR 2016?



### PREHISTORIC ARTIFACTS

Have you ever seen fish spears or knife blades crafted of Flint Ridge flint by Archaic period Indians who roamed Violet Township thousands of years ago? These types of prehistoric artifacts now can be seen in our Historical Museum. They were gathered by the following families on their Pickerington-Violet Township farms:

- Frank Dovel family on their 160-acre farm now occupied by Pickerington H.S. Central football field, Ridgeview Junior H.S., and Pickerington sewer plant.
- Alice and brothers Ralph, Albert, and Wilbert Messenger. Their family farm now is part of Pickerington Ponds Metro Park.
- Wayne and Carolyn Potter's farm on Pickerington Road.

Our thanks to the generosity of Historical Society members, Bill and Earlene Corban (*seen in photo at left*). They acquired the Dovel and Messenger collections, had the artifacts professionally catalogued, then donated the display as a permanent exhibit in our Historical Museum. The Potter Collection (not shown here) was donated to our Historical Society by the Potter family. Be sure to stop by our Museum and check out these new exhibits!

### 2016-2017 PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVES

#### Elected Officers

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

#### President's Appointees

Curator: Chris Reale  
 Librarian: Suellen Goldsberry  
 Membership: Stephanie Johnson  
 Publicity/Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt  
 Volunteer Coordinator: Cristie Hammond

#### Top Society Projects for 2016

Create 100-year Carnegie Library Celebration  
 Refurbish 1879 Tabor pump organ  
 Get loom fixed and functioning for demos  
 Videotape residents' historic memories  
 Create "Olde Village Walking Tour" brochure



### NEW BOARD MEMBERS, PROJECTS

Barbara Freeman, Greg Karoly, and Stephanie Johnson (*seen left-to-right in photo*) were elected as Members-at-Large to the Historical Society Executive Board during the Society's December Annual Meeting. Both

Freeman and Karoly have worked as volunteers during Museum Open Houses and Society special events for the past couple of years. Johnson also serves as the group's membership coordinator.

Suellen Goldsberry, retired Pickerington Public Library Director, recently accepted appointment by the president to serve as the Historical Society's volunteer librarian.

During the Board's 2016 meetings, discussion has centered on projects the group hopes to undertake during 2016. A list of "Top Projects" appears at left. Most of the projects involve finding funding, expertise, equipment, and/or manpower to accomplish the desired results. Society members' suggestions or interest in helping with any of these projects would be welcomed and appreciated. Simply contact Society President Peggy Portier at [pickhistsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:pickhistsociety@hotmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY 5, 7:30PM - COLUMBUS CLIPPERS BASEBALL HISTORY



Whether avid baseball fans or not, your entire family will enjoy this special presentation by Joe Santry, historian and director of communications for The Columbus Clippers. Santry will be the Historical Society's guest speaker on Thursday, May 5, during our monthly meeting that begins at 7:30pm.

His presentation will be preceded by an update of Historical Society programs by President Peggy Portier. The evening ends with conversation, dessert and refreshments, compliments of Society volunteers. The public is invited to attend this program in the Museum's Lower Level which is handicap-accessible.



Interested in providing dessert for this meeting? If so, contact Volunteer Coordinator Cristie Hammond (614-570-4074) or access Sign-up Genius by clicking on VOLUNTEER-SIGN UP on the home page of [www.pickhistory.org](http://www.pickhistory.org).

### JUNE 2, 6:00-8:00PM - BOB MCDORMAN AUTO MUSEUM

If you'd enjoy seeing a collection of vintage neon signs, a 1936 Chevy Coupe and other automobiles — join fellow Historical Society members at a special Thursday evening tour of Bob McDorman's Automotive Museum, located at 45 E. Waterloo Street in Canal Winchester.

Admission fees, payable at McDorman's door, are: \$7 for Seniors (age 65, AARP or Golden Buckeye cards); \$5 for Youth (ages 6 to 12); everyone else is \$10.

In addition, Historical Society members can enjoy a 6 p.m. complimentary picnic of sandwiches, chips, desserts, and beverages inside Bob McDorman's prior to our self-guided tour.



**Because we need to purchase food, reservations are required for this event! Sign up no later than Saturday, May 28 by email to [pickhistsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:pickhistsociety@hotmail.com) or by leaving a message at 614-382-5989.**

### CARNEGIE LIBRARY'S 100-YEAR CELEBRATION

The Carnegie Library doors were opened at 15 E. Columbus Street in Pickerington during the community's Labor Day Celebration on September 4, 1916. The Library was built and furnished with a \$10,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation procured through the persistency of Library, Village, and Township Trustees. Prior to the Carnegie Library's opening, books were housed and loaned out of two 8x8-foot alcoves in the Violet Township School on East Street.

Members of the Historical Society and Pickerington Public Library staff feel 2016 is a good time to celebrate Carnegie Library's huge contribution to our community over the past 100 years. A joint Library-Historical Society Committee has been formed, and plans are underway for summertime programs as well as a 100th birthday celebration at the former Carnegie Library (now Historical Museum) on Sunday, August 28 from 2-4pm. Everyone is invited!

Celebration details will be available in our Society's Summer Newsletter as well as on Library and Historical Society websites: [PickeringtonPublicLibrary.org](http://PickeringtonPublicLibrary.org) or [PickHistory.org](http://PickHistory.org). Plan to participate in this historical community event!

Help  
Celebrate  
Carnegie  
Library's  
100th Year  
Sunday,  
August 28,  
2-4pm  
at the  
Historical  
Museum

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## Historical Society Member News

***Thank You, new Historical Society members*** who recently joined our group including Suellen Goldsberry (Canal Winchester), Tony and Jona Schmitt (Pickerington), and Donna Smith (Pickerington).

***Thank You, to the generous patrons who recently donated funds to support our Historical Society projects and Museum:*** Carol Ackerman, Phyllis DeLooff, Tammy and Ed Drobina, Pickerington Mayor Lee Gray (donations from performing weddings), David Kose, the James “Bud” Kraner Family, Jayne and Jim McGill, Doug and Betty Jo Merle, Rick Ricketts, Bill and Ann Ruse, Gary and Barbara Taylor, Eleanor Williard.

***Thank You, volunteers who helped host the 475 visitors*** to our Historical Museum during the December 4, 2015 Olde Pickerington Village Holiday Gathering. The volunteers included: Maggie Arendt, Gene and Carrie Ebert, Barbara Freeman, Suellen Goldsberry, Mary Herron, Gary and Barbara Taylor, Bev and Chuck Zurhorst.

***Do you or your family have any 1915-1920-era artifacts*** that you would be willing to temporarily loan to our Historical Society for display during our August-September Carnegie Library 100th Birthday Celebration? We’re looking for inside/outside Carnegie Library photos; WWI artifacts; toys, clothing, household items, or dated memorabilia from that time-frame. If you have something in mind that you can lend to us for this event, please phone or text Historical Society members Mary Herron (614-519-9824) or Maggie Arendt (614-507-6067).

***Feel free to forward this newsletter*** to your friends and family to help spread the word about our Historical Society’s quest to preserve our community’s history. Invite them to join you as a member of our Historical Society and enjoy all of the benefits of membership: (1) Quarterly newsletter, (2) Personal notification of Society meetings and special events, (3) Participate in Members-Only events, (4) Become involved in the preservation of our unique local history. An “Individual” 2016 membership is only \$10; “Family” membership is \$15.

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