



# Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society

## News for Members and Friends

**SUMMER 2025**

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**We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization**

### *Sunday, June 1, 2-4pm: Guided Tours of Violet-Pickerington Cemetery*

**Location: Violet Cemetery, 180 E. Columbus St. One-Hour  
tours begin every 15 minutes. Sign up at:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094FAFA622A46-56671180-cemetery>.**

**Review/choose an available time, then click on the button to sign up.  
We'll email you an invoice to pay by credit card.**

**Cost: \$5.00 per person, age 13 and older, for a one-hour tour  
focusing on Pickerington history thru the stories of military veterans.**

**Pickerington Historical Society volunteers, family members  
(2 veterans) and members of the American Legion Honor Guard will  
provide history and stories.**

**Tour takes place Rain or Shine! Walking shoes recommended.**



### **Sunday, July 6, 2-4pm Heritage Day at the Museum: FREE ADMISSION**

**Visit our community's Historical Museum on Sunday, July 6, to acquire first-hand knowledge  
of heritage arts through live demonstrations and information including:**

**\* Violin Making Demo:** By Fairfield County resident, Jacque Gray, in the Museum's Lower Level.

**\* WWI Soldier/Fountain Pen:** Portrayed by Cyrus Moore in WWI uniform. Director of the Baltimore Community Museum; History enthusiast. Visitors can try their hand using a Fountain Pen.

**\* Wool Spinning Demo:** By Amber Taylor. She participates in Frontier Spirit 1799 the last full weekend of September in Alley Park outside of Lancaster, Ohio.

## MORE 2025 SUMMER MUSEUM EVENTS



### ***Saturday, August 2, 4-8pm*** ***Pickerington Murder Mystery Night!***

The Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) and City of Pickerington have planned a night of food, fun, and mystery on August 2, 4-8pm in Olde Pickerington Village! Community members can form their own teams to wander our Village to visit suspects and clue stations represented by PACC members — including our Historical Museum. Participants will be stopping in to help them solve the murder!

To join the fun, pre-registration and a participation fee are required. Instructions, story line, suspects, clue stops, and business/vendor locations will be provided to help participants solve the crime. The fun begins the evening of August 2 at City Hall — the location of the CRIME SCENE. First place team of investigators and first-place team costumes win trophies and prizes.

Register on-online at [PickeringtonChamber.com](http://PickeringtonChamber.com). For additional information about participating in “Murder Mystery Night”, contact PACC at 614-837-1958 or email: [info@pickeringtonchamber.com](mailto:info@pickeringtonchamber.com).

### ***August 3, 2-4pm*** ***Open House at the Museum***

***Featuring FREE Program***  
***by Wild Birds Unlimited plus***  
***FREE hotdogs and popcorn for visitors!***



*Julie Baldwin, owner (with husband, Larry) of “Wild Birds Unlimited” in Reynoldsburg, will enlighten us about the steep decline of nearly three billion birds in North America since the 1970s. Robins, finches, orioles and sparrows are among the loss. Julie will share with us simple actions to help make our backyards become bird-safe and bird-friendly to ensure that our backyard birds will always be there to bring joy and excitement to our lives.*



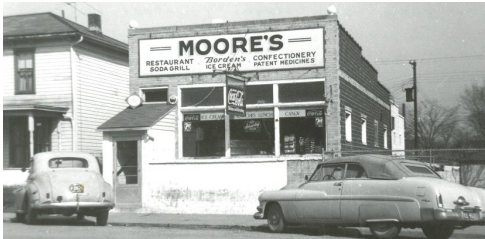
## LOCAL HISTORY

### Pickerington's Downtown: Then & Now



#### ← 1958: Williamson's Sunoco.

During the Summer of 2025, this former Hill Road Service Station is being transformed to serve residents with a two-story Johnson's Ice Cream Parlor! →



#### ← 1950: Moore's Pool Hall.

Butch & Wilma Moore operated this 14 E. Columbus St. restaurant until they sold it in 1957 to open Moore's Pool Room at 18 E. Columbus St. This building now houses Solomon's Carpet . →



← **Late 1800's Valley House:** This hotel was located at the NW corner of what is now Columbus/Center Streets. The building was consumed by a historic fire in 1927. Gazebo Park and a 1929 historic building, currently for sale, now occupy the property. →



← **1973 Village Food Center** (aka Kelley's Food Market) located at 30 W. Columbus St. Originally, this building was the home of Hanna's Garage. Since 1993 its been home to Resale Furniture and Antiques. →



← **1880:** Jacob Pickering was the first owner of this 115 N Center St. property, followed by violinist John Hisey, then school superintendent W.H.C. Akers. The building now houses a group of Pickerington Attorneys. →



← **Circa 1910: Pickerington's Train Depot/Flour Mill** are seen here on what is now North Center Street. The Flour Mill was dismantled in the mid-1970s, but the Depot still stands . →





**2024-2025  
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: Stephanie Johnson  
Treasurer: Fiona Spears  
Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson, Mary Herron

**President's Appointees**

Historian: David Williard  
Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson  
Website/Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt  
Curator: Peggy Winter  
Librarian: Terry Guay

**2024-2025 Historical Society Projects**

- Repair/replace Museum windows where needed.
- Digitize Museum's Accession Book to better track donated artifacts.
- Document Pickerington-Violet Twp residents' oral history stories with the Pickerington Public Library.

**MEMBER NEWS**



**Long-Time PVTSH member, Clover Rogers**, celebrated her "100 & Fabulous" Birthday on April 2nd at the Pickerington Senior Center. Birthday cards, balloons, cake, refreshments, and many friends marked the event.

**Welcome new members:** Nancy and Dane Medley of Pickerington recently joined our Historical Society.



**The first "Antique Road Show" was held at our Museum on May 4.**

Local Auctioneers, Mike LeMay (upper right) and George Burns (upper left) said they had fun and saw many unusual items from guests who received free estimates of the value of their antiques during our "Antique Road Show".



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