



Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

Fall 2022

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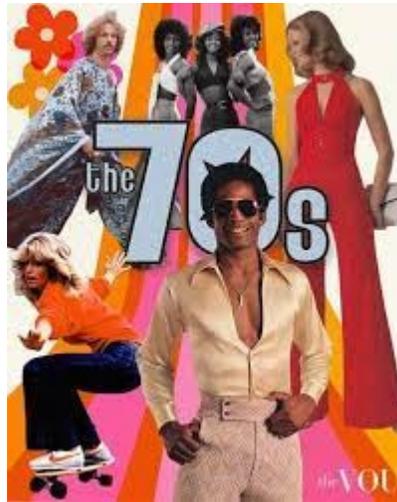
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Fall Events at Museum Free Admission!

Sunday, September 11, 2-4pm: 50 Years Ago: A look back at the 1970s
Hear 1970's music; see toys, electronics, photos of 1970's PHS graduates, and more! Come dressed in 1970's attire. Prizes for best dressed.

Sunday, October 9, 2-4pm: Stories from the Grave! Former Pickerington-Violet Township residents come alive to tell stories and share photos and artifacts from the past.

Sunday, November 6, 2-4pm: Open House at the Museum. Featuring PHS North Student Art Show and Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Membership Drive. Free refreshments.



A look back at 1970's Pickerington

**Sunday, September 11
2:00-4:00pm**

Join us for music, nostalgia, and a look at historic happenings in Pickerington-Violet Township during the 1970s. At the beginning of this decade, Pickerington's population was 676. With the help of annexations, commercial development, expansion of its water system and police force, the village's population at the end of the decade had grown to 3,851.

Bring your family and friends to help celebrate the 1970s! Enjoy an exhibit of toys and electronics and our Museum's collection of 1970's Pickerington High School grads. Sing along with tunes from the 1970s. Play games that were popular in the 1970s. Come dressed in your best 1970's attire. At 3 PM, best dressed guy, gal, and youngster win prizes!

"Stories from the Grave" at the Museum: Sunday, October 9, 2:00-4:00pm

Get ready for some early Halloween fun with "Stories from the Grave" at our Museum on Sunday afternoon, October 9 from 2-4pm. Former Pickerington residents no longer living amongst us will reveal (via re-enactors) some of Pickerington/Violet Township's spookiest and liveliest happenings:

2:00pm: Did you know that a number of Pickerington buildings are said to be inhabited by ghosts? That 1879 Pickerington area cemeteries were plagued by body snatchers? **Peggy Portier and Kristi Huskey** will reveal all!

2:30pm: Russell Stiverson (**portrayed by Jack Whitaker**) was the only pharmacist in town from 1951 until he died of a heart attack in his store on August 3, 1980. He has many tales to tell about the 1900's drug business!

3:00pm: Pickerington Railroad Station Agent for 30 years (1907-1942), Clyde Leach (**portrayed by Tony Mills**), will share Pickerington railroad artifacts and stories about life on the railroad.

3:30pm: Walter and Wilma Moore (**portrayed by Gary and Barbara Taylor**) operated Moore's Pool Hall on East Columbus Street for more than 20 years between 1960-1980. See the cooking stove and photos that were displayed in their Pool Hall and hear about a murder that hit close to home.



AROUND OUR MUSEUM



Sunday Afternoon Fun at our Historical Museum

← Historical Society member Terry Dunlap (also Violet Township Trustee and farmer) set up his 1879 broom-making equipment on the Museum's front lawn on Sunday, July 10. While making brooms the old fashioned way, Dunlap entertained guests with his stories and broom-making skills. For a small fee, guests were able to take home a one-of-a-kind broom. Inside the Museum, visitors saw demonstrations of vintage farm tools while youngsters played games.

← During our August 7 "Kids Day at the Museum" retired school teacher, Kay Helm, showed youngsters how to spin tops, make clothespin dolls, and more! Kids also had an opportunity to play with vintage Tonka Trucks, dial telephones, manual typewriters, Barbie dolls, and to spin our Prize Wheel for a variety of prizes.

← Even the "Young at Heart" enjoyed "Kids Day at the Museum"! Pickerington's Jim and Doris Solomon enjoyed finding their family's 1947 and 1949 graduation photos amongst the display of 1907-1981 Pickerington High School grads in the Museum's lower level. Be sure to stop by during our September 11, 2:00-4:00pm "A Look Back at the 1970s" event when Pickerington H.S. class photos from the 1970s will be featured.

Mark Your Calendar!

Historical Museum Open House: Sunday, November 6, 2:00-4:00 PM

**Pickerington H.S. North Student Art Show
& Historical Society Membership Sign-up Special**

Free Museum admission, refreshments, fabulous artwork by Pickerington H.S. students, and interesting exhibits of Pickerington-Violet Township people, artifacts, places, events and more!

Bring a friend who might like to join you in preserving local history as a member of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society.
Special membership price this day for the remainder of 2022 and all of 2023:
Individual \$10; Family \$15.



LOCAL HISTORY

A look back at Pickerington during the 1970s



← **April, 1973:** Pickerington train depot after its 1958 closure and before John Grunewald purchased and restored the building in the

late 1970s.



← **1978 Labor Day Parade:** Paul Hanson presents award to Cleo Richter who was chosen as the Parade's 1978 Grand Marshall.



↑ **April, 1973:** T.V. Repair Shop/Don Hixson's Office along with Shoemaker home located at NW corner of W. Columbus/Center Streets in downtown Pickerington. "Dude" Harrell's Standard Oil Station can be seen across the street.



↑ **1978 photo of Pickerington's municipal offices** in Sycamore Creek park after two stages of remodeling. The building was razed when a new City Hall was constructed in 1992.

1979 photo of → Walter and Wilma Moore with collection of their community photos in the background. The Moores retired from their restaurant/pool hall business in 1983. Their photos and cook stove are now on exhibit in our Historical Museum.



↑ **1979 downtown Pickerington's East Columbus Street** featured Moore's Pool Hall on the right and Beauty Mark on left. The Moore's started their business in the building on left in 1962.

**2022-2023
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: Mary Herron
Treasurer: Fiona Spears
Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson, and Greg Karoly

President's Appointees

Historian: David Williard
Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson
Publicity Chair/Website & Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

Open Appointed Positions: Curator; Librarian

2022-2023 Historical Society Projects

- Digitize, repair and preserve Pickerington High School class photos; project will continue for several years.
- Begin research/planning the task of preserving our Museum's windows.
- Begin video-recording residents' historical memories.
- Encourage donations to Historical Society Operational and Endowment Funds.



MEMBER NEWS

***Welcome recent new Pickerington-Violet Township
Historical Society members:***

Martha Ashton Brown (Carroll, OH) and **Phyllis DeLooff** (Pickerington, OH) have rejoined our Historical Society. We look forward to seeing them again!

Ron Sims and his family (Lancaster, OH) are new Historical Society members. They joined during our June "Painting for Pickerington" event at the Tabernacle at Coyote Run.

Help Wanted for High School Photo Project

Volunteers are needed to serve on our "High School Class Photo Digitization Project". Peggy Portier will head the Committee whose mission is to dismantle photos from frames and make repairs in preparation for digitization by photographer David Beckham. A training session for Committee volunteers will be held in early January. Please let us know if you can help by replying to this email or leaving a message on our Museum's phone: 614-382-5989.

Lions Club Labor Day Parade

Be sure to attend this year's September 5, 10:00 AM Lions Club Labor Day Parade in downtown Pickerington. Founding Historical Society members, **Gary and Barbara Taylor**, will lead the parade as Grand Marshalls.

Gary Taylor served as President of our Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society for more than a dozen years between 1999 and 2013. He has been a tireless leader of preserving and sharing his love of local history through stories, photos and



historical artifacts. As Membership Director, Barbara Taylor worked beside and supported Gary and the Historical Society all of these years.

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