



Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

HOLIDAY 2023

Find us: 15 E. Columbus Street, Olde Pickerington Village ~ www.PickHistory.org

Call us: 614-382-5989 ~ Email us: pickhistsociety@hotmail.com ~ We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

Museum Holiday Events

Tuesday, Nov 28, 8am thru Nov 29, 6pm: 34-Hour Give for non-profits. (see details below)

Friday, Dec 1, 5-8pm: "Holiday Gathering" in Olde Pickerington Village & our Historical Society Museum.

Thursday, Dec 7, 6:30-8pm: PVTHS Members-Only Holiday Dinner, Membership Meeting, and Election of Officers. Candidates are:

- ◆ **President: Peggy Portier**
- ◆ **Vice President Admin: Keith Ebright**
- ◆ **Vice President Programs: Jack Whitaker**
- ◆ **Secretary: Mary Herron**
- ◆ **Treasurer: Fiona Spears**
- ◆ **Members at Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson, and Greg Karoly**

If you have an interest in serving on the PVTHS Board of Trustees, please contact PVTHS President, Peggy Portier @ 614-595-5867.

Members-Only Holiday Dinner, Membership Meeting, Election

This year's Historical Society Members-Only Holiday Dinner/Membership Meeting/Election of Officers will be catered by Blue Moon and held at the Pickerington Senior Center, 150 Hereford Drive. The date is Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:30 PM.

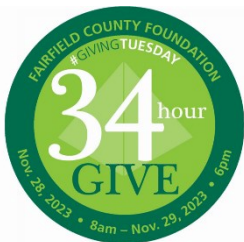
Musical guests are **Kim Richardson** playing her dulcimer; along with Keith Ebright and the rest of the **Acafellow Four Quartet**. Our Historical Society will be covering dinner costs as a "Thank You" to members for their generosity and support throughout 2023. Dinner fee for a Member's Guest is \$10.

Dinner menu: Pork Tenderloin, hot chicken salad, scalloped potatoes, green beans, spinach salad, coffee/tea, sherbet/cookies.

Registration for the dinner is required and must be made by:

- Replying to this email: Pickhistsociety@hotmail.com
- OR leaving a voice mail message at 614-382-5989.

Dinner reservation deadline: Friday, December 1.



2023 Fairfield County Foundation's 34-Hour Give

This year, during the **34-Hour GIVE**, the Fairfield County Foundation will award \$34,000 in matching gifts to participating funds such as our non-profit Historical Society Fund.

Donations will be accepted from **8:00 AM Tuesday, Nov 28 until 6:00 PM Wednesday, Nov. 29**. Because this is the Foundation's **10th Anniversary "Give"**, an extra \$10,000 (\$1,000 each to 10 different participating funds) will be awarded on Friday, Dec 1 via 10 drawings for \$1,000 each.

To support our Museum's programs/projects and help us receive matching funds from the Fairfield Foundation, please donate to our non-profit **Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Fund** during the 34-Hour Give by:

(1) Donating online at www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org through the **Donate Now** link on their website's first page. Then scroll down to the alphabetical "Search" box to find: **Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Fund**. Click on that fund to enter your donation amount; then click "add to cart" to proceed to the payment page.

(2) Delivering your donation to our Historical Society Museum on Wednesday, November 29, between 11:00 AM and NOON. Date your check November 29; make it payable to Fairfield County Foundation; and write Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Fund on your check's memo line. Direct questions or your request for pickup of your donation from your Pickerington home by phone call or text to Peggy Portier at 614-595-5867.

AROUND OUR MUSEUM

Keeping our 108-Year-Old Historical Museum Alive and Well



2023-24 Window Repair Project Update: A year ago, Window Gurus (from Plain City) evaluated our Museum windows which have been in a state of disrepair. They recommended rebuilding the sash of four Museum upper level north-facing windows at a cost of \$2,215. In addition, Window Gurus recommended (1) that the windows be painted and reglazed; (2) yearly window maintenance be performed including cleaning sills, checking window bottoms for softness/paint/stain touch up, and spraying silicone lubricant on the side zinc tracks. A cost estimate for these additional window repair/maintenance projects still needs to be obtained from vendors. We are hoping to acquire all of the necessary cost estimates and begin the window project in 2024.

Air Conditioners: The City of Pickerington's Brett Thompson and his crew (seen at right) came to our Historical Museum's rescue by installing two new air conditioners to replace two that died during September. We purchased them on Amazon for \$1138. Our building has a total of four air conditioners, two on each level.

SimpliSafe: During the summer, we equipped our Historical Museum with SimpliSafe, a self-installed security monitoring system. This new protection for our Museum is working well without any problems.



Fall events at our Museum: Mystical Museum & Fred A'Scare

Earl Nicodemus (right in photo below) gives Divining Rod demonstration to Jack Whitaker. Both are Historical Society members. ↘



Rachel Schofield, ↑ Pickerington-Online Editor at far right showing card, enlightened this group of Museum visitors about Tarot card history and the different card meanings.



↑ **Fred A'Scare** greeted visitors who dared enter our Historical Museum.

LOCAL HISTORY



Check Out Recent Donations to our Museum!

“A few years before Prohibition, in 1912, there was a referendum in Pickerington with the Village being voted DRY. Previously, there had always been one or more saloons.

It was said that a local doctor would sign an entire book of prescriptions — each for 8 ounces of whiskey — and leave it at the local pharmacy. The druggist would merely fill in the purchaser’s name. The bottles were filled with Clover Leaf Whiskey.

Not long afterwards, the druggist bought a farm on Stemen Road. The natives immediately called it “Clover Leaf Farm”. I knew both men.

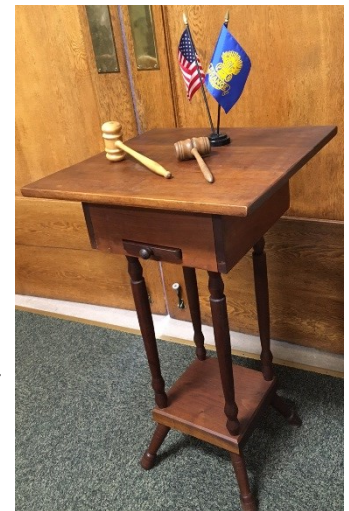
This bottle of Clover Leaf Whiskey was found in the trash at Pickerington’s Railroad Station when John Grunewald refurbished the Depot during the 1970s.”

↑ Written by Dr. Kenneth Taylor before his passing in 1997.

↑ Donated to our Historical Museum by Dr. Taylor’s nephew, Gary Taylor.

The podium and gavels seen in this photo were used in Violet Grange Hall → for many years. These artifacts recently were donated to our Historical Society Museum by Violet Township resident, Denise Kehl Barte.

Violet Grange was organized in 1914 by 35 area farm families. Membership during the 1940s and 50s peaked with 250 members. On February 22, 1954 members held their first meeting in a new hall they constructed at 36 Lockville Road. The group continued to organize many dinners, events, and charitable projects over the years. Farm membership eventually declined, and in 2008 the group’s remaining 28 members sold their property to Violet Township. The Grange Hall was razed in 2015 to make way for a parking lot for an expanded Violet Township Fire Station constructed across the street.



1909-1981 Pickerington High School Class Photo Project Update

A big Thank You to David Beckham Photography!

Our neighbor across the street from the Historical Museum, David Beckham, volunteered to photograph all of the Pickerington High School composite class photos in the Museum’s possession. He also donated all of the prints for our new flip display which contains these 1909-1981 PHS graduation photos (seen at right) in addition to the large 1981 final class composite photo at left. Thank you, David, for donating your time and talent to help us preserve these valuable pieces of Pickerington history. We couldn’t ask for a better neighbor!



MEMBER NEWS

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/Website-Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt
Open Positions: Curator, Librarian.

2024 Historical Society Projects

(1) Museum window repair, re-glazing, & replacement.
 (2) Indoor Museum projects including cleaning and reorganizing closet and furnace room; cleaning carpets; painting restroom floors. (3) Mounting/equipping two donated antique telephones for communication between main and lower Museum levels.



New Member

Christopher Burkhart, from Canal Winchester, is our newest "Individual" member. He attended Pickerington H.S. and recently donated his PHS band jacket and FFA jacket — both of which are on display in our Museum's Main Level.

Give the Gift of a Historical Society Membership: A Great Holiday Gift!

Support Pickerington-Violet Township history by giving the gift of membership to a relative or friend to join you as a member of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society. Give them an opportunity to make new friends at our Museum, enjoy volunteering for special events, and helping collect and preserve local artifacts. **When you sign up a new member by December 31, 2023, your membership will be FREE for the year 2024!** Annual membership dues are a bargain:

Individual—\$10
Family—\$15

Find inexpensive (50¢-\$4) holiday gifts in our Museum! Shopping Days are:

Tuesday Nov. 29, 11am-Noon (During "Giving Tuesday" donation hour at our Museum)

Friday, Dec. 1, 5-8pm (During "Olde Village Holiday Gathering")



In addition to china collectibles, find inexpensive Holiday cards, Pickerington post cards, Cat's Meow Pickerington building replicas, 1986 Zeller-Smith Bridge prints, 1800's Harper's Bazar magazines, 1980-1990 Christmas ornaments featuring Pickerington landmarks, and more!

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