



Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

SPRING 2019

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

2019 Second Saturdays at the Historical Society Museum

April 13, 10am-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **A Conversation with Mabel Wagnalls Jones**, portrayed by Carol Gaal, about her family and designing/building Lithopolis' Wagnalls Memorial in 1925.

May 11, 10am-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Elizabeth Greer Coit** reminisces about starting Columbus' women's suffrage association in 1884. She is portrayed by Franklinton's Leslie Blankenship.

June 8, 10am-12:30pm Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Members-Only In-door Picnic** at the new Violet Township Administrative Offices at the Wigwam.

July 13, 10am-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Native American Artifacts of Violet Township**, a show-and-tell presentation by Pickerington collector, Joel Embrey.

August 10, 10am-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Life on the Ohio-Erie Canal**, presented by living history performer, Professor Chris Hart. See his amusing portrayal of boat captain John B. Reynolds.

September 14, 10-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Ohio Presidential First Ladies' History, Jewelry & Fashion**, a lively show-and-tell presentation by Dr. Mari Halkovich of Medina, Ohio.

October 12, 10-1pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **The Underground Railroad thru the eyes of Amanda Baugh**. Story and portrayal by living history interpreter, Darlene Gage.

November 9, 10-12:30pm: Historical Museum open.
1-3pm: **Explore Zane's Trace in Fairfield County**, an interactive presentation by Dale Ferbrache.

Saturday Volunteers Needed! Call 614-382-5989.

Introducing Second Saturdays at the Historical Society Museum

When our Historical Society Museum opens its doors for the 2019 season on Saturday April 13 at 10 AM, visitors will be greeted by a new look — upstairs and downstairs.

The spotlight will be on a newly expanded "School" exhibit in the Museum's lower level. The main level will feature new Government, Community Events, Home Life, and Military sections.



← **More artifacts in a new School exhibit designed by Society Vice President, Keith Ebright.**

At 1:00 PM on April 13, our first Second Saturday program in the Museum's Lower Level will feature *A Conversation with Mabel Wagnalls Jones*, portrayed by Wagnalls Memorial's Carol Gaal. Refreshments and conversation will follow the presentation.

← A listing of all of our 2019 Second Saturday programs can be found at left. Plan to attend these quality events. As in the past, admission to our Historical Museum and its monthly educational programs are free and open to the public.

Besides Second Saturday events, our Historical Museum also will be open to participate in the following downtown Pickerington events during 2019:

Friday, May 3, 6-8pm: Pickerington Village Chocolate Hop
Thursday, July 4, 9am-Noon: Pickerington's 4th of July Parade
Monday, Sept. 2, 9am-Noon: Lions Club Labor Day Parade
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6-8pm: Haunted Village and Museum
Friday, Dec. 6, 5-8pm: Holiday Gathering in Pickerington Village

AROUND OUR MUSEUM

Thanks to our Benefactors

Our Historical Society donors, supporters, and volunteers continue to amaze us with their generosity. Approximately \$5,600 in donations were received through Fairfield County Foundation’s 29-Hour Give, Kingy’s and Barnes-Noble fundraisers, tips from Holiday Gathering’s wagon rides, plus members’ holiday donations to our Historical Society.

Most of these funds helped pay for the new \$4,981 electronic rear door at the Museum’s Lower Level and LED light bulbs installed during February in the Museum’s Main Level. Plans for remaining and future donations include: fabric and a seamstress to create a children’s “Try It On” vintage clothing exhibit; video equipment to begin creating an Oral History Program (videos of community members’ historic memories) in partnership with the Pickerington Public Library; plus carpet cleaning and 2019 Second Saturday programs.

A very sincere thank you to each of the following donors:

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2018-2019 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

Librarian: Suellen Goldsberry
 Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson
 Publicity Chair/Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

Open Appointed Positions: Historian, Curator

2019 Historical Society Projects

- Clean Museum Carpets (upstairs and downstairs)
- Create children’s “Try It On” vintage clothing exhibit
- Purchase Video Equipment for Oral History Program with Pickerington Library



↑ Barbara Freeman examines new electronic door at Museum’s Lower Level entrance which was purchased through member donations.

LOCAL HISTORY

What Happened to Beals Lake?

C.O. (Ott) Beals was a Pickerington attorney whose financial successes mostly involved winning damages from the railroad for local residents.

For example, in 1914 he sued the railroad on behalf of Dora Root whose horse jumped a fence and was struck and killed by a locomotive. The court awarded the plaintiff \$125 plus attorney fees of \$16.80.

In 1927, Beals developed a summer cottage community — Beals Lake Addition — on land he owned between East Street and Sycamore Creek. A concrete dam was constructed northeast of what is now Heritage Elementary School, impounding the water of Milnor Run and, thus, producing a new 3.5-acre Beals Lake.

The lake was stocked with fish, a bath house was constructed, a subdivision of lots was formed and a plat filed. Unfortunately, the dam did not weather the elements and failed after only a couple of years' existence.

Beals' former home at 5 W. Columbus Street was razed in 2016 to make room for the new Violet Township Fire Station in downtown Pickerington. The resting place of his small law office, which originally stood next to his home, now can be found along Sycamore Creek's bike path in the athletic field adjacent to Victory Park. The building currently is owned by the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society.

Eventually, the Historical Society hopes to move the building to a new location where it can be converted into a living history museum and enjoyed by our community.

AUCTION

WATER FRONT LOTS
BEAL'S LAKE
Pickerington, Ohio

TUESDAY, AUG. 16

1.30 P. M. Formal Opening East Side
BEAL'S LAKE

The number and class of cottages erected since the opening of this subdivision, June 4 of this year, insures development.

Excellent boating, bathing and fishing. Drive to Pickerington today and look it over. Drive out National road to Reynoldsburg, turn south to Pickerington and Beals Lake.

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April and May Second Saturday Historical Programs at our Museum



**Mabel Wagnalls Jones
at the Museum on
Second Saturday,
April 13, 1pm**

On Second Saturday, April 13, Wagnalls Memorial's Carol Gaal will portray **Mabel Wagnalls Jones**. The program begins at 1pm in the Museum's handicap-accessible Lower Level.

Mabel Wagnalls was the only child of Funk & Wagnalls Publishing Company co-founder Adam Wagnalls and his wife Anna. Mabel built The Wagnalls Memorial.



**Elizabeth Greer Coit
at the Museum on
Second Saturday
May 11, 1pm**

On Second Saturday, May 11, Franklinton Historical Society's Leslie Blankenship will portray **Elizabeth Greer Coit**. The program begins at 1pm in the Museum's handicap-accessible Lower Level.

In 1884, Coit founded the first women's suffrage association in Columbus, Ohio. She continued to fight for women's right to vote until her death in 1901.

JUST FOR MEMBERS

Would You be a Volunteer?

There are openings for volunteers at a local historic landmark that is part of the National Register of Historic Places. Want to help?

The Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum doesn't have a paid staff, making volunteers the backbone to keeping our Museum open to the public.

So if you have a few hours to spare each month — or even once a year — ***we need help with:***

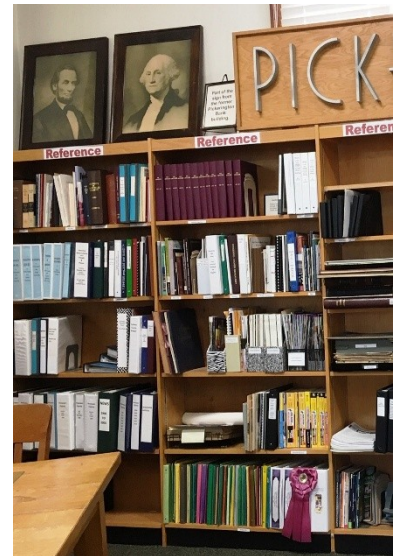
1. Dusting, windexing, vacuuming, etc. prior to our Museum opening on April 13.
2. Being 1 of 2 "Assistants" to our Museum Host during Second Saturdays from 10-1 PM. ***On-the-job training and fun provided!***
3. Chair/table set-up and/or help with providing refreshments for Second Saturday 1 PM programs.
4. Tour Guides to assist with school, boy scouts, and other groups in our Museum.

To volunteer or ask questions, phone us at our leave-a-message number, 614-382-5989; or email us at pickhistsociety@hotmail.com



↑ Vacuum cleaners, Windex, Swiffers, and more await volunteers who join our Historical Museum Cleaning Parties! We'll schedule late March-early April cleaning dates/hours to accommodate volunteers! Call 614-382-5989 or email pickhistsociety@hotmail.com to help.

↓ Our Museum's Reference Section makes it easy for "Second Saturday Assistant Hosts" to help Museum visitors find photos and stories about people, places, and events in Pickerington-Violet Township. Volunteer today to help and learn at the Museum on Second Saturdays. We need you!



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Direct any questions to Society Treasurer, Fiona Spears, at our Historical Society's email: pickhistsociety@hotmail.com

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