



# Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## News for Members and Friends

**SPRING 2024**

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### *Springtime at our Museum*

**Friday/Saturday, April 5-6, 8:00am-1pm each day: *Indoor Yard Sale, Museum Lower Level.***

**Sunday, April 7, 2-4pm: *Open House featuring "Dueling Organs" on the Main Level with Kim and Rebekah Richardson playing our vintage organs. Last Call Yard Sale bargains on Museum Lower Level.***

**Friday, May 3, 6-8:30pm: *Chocolate Hop in Olde Pickerington Village; PHS North Student Art Show in Museum.***

**Sunday, May 5, 2-4pm: *PHS North Student Art Show and Special Exhibit Honoring Local Veterans.***

**Sunday, June 2, 2-4pm: *Museum Open House and Guided Walking Tours of Olde Pickerington Village.***



### **"Dueling Organs" Sunday, April 7 – 2-4pm**

Join us for some musical fun during our first program of 2024. Kim Richardson (Music Director for Pickerington's Vineyard Community Church) and her daughter, Rebekah (Groveport H.S. Junior) will alternate playing classic and modern music on Cleo Richter's circa 1860 Melodeon organ and a 1960 Magnus organ recently donated by Society member, Ken Planisek. Guests will have a chance to play "Name That Tune" and win a prize!

**Doors open at 2:00pm. Because seating is limited, two 30-minute musical sessions**

**will be held: One from 2:15-2:45pm; the second from 3:00-3:30pm.**

During musical intermissions, we invite guests to examine and ask questions about our vintage organs and other displays of Pickerington-Violet Township artifacts. In addition, be sure to check out "Last Call" bargains at our In-door Yard Sale in the Museum's Lower Level.

***Admission to our Museum is free! A ramp/wheelchair lift for handicap visitors can be accessed at our rear entrance located off Lockville Road adjacent to the Violet Township Fire Station.***



### **3-day Museum Yard Sale: April 5-6 from 8am-1pm; and April 7 from 2-4pm**

The Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society welcomes your donations for our April In-Door Yard Sale!

Between now and April 3, President Peggy Portier (or another Historical Society volunteer), will meet you at the back door of our Museum to accept your gently-used donations OR Peggy will pick donations up from your Pickerington-area home at a mutually acceptable date/time.

Simply phone Peggy at 614-595-5867 to set a date/time for either your Museum drop-off or home pickup.

We welcome your gently-used household items/décor, tools, sporting goods, toys, games, books, record albums, jewelry, collectibles, and more! Sorry, because of limited space, we cannot accept large pieces of furniture or clothing.

On April 5, 6, and/or 7 we hope to see you again at the Museum where you can shop and buy the Yard Sale bargains!

## AROUND OUR MUSEUM

### Museum May Open Houses

**Friday Evening, May 3, 6-8:30pm:**

*Chocolate Hop  
in Olde Pickerington Village &  
PHS North Art Show at Museum*

Enjoy free chocolate treats at our Museum and Olde Village businesses. A limited number of maps are available in advance for a \$5 donation per person at E. Columbus Street's **Humble Crate** and **Hair Boutique**.

On event date (May 3), maps are available for a \$5 donation on the plaza beside our Museum. A portion of Chocolate Hop proceeds benefits our Historical Society.

**Sunday Afternoon, May 5, 2-4pm:**

PHS North Student Art Show continues along with special exhibits to celebrate Armed Forces/Memorial Day in honor local Veterans — Inside our Museum.

### Museum June Open House & Guided Walking Tours of Olde Pickerington Village

**Sunday Afternoon, June 2, 2-4pm**

Each tour, with a Historical Society Volunteer Guide, will begin at our Museum. Guests will take a leisurely stroll down West Columbus Street and end the tour at Fizz on East Columbus Street.

Tour fee is \$5.00 for anyone age 13 and older. Tour admission for children is free!



Watch for Tour sign-up instructions on our website:

[www.PickHistory.org](http://www.PickHistory.org)



### New Donations to our Museum



↑ PHS grad, Chris Burkhart, recently donated his circa 1998 baseball cap with Violet Grange emblem.

Doug Pryor donated his "Covered Bridge" pottery pitcher originally purchased circa 1990 from our Museum.



← The Pickerington Police Department recently donated one of their display cases to our Museum. See it and its historical artifacts in our Museum's Lower Level. Also check out our Museum's new photo flip display of 1909-1981 Pickerington High School graduates.

# LOCAL HISTORY

## 30 Years and Counting: Members, Memories, Music and More at our Historical Museum from 1994 – 2024



**Fall, 1994:** (left photo) Presentation of Carnegie Library historical marker at Museum. (right photo) Historical Society volunteers sell covered bridge t-shirts.

**2008:** Pickerington Schools and our Museum coordinate third grade student tours featuring local history.



**2011:** Extensive Museum exterior renovations took place this year.

**2015:** Moore's Pool Hall stove & photo collection donated to Historical Museum.

**2015:** Members, Bill and Earlene Corban, donated a priceless collection of Native American artifacts.



**9-18-2016:** Carnegie Library 100-Year Anniversary Celebration at Museum.

**9-16-2018:** "Afternoon at the Museum" — Re-enactors brought people from Pickerington's past back to life at this event.

**2024-2025  
PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVES**

**Elected Officers**

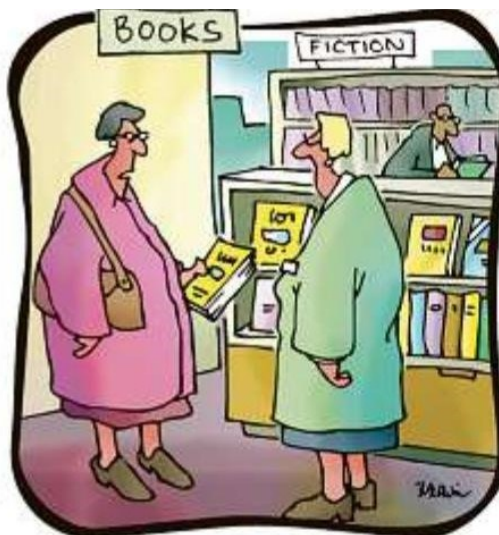
President: Peggy Portier  
Advisor (Past President): Gary Taylor  
Vice President-Administration: Keith Ebright  
Vice President-Programs: Jack Whitaker  
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Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson,  
and Greg Karoly

**President's Appointees**

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



"Why are all the dieting books in the fiction section?"

**MEMBER NEWS**

**Welcome New Historical Society Museum  
Board of Trustees Members**



*Thank you and congratulations to the newest two volunteer members of our Historical Society Museum's Board of Trustees! They are Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society members, Margaret (Peggy) Winter (left) and Terry Guay (right).*

*Both are filling positions that have been vacant for several years. Peggy will be handling Museum Curator duties which our Society's By-Laws describe as "acquiring or rejecting, cataloging, preserving, displaying and/or storing all historical data, collections and articles in the Society's possession."*

*Terry will be taking over as the Museum's Librarian. Her duties will include "maintenance of the Society's library, purchasing and cataloging books, visual aids, historical documents, and information according to the objectives of the Society."*

**Red Bud Commons History Program**

*Historical Society officers, Peggy Portier and Gary Taylor, were invited to present a "History of Pickerington" program at Red Bud Commons on February 16. Residents of the 55+ community — many of which are not long-time Pickerington residents — said they loved hearing information about Pickerington's past. Red Bud Commons is located off Diley Road near State Route 256.*

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