



# Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## News for Members and Friends

SUMMER 2021

Find us: 15 E. Columbus Street, Olde Pickerington Village ~ [www.PickHistory.org](http://www.PickHistory.org)

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### Tentative Events in 2021

- **July 9-10:** Museum Yard Sale Fundraiser. Volunteers needed!
- **August 19:** Society Members' Only Picnic @ Smeck Park
- **Sept 11:** "Music at the Museum"
- **Oct 16:** Museum Open House
- **Oct 27:** Haunted Village
- **Nov 13:** Museum Open House
- **Dec 2:** Christmas Potluck/Annual Membership Meeting & Election @ Pickerington Senior Center
- **Dec 3:** Holiday Gathering

We'll continue to keep you posted about the status of these tentative 2021 events via email, newsletters, our website, and Facebook.

—Peggy Portier, President  
Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society

### Shop our July Museum Yard Sale

Find bargains galore during our July Yard Sale Fundraiser at our Historical Society Museum, 15 E. Columbus St. in Olde Pickerington.

Shop Friday (July 9 from 8am-2pm) and Saturday (July 10 from 8 am-Noon).

Some of the donated antiques/collectibles for sale are shown in the above photo: metal signage, printer's typeset tray, large bird cage, books, games, bubblegum machine, framed artwork, windows, record albums (Barry Manilow, Linda Ronstad, Johnny Mathis, etc.) and much more!

Also for sale during this fundraiser are hundreds of used items including vinyl records, toys, frames, kitchen items, silver plated items, household décor, light fixtures, small furniture, baskets, back massager, OSU memorabilia, digital picture frame, Epson photo scanner, and Kodak EasyShare printer dock/digital camera.



### Members-Only Summer Picnic at Smeck Park

Enjoy scenic beauty, 1800's historic Stover Windmill and buildings such as the Fetter-Hood barn, plus a 4:00pm guided tour of the Cruit House (by Marcey Shafer, Educational Services Coordinator for Fairfield County Park District), a FREE picnic dinner in the open-air Picnic Shelter, and seeing old friends and fellow members once again on:

**Thursday, August 19: 4pm Cruit House guided tour/5pm Dinner  
Smeck Park: 7395 Basil Road, Baltimore Ohio 43105  
New paved parking lot near the Picnic Shelter!**

Our Historical Society will provide food, beverages, tableware, etc. for the picnic inside the shelter house. Reserve your seat now!

**Reservations are required; seating is limited (50) for this Summer Picnic!**

**Sign up no later than Monday, August 16  
by email to [pickhistsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:pickhistsociety@hotmail.com)  
or by leaving a message or questions at 614-382-5989.**

## AROUND OUR MUSEUM

### Historic Happenings from Summers Past

**July 4, 1976:** A Bicentennial time capsule was sealed by (l to r) Virgil Diley, Frances Taylor Brooke, Carlton Good, Cleo Mason Richter, Emerson Taylor, and Dr. Kenneth Taylor. The time capsule, to be opened in 2076, is in our Museum for safekeeping until then! →



← **June 21, 1979:** Pickerington High School's first art teacher, Nancy Brackbill, retired to start her own art business. She passed away in 2017, but some of her art (water-color prints and note cards) lives on and are for sale in our Museum.

**July, 1993 Our First Museum!** Joan Heft (right) and other volunteers greet guests at the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society's first Museum that opened in 1991. Its location was the Cleo Richter-owned building that had been Mason's Meat Market. The building still stands at 21 W. Columbus Street in Olde Pickerington. →



← **Sept 4, 1994:** Dedication of the newly located Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum was held at the former Carnegie Library-Pickerington Public Library at 15 E. Columbus Street.



**August 13, 2009:** → Historical Society Member Summer Picnic and Buckeye Lake boat tour aboard "Queen of the Lake". In photo, (l to r) are Betty Crock, George & Ann Hallenbrook, and Dorothy Peterson.



← **Sept 18, 2016:** 100-Year Celebration of the opening of the Carnegie Library in 1916. Some Historical Society member volunteers for this event in the photo are (l to r) Suellen Goldsberry, Carol Scheetz, and Barbara Freeman.

## LOCAL HISTORY

### *The Last Pickerington High School Alumni Banquet*

**Saturday, June 5, 2021**

**5pm Social Hour—6pm Dinner**

**\$20 per person**

**Violet Township Wigwam Event Center**

**10190 Blacklick Eastern Road, Pickerington, OH**

**Not already registered? Mail your check/reservation so it is received by May 28 to:**

**PHS Alumni Assoc. c/o Dorothy Ebright  
456 Pickerington Hills Drive  
Pickerington, OH 43147**

**Questions? Contact Dorothy at 614-837-3160  
Current Covid health restrictions will be enforced.**

Because of dwindling attendance at the Pickerington High School Alumni Banquets for quite a few years and other concerns, the Alumni Association Committee determined this year's June 5th Banquet will be the group's last.

The Committee consists of Keith and Dorothy Ebright, Gary Taylor, Rick Ricketts, Kristi Dunlap Huskey, Dan Whims, and Dixie McManus.

Alumni of the Pickerington High Schools have gathered for banquets since the school's first graduation in 1909. However, the earliest Alumni Banquet program we could find in records at the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum dates back to 1937.

During this year's Alumni Banquet, the following classes will be honored: 1945, 1946, 1970, 1971. The 1946 graduates can be seen in the photo above. Oscar McVeigh was the 1946 class president.



#### **At the June 2, 1984 Alumni Banquet**

Dr. Kenneth Taylor (center) received the "Outstanding Alumnus Award" presented by Margot Moorhead Drake and Gary Weaver.

*The original framed composite photos of graduates from Violet Township/Pickerington High School classes — 1909 through 1981 — are on display in the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum.*

*In order to preserve this one-of-a-kind collection, the Historical Society Board of Trustees has been working on a project to digitize all of the class photos and place the copied unframed photos in a display rack(s).*

*Donations are being solicited to help with the cost of display racks, estimated to be approximately \$2,000 for one rack. Additional funds will be needed to repair and preserve damaged photos, digitize them, and purchase archival-quality storage boxes for the original photos. Anticipated total cost of this project is \$5,000.*

## 2020-2021 PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TWP 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/Facebook/Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

**Open Appointed Positions:** Curator, Librarian

### 2020-2021 Historical Society Projects

- Digitize Pickerington High School class photos and purchase display rack for them.
- Install children's "Try It On" vintage clothing exhibit.
- Purchase Video Equipment for "Oral History Program".
- Encourage donations to our Historical Society's Operational and Endowment Funds.

## Olde Pickerington Farmers Market Opens Thursday, June 3, from 4-7 PM

This year's weekly Olde Pickerington Farmers Market will feature more vendors (35-40), wine and hard cider sales, music, outdoor seating, and a new paved parking lot at 89 North Center Street.

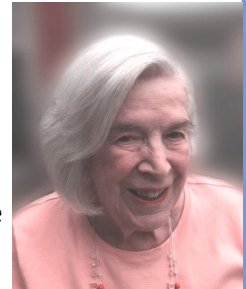
Patrons will be required to comply with current Covid health restrictions.

The weekly Thursday market runs June through September.

## MEMBER NEWS



**Suellen Goldsberry**, Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society's Librarian for the past five years, resigned her volunteer position during March of this year. Suellen recently relocated to Lancaster, Ohio. She has been a dedicated volunteer and member of our Society's Board of Trustees who will be missed very much!

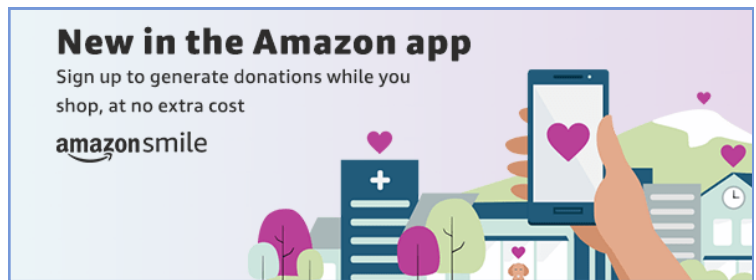


**Anna Weber**, 94 years young and a longtime member of our Historical Society, passed away May 8 at the Kobacker House in Columbus. She is survived by her 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington at a later date.

### New in the Amazon app

Sign up to generate donations while you shop, at no extra cost

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3. Select "Pickerington Violet Township Historical Society" as your charity.
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