



Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

SUMMER 2022

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

Enjoy Summer Sunday Fundays!

Sunday, June 12, 11:30-2:30pm:
*Painting for Pickerington Fundraiser/
Raffle/Picnic at The Tabernacle @
Coyote Run.* Free Admission and
Picnic for Society members! Picnic
available for guests for a donation.

**Sunday, July 10, 2-4pm: Down on the
Farm.** Outdoor broom-making; demos
of vintage farm tools, and more.

**Sunday, August 7, 2-4pm: Kids' Day
at the Museum** — for the young and
young-at-heart! Enjoy games and
dressing up in vintage clothing.

**Sunday, September 11, 2-4pm: 50
Years Ago -- A look back at the 1970s**
Hear 1970's music; see 8-track tapes,
macrame, tinker toys, bell bottoms,
and other items from the 1970s.
Relive Pickerington history. Come
dressed in 1970's attire!



Guests also can enjoy Kroeger's Ohio barn stories; purchase Diley barn painting raffle tickets (\$10 each/3 for \$20), autographed "Historic Barns of Ohio" books (\$25) or bid on other Kroeger Ohio barn paintings in a silent auction.

A free picnic lunch for Historical Society members (hot dogs, chips, bottled water, ice cream) begins at 12:30pm. Non-member guests may have lunch for a donation.

**To make sure we have ample food, we ask members/guests
to register for the picnic by (1) replying to this email or
(2) leaving a message — or any questions — at 614-382-5989.**

*Society Members:
Find art, history, fun,
free admission and
food at The Tabernacle
@ Coyote Run*

**Sunday, June 12
11:30 – 2:30pm
9212 Pickerington Road**

While guests watch, Ohio barn
artist, Robert Kroeger, will
create a painting — using
palette knives — of this Diley
family barn that stands at Allen
and Basil Western Roads.

"Down on the Farm" @ the Museum! Sunday, July 10, 2-4pm

Watch Violet Township farmer, Terry Dunlap, recreate the art of old-fashioned hand broom-making on the Museum's front lawn. The brooms he makes will be for sale!

Also see demonstrations of some of the Museum's vintage tools by Historical Society member, Eric Pawlowski. Tools include a corn jobber, trammel, hog scraper, baby chick feeder, tobacco cutter, and more that were used by Pickerington-Violet Township farmers. Bring your family! Admission to this event is free!



AROUND OUR MUSEUM

Kids Day at the Museum: Sunday, August 7, 2-4pm

Bring your children, grandchildren, and friends for an afternoon of enjoyment at our Museum! Kay Helm, retired school teacher, will host vintage outdoor games; while inside the Museum kids can use/play with dial telephones, manual typewriters, Barbie dolls, and more.

Old-fashioned clothing and accessories sewn and/or donated by Society members will be on display in the Museum's Lower Level. Visitors can dress up and take a selfie photo while attired in a choice of several dozen old style dresses, formals, a wedding gown, and accessories.

Youngsters also can play "Guess the Gadgets". Unusual vintage items will be selected from our Museum's collections and displayed for all to see, learn, enjoy — and try to win a prize in our guessing game!



Thanks to Pickerington Central and North H.S. Key Club and Honor Society seniors who came to our Museum's rescue during late March. They dusted, windexed, polished, vacuumed, and even cleaned restrooms for our April Museum opening.

If you have a little spare time and would like to volunteer to help with one of our Sunday programs listed on page 1, simply reply to this email or leave a message at 614-382-5989. You'll get to know other Historical Society members and have fun!

Museum News You Can Use

May Yard Sale: Thank You to Historical Society members and friends who generously donated area rugs, Barbie dolls, collectibles, home goods/décor and more for our May 3-day Museum Indoor Yard Sale. The \$676 Yard Sale proceeds will be used to pay for most of our Members-Only Christmas Dinner. This event, to be catered by Blue Moon, will be held at the Pickerington Senior Center on Thursday, December 1 at 6:30pm.

Donut Fundraiser: Society Members, Jean and Bob Mauger, will host a donut fundraiser during the June 9 Pickerington Farmers' Market in the parking lot at Center Street/Town Square Drive. 20% of the Maugers' donut sales plus tips will benefit our Historical Society. The Maugers and volunteer donut helper, Peggy Portier, hope to see you at the donut truck!

New Museum Artifacts: Violet Grange's John Price donated photos, emblems, books and more once used by Grange members. Ronda Miller donated her brother's (Jack Congrove) PHS class of 1965 Tigers letterman jacket. Susan Fetters donated her brother's (Ivan Earl Nicodemus) circa 1944 Army Air Corp Uniform. Look for these items on display on your next Museum visit.

Museum Repairs: The City of Pickerington is working on repairing water leaks that have dripped into our Museum's interior during this year's spring rains. Repairs will be made to the roof and interior ceilings/walls.

LOCAL HISTORY

The Tabernacle: Then



About 1889, the United Brethren Association obtained a 10-year lease on land owned by Sam Zeigler that was located just east of the Pickerington city limits. The group proceeded to build a Tabernacle (shown in above undated photo) from timber obtained at "Zeigler's Grove" which was located on the property.

Religious camps (\$1 for a tent) were held for two-week stays during the summers. Families came by horse-drawn buggy, carriage, or wagon. Meetings with ministers and prominent speakers were held. A large tent restaurant served sandwiches during the week and 25-cent Sunday chicken dinners. The United Brethren group remained active there until 1910.

In 2006 this property was purchased by Coyote Run LLC and is now operated as a working farm and private conservation project. The Tabernacle has been extensively remodeled by owners, David Hague and Tammy Miller, who are members of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society.

We hope you will take advantage of the wonderful opportunity given us to see the covered/open-air Tabernacle during our "Painting for Pickerington" fundraiser and Picnic on Sunday, June 12, 11:30am-2:30pm. Admission to this event is free to anyone! A 12:30 pm Picnic Lunch is free for Historical Society members; and for a donation for guests.

The Tabernacle: Now



BOXWELL COMMENCEMENT.

The Boxwell Commencement of Violet Township will be held at the U. B. Campground, near Pickerington, Wednesday evening, June 7, 1899.

PROGRAM.

Opening Address.

Lower Orders	Arthur Fishbaugh
Character	Converse Smith
Success and Failure	Carl Monk
Pain of Life	Charles Scott

Music.

Character and Its Importance	Maude Kraner
Sheridan's Ride	Ethel Fenstermaker
Our Flag	James Diley
The Three Warnings	Harley Fishbaugh

Music.

The Fireman	Lillie Hoshor
Growing Old and Keeping Young	Scott Lyons
Children	Shirley Burk
Ever Onward	Harley Raver

Music.

America's Bravery in War	Grover Raver
The White Man's Burden	Leslie Strahl
Roderic Lee	Myrtle Shumaker
Education	Hazlett Petty

Music.

Exercises at 7 p. m. Music by Pickerington High School Band.

The Boxwell Exam

During the late 19th century, not many areas of Ohio had high schools — including Pickerington/Violet Township.

Our community's first high school opened for students on East Street in 1907.

Between 1892 and 1914, many students took the "Boxwell Exam" each spring (named after state representative/lawyer Alexander Boxwell). Those who passed were awarded a Boxwell diploma which entitled them to attend any high school in the county.

Note that the June 7, 1899 Violet Township Boxwell Commencement ceremony was held at the United Brethren Campground — the site of "The Tabernacle" that still exists at this location just east of the Pickerington City Limits.

**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 (display rack already purchased in 2021; 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

Help welcome recent new Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society members:

- Kim Barlag - Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce
- Jenny Boyer Camper - Violet Township
- Cody and Jessica Carse - Pickerington
- Jean Dorsey
- Daniel Fawcett - Pickerington
- Susan Fetters - Pickerington
- Janis Francis - The Humble Crate, Pickerington
- John Knight - Pickerington
- Tony Mills - Logan, Ohio
- Vicki McCorkle - Pickerington
- Doug Neubauer - Pickerington
- Ashley Sanders - Reynoldsburg
- Jeff and Jo Ann Seaman - Pickerington

Cristie Hammond and ***David Williard*** recently upgraded their Historical Society memberships to "Lifetime".

To join our 75 Lifetime members, you may pay a one-time fee of \$150 (for an individual) or \$250 (for a couple). You no longer will have to pay annual dues for Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society membership. Contact Society President, Peggy Portier, if you have any questions.



Historical Society member ***Dorothy "Pete" Peterson*** is celebrating her 97th birthday on June 3! She is seen here in a photo taken a few years ago beside her World War II U.S. Public Health Service Cadet Nurse Corps uniform. Dorothy received her nursing education at Loyola University School of Nursing in Chicago and served in the Cadet Nurse Corps from 1943-1946.

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