

Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

SUMMER

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

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Museum Summer Programs

Sunday, July 7, 2-4pm: Museum Open House featuring a variety of "Heritage Day" demonstrations.

Sunday, August 4, 2-4pm: Members-Only Annual Summer Picnic. *See details below.*

Sunday, Sept. 8, 2-4pm: Ohio Open Doors program at our Museum: "Discover Snake Den Mounds" and learn about this Ashville, Ohio ancient ceremonial site.



"Heritage Day" Sunday, July 7 – 2-4pm

During this FREE 2-hour event, you can observe a **live bee hive** set up by members of the Fairfield County Beekeepers Association. Also, watch and learn as Gail Pritt demonstrates **basic knitting**. And be sure to check out our Museum's collection of **coverlets and quilts** dating from the Civil War era thru current times.

Bring your family to watch Ty Wright demonstrate his **blacksmithing skills** outside on our Museum's front lawn. Free Admission!



Member Summer Picnic: August 4, 2-4pm

Be sure to sign up for this year's FREE Summer Picnic for Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society Members. The Picnic will be held Sunday, August 4, from 2-4 pm at Pickerington's Disc Golf Course Shelter located at 625 E. Columbus Street — just a few miles east of Pickerington. There's plenty of parking, and the shelter has bathrooms.

In addition to food, fun, door prize drawings, and seeing fellow members, Julie and Larry Baldwin (with Wild Birds Unlimited at East Broad Street location) will present a program and answer questions about "backyard birding" while we enjoy a picnic fare of grilled hotdogs, chips, watermelon, ice cream, cookies and bottled water.

Julie and Larry's "backyard birding" topics will include how to keep squirrels and blackbirds out of feeders, attracting hummingbirds, and more!

Invite a friend who may be interested in joining our Historical Society! Picnic cost for a non-member is \$5 payable at event. To sign up for our picnic, simply reply to this email and let us know who will be joining us.

"Discover Snake Den Mounds" at our Historical Museum Sunday, Sept. 8, 2-4pm

Historians from Pickaway County (near Ashville) will present an interesting show-and-tell program filled with history, mystery and anomalies surrounding the seven mounds and the great number of snakes that once hibernated the Snake Den Mounds complex annually.

The mounds contained skeletal remains, cremations, stone box burials, and more. Recent research has resulted in discoveries that indicate the Snake Den Mounds site is much more complex than ever imagined. Don't miss this unique FREE program at our Museum!



AROUND OUR MUSEUM



↑ Approximately 300 people participated in the May 3 Olde Village Chocolate Hop. Museum hosts, Gene Ebert and Barbara Freeman (seen at left), greeted Museum visitors. Yellow ticket holders received a chocolate treat in addition to free touring of our Museum.



Olde Village Tour:

← Guests gather for our second annual “Olde Village Walking Tour” held June 2. The group walked both sides of West Columbus Street while Tour Guide, Peggy Portier, talked about the people and businesses that once occupied 17 historic buildings. Additional guides were Historical Society members Stephanie Johnson and David Williard.

Encouraging Youngsters to Explore Local History



↑ Historical Society member, Mike Halaiko, recently arranged for his 4 grandchildren to have a private tour of our Museum to help them learn more about Pickerington-Violet Township history.



↑ Heritage Elementary arranged for 3 groups of 3rd grade students to tour our Historical Museum on May 13. They saw a slide show of local historic buildings and people along with “show and tell” guided tours of Museum artifacts.

The approximate 90 students’ artifact favorites were dial telephones; vintage Victrolas/organs; and a “What animal am I” display.

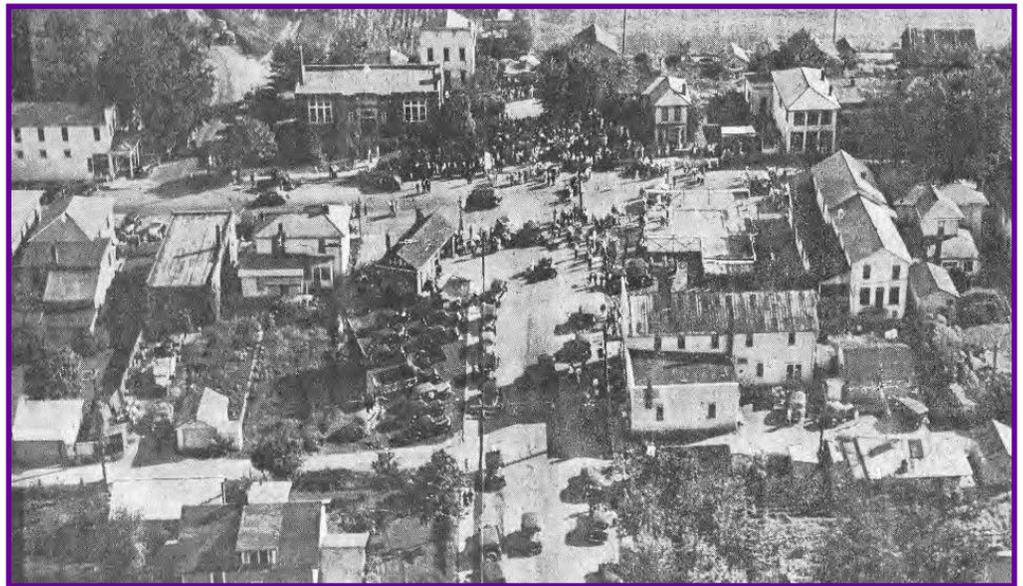
LOCAL HISTORY

Pickerington Summer Fun in Years Gone By



August 10-12, 1920: This 3-day festival was held at The Tabernacle (where Coyote Run is located today on Pickerington Road). Guests enjoyed musical groups that included Merrie Musical American Maidens, Tropolitan Male Trio, and Brownell Concert Company. Ticket price was \$1.25 plus a 13-cent war tax.

Sept 8, 1937: An aerial view of Pickerington's 27th annual week-long homecoming is seen here. Estimated crowd size that day was 10,000. In the upper center of the photo is the Boys' Industrial School Band from Lancaster.



The festival high point came on Monday with a band parade and children with their pets. Speeches, athletic events, contests, and a band concert followed. Note the Carnegie Library can be seen in the upper middle of the photo. Farther to the left is Kraner's General Store.



July 4, 1976: The closing and sealing of the U.S. Bicentennial time capsule was held at the Pickerington Athletic Field. The time capsule, currently harbored in our Historical Museum, is scheduled to be opened on July 4, 2076. Shown left-to-right in this photo are Virgil Diley, Frances Taylor Brooke, Carlton S. Good, Cleo Mason Richter, N. Emerson Taylor, and Dr. Kenneth W. Taylor.

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
Secretary: Mary Herron
Treasurer: Fiona Spears
Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman,
Stephanie Johnson

President's Appointees

Historian: David Williard
Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie
Johnson
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 Township residents' oral history stories in conjunction with the Pickerington Public Library.

Members No Longer With Us

It's with heavy hearts we're letting you know we recently lost three Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Members:

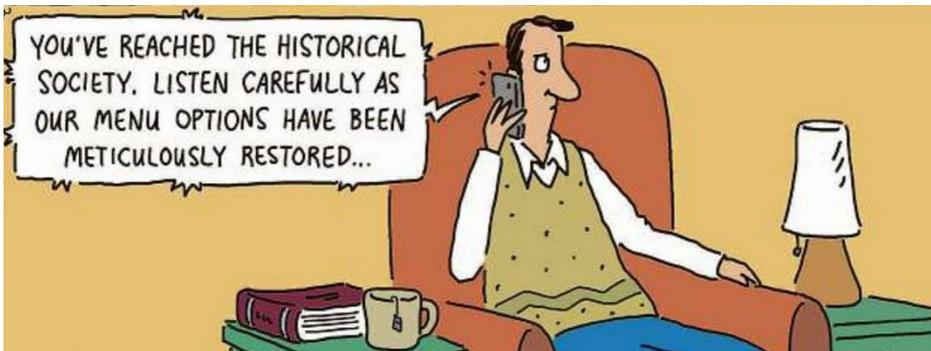
Suzy Millar Miller (11/24/1948-2/8/2024): Suzy was a Lifetime Member of our Historical Society as well as of the West Licking and Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Societies. She served on Reynoldsburg-Truro's Board of Directors and as their Corresponding Secretary for many years. "A Celebration of Life" will be held June 29 at the Cotner Funeral Home, 7379 East Main in Reynoldsburg.

Terry Walburn (5/15/1942-3/4/2024): Terry was a long-time member of our Historical Society. He served in the U.S. Army for 30 years, was a member of the American Legion, an active supporter of the Aladdin Shriners, and served on the Pickerington City Council.



Greg Karoly (2/28/1946-4/9-2024): Greg served as "Jack-of-all-Trades" on our Historical Museum's Board of Directors, and we miss him! The smart, funny, kind-hearted Greg passed away unexpectedly after open heart surgery. Greg is seen at left in 2017 after he repaired our Museum's 1879 Taber organ — replacing bellows and valves, then tuning and cleaning the antique organ. Greg also electrified the Museum's circa 1860 Melodeon Pump Organ that formerly was played by Cleo Richter. Greg loved playing Santa and entertaining youngsters and adults at the Museum's Player Piano (photo below). His talents, friendship and good humor is missed by all of us at our Historical Museum.

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