



Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society

News for Members and Friends

SPRING 2025

Find us: 15 E. Columbus Street, Pickerington, OH 43147 ~ Visit our Website: www.PickHistory.org
Call us: 614-333-8951 ~ Email us: pickhistsociety@hotmail.com ~ We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

Model Trains Galore!

Museum Main Level— 15 E. Columbus Street

Friday April 4: 8am-1pm & 6pm-8pm

Saturday April 5: 8am-8pm

Sunday April 6: 2-4pm

Our Historical Society Museum opens for 2025 with a 3-day weekend you won't want to miss! Guests of all ages will be able to enjoy S, N and HO gauge model trains operating in six different layouts in our Historical Museum's Main Level.

PVTHS member and local model train enthusiast, Mike Raynard, and his colleague, Ken Tinkler, will be on hand to answer questions about the train exhibits. Both are part of "Central Ohio S Gaugers".



↑ PVTHS member and Model Train enthusiast, Mike Raynard.



↑ PVTHS member and Railroad enthusiast, Tony Mills.

In addition, **on Sunday afternoon only — from 2- 4pm** — former Pickerington Railroad Depot Agent, Clyde Leach (portrayed by Tony Mills), will demonstrate sending Morse Code messages on a telegraph key. Visitors are welcome to try their hand with "Clyde's" assistance!

More Fun:

- * Kids can play a fun scavenger hunt to win prizes!
- * Take a selfie at our train engineer photo op!
- * On Friday & Saturday (8am-1pm) & Sunday (2-4pm) shop our annual Indoor Yard Sale happening in our Museum's Lower Level!

MORE SPRING EVENTS AT OUR MUSEUM

3-day Museum In-Door Yard Sale Museum Lower Level

**Friday & Saturday, April 4-5, 8am-1pm; and
Sunday, April 6, 2-4pm**

We welcome your Yard Sale donations which will be accepted between now and April 3. To donate, phone Peggy Portier at 614-595-5867 to set a date/time for either (1) your Museum rear-door drop-off or (2) our home pickup of your donations.

Donate your no longer needed household items, décor, tools, sporting goods, toys, games, books, record albums, jewelry, collectibles, and more! Sorry, because of limited space, we cannot accept clothing or large pieces of furniture.



Friday, May 2, 6-8:30pm

***H.S. Student Art Show (FREE) in Museum Main Level
Olde Village Chocolate Hop (\$5 tickets available at Ruby Joy Boutique or
The Humble Crate)***

Antique Road Show: Sunday, May 4, 2-4pm: Museum Lower Level

***Local auctioneers, Mike LeMay & George Barnes will estimate the value of your
small antiques for FREE! Please, do not bring jewelry or large items!***

**Sunday, May 4, 2-4pm @ Museum Main Level
*PHS North/Central Student Art Show (FREE Admission)***

Good Work/Good News at our Museum

- ◆ *Since the February 2024 appointment of Margaret Winter (Curator) and Terry Guay (Librarian) for our Historical Society, the duo inventoried Museum artifacts, spending 263.75 hours doing so! Ms. Winter added another 524.5 hours at home creating an electronic spreadsheet of the artifacts by Museum location. They also visited other area Museums and attended an Ohio Local History Alliance Conference. We are happy to report our Historical Society's goal to procure and implement a collections management software system is becoming a reality. Thanks, Margaret and Terry!*
- ◆ *Thank you Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society members and friends who made donations during Fairfield County Foundation's 35-Hour Give. The December, 2024 "Give" resulted in an amazing \$3,694.85 in donations to our Historical Society.*
- ◆ *During December's annual "Holiday Gathering" in Pickerington's Olde Village, we counted 800 visitors who toured our Historical Museum.*

LOCAL HISTORY

Preserving Pickerington-Violet Township's Past

In this newsletter we're sharing some of our favorite donations given to our Museum over the years. We hope you'll stop by to take a look — bring the entire family — during our Spring Open Houses. Let us know which are your favorite artifacts on display!



↑ 1950's advertising in Kraner's General Store. The framed artwork was donated by Clyde Muse.



↑ See these ancient tools & weapons gathered near our Museum. The collection was donated by Earlene and Bill Corbin.



↑ Cleo Mason Richter's Museum "Room" showcases her photos, clothing, and more.



↑ Vintage Party-line telephone.



↑ This is one of visiting kids' favorite Museum displays thanks to help from Fairfield Federal Savings & Loan.



↑ This Player Piano and a box of music rolls were donated to our Museum by Barb and Dan Rankin.



← Donated by Historical Society members Earlene and Bill Corbin, this mid-1800s potbelly cast iron stove kept students warm during winters at the Peru one-room school on Stemen Road. That building still stands!

**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 (position open)
Treasurer: Fiona Spears
Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson, Mary Herron

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 Twp residents' oral history stories with the Pickerington Public Library.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom DeGreeter: Pickerington
Shira Lee: Pickerington
Antoine Lee (Student): Pickerington
Richard Winter: Pickerington
Doug & Amy Karoly: Lancaster
Bob & Cherie Koch: Pickerington
Tim & Debbie Patton: Pickerington
SueAnn Farson: Canal Winchester
Christopher Burkhart & Claudia Rump: Canal Winchester

MEMBER NEWS

Historical Society President, Peggy Portier, announced the appointment of PVTHS member, Mary Herron, to the position of "Member-at-Large" of the Historical Society's Executives. Mary had served as "Secretary" for the past dozen years. Congratulations, Mary!

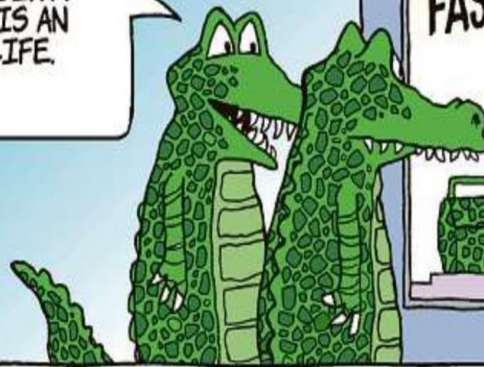
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shop our
Museum's Gift
Shop on the
Main Level!*



**YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD
WHEN "FRIEND WITH BENEFITS"
MEANS HAVING SOMEONE WHO
CAN DRIVE AT NIGHT...**



SEE, ALBERT?
THERE IS AN
AFTERLIFE.



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