



# Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society

**News for Members and Friends**      **FALL/HOLIDAY 2025**

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## **Sunday, September 7, 2025, 2-4pm: Open House Celebrating Pickerington Founders Day**

Founders Day is celebrated annually in September to commemorate the founding of Pickerington in the year 1815. We hope you'll join us Sunday afternoon for this special Founder's Day celebration to honor seven former Pickerington Historical Society Board Members. A Memorial Plaque with the names of the honorees will be installed in the Museum on this day. We encourage PVTSH members and families/friends of these honorees to join us for this celebration. Lemonade, Coffee, Cookies, and good-time memories will be offered.

## **Sunday, October 5, 2025, 2-4pm: Open House at the Museum**

**Fun Facts and Stories from "Behind the Scenes" at the Violet Twp Fire Department. Program begins at 2:30pm in the Museum Lower Level.**



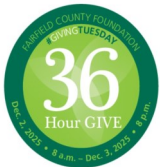
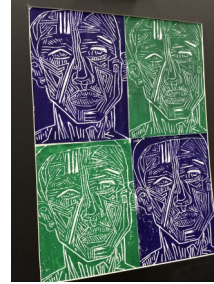
## **Thursday, October 23, 2025: 6-8pm: Pickerington's Annual "Haunted Village"**

**Be sure to bring the children to our HAUNTED MUSEUM in the Lower Level, then head upstairs where kids can get a free tattoo and candy treats outside.**

## MORE 2025 FALL/HOLIDAY EVENTS

### ***Sunday, November 2, 2025, 2-4pm: Museum Open House “History of Pickerington Schools” & Student Art Show!***

Hear and see 30-minute “History of Pickerington Schools” presentation at 2:30pm and explore our permanent school exhibit in the Museum’s Lower Level. Also, be sure to visit Pickerington Students’ Art Show from 2-4pm in the Museum’s Main Level.



### ***Dec. 2&3, 2025: Fairfield County Foundation’s “36-Hour Give”***

The Fairfield County Foundation will gift \$36,000 in matching funds for donations made online or in person between 8:00 AM Tuesday, Dec. 2 thru 8:00 PM Wednesday, Dec. 3. You can help secure a portion of the \$36,000 by giving to our non-profit Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society Fund during the 36-Hour Give.

**Here is how: (1) Donate online at [www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) OR (2) Deliver your donation to the Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society Museum on Tuesday, Dec. 2 between 10:00 AM & NOON.** Date your check Dec. 2, make it payable to Fairfield County Foundation, and write Pickerington-Violet Twp Historical Society Fund on your check’s memo line. You may request to have your donation picked up from your Pickerington area home. Direct your request or any questions to Peggy Portier at 614-595-5867 (text or phone).

### ***December 4, 6:30 pm: Annual Member Christmas Dinner At the Pickerington Senior Center, 150 Hereford Drive***

Don’t miss our annual Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 4 at 6:30pm at Pickerington’s Senior Center. Dinner is hosted by our Historical Society as a thank you to our members for their support and generosity during the year. **Election of PVTSH Board Members for 2026-2027 will take place during this event.**

**Dinner Menu:** Hot Chicken Salad, Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Spinach Salad, Rolls/Butter, Sherbert and Cookies, Iced Tea and Coffee.

**Entertainment:** Dinner Music by KIM RICHARDSON on her hammered dulcimer. And, we are working on something special for entertainment after dinner. It will be fun! More details to come.

**Two ways to Register: 1) Reply to this Newsletter Email  
2) Leave a message on our voicemail at 614-333-8951**

Dinner is free for members. If you would like to bring a guest, the cost will be \$20 per person and your guest will receive a free 2026 membership to our Society.

**Dinner Reservation Deadline:** November 28.



## LOCAL HISTORY

### Pickerington's Old Graveyard

Pickerington's first graveyard, Dovel Memorial Cemetery, lies behind and adjacent to the former Dovel Memorial U. B. Church at 170 E. Columbus Street. Both were named after Jacob Dovel when he acquired 320 acres upon his arrival in Pickerington during the 1820s.

Both Jacob Dovel and wife Elizabeth are buried in Dovel Cemetery, along with Pickerington founder Abraham Pickering, dozens of Pickering relatives, and many other early Pickerington settlers.



↑ Next door, located in Violet Cemetery, this stone morgue was built circa 1884. Later, it became a tool and storage house. The former morgue can be seen above in a photo taken during July 1988. The morgue no longer exists.



↑The former Dovel church, seen above and now called Maranatha, is located between the Dovel and Violet Cemetery entrances.

*Looking for some interesting and/or spooky bits of history while getting some Fall exercise? If so, check out easy walking trails in Dovel and Violet Cemeteries at 170 E. Columbus Street. A number of trails will take you thru interesting Pickerington history and monuments. While there, meet Jacob & Elizabeth Dovel, Abraham Pickering and his relatives, Civil War soldiers, and much more!*

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

**President's Appointees**

Historian: David Williard  
Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson  
Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt  
Curator: Peggy Winter  
Librarian: Terry Guay

**2024-2025 Historical Society Projects**

- ◆ Repair/Replace Museum windows where needed.
- ◆ Digitize Museum Accession Book to better track donated artifacts.
- ◆ Document Pickerington-Violet Twp residents' oral history stories with Pickerington Public Library.

**MEMBER NEWS**

- We mourn the loss of PVTHS members who recently passed away: **Bob Avers** (survived by wife, Joyce); **Chris Burkhart** (survived by wife Claudia, also a member); and **Janet Price**, who with husband John, facilitated donation of many of the Grange items on display in our Museum.
- Some happy news: Historical Society Member, **Mary Ann Macioce**, celebrated her 90th birthday during July.
- **Join the Fun! Volunteer Jobs Available for 2026 "America 250" National Event:** Serve on the planning committee for our April 2026 "America 250" event about transportation milestones in our area. Will meet monthly. **Next meeting: August 19, 9:00am at the Museum.**
- **Sign up for fun volunteer jobs available now at our Museum:**
  1. Finish our Class Photo index
  2. Set up TV and VCR
  3. Fix covered bridge model
  4. Repair manual typewriter
  5. Transcribe WWII letters
  6. Help setup and/or teardown October's Haunted Museum



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