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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS (please circle level)

INDIVIDUAL (under 65)	\$20
STUDENT/SENIOR 65+	\$10
FAMILY	\$25
SILVER PATRON	\$50
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PLATINUM PATRON	\$100

Corporate Sponsorship

Diamond Sponsorship	\$200
Includes website acknowledgement	
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Please mail completed form and check made payable to...

Brunswick Area Historical Society
P.O. Box 714
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OPPORTUNITIES AT HERITAGE FARM

TOURS

- School Groups and Scout Groups
- Family and Senior Groups
- By appointment

CAMPING AND SERVICE PROJECTS

- Scouting Groups
- Service Clubs
- Youth Groups

GENEOLOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCH

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Scheduled throughout the year, please visit our website at www.brunswickhistory.com for an updated schedule

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

- A brief history of Brunswick
- History of Brunswick Schools
- Early Women of Brunswick
- Brunswick, a Farming Community

MEETINGS

- All members are welcome
- Held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm, please check the website for locations

COMMUNITY GARDENS

- Space available for your vegetable or flower gardening use, contact us for details.

VOLUNTEERISM

- We can always use your help. Whether it is to help out with a special event, general cleaning and maintenance of our buildings, or volunteering for a committee, please contact us for more information.

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The History of Heritage Farm, Home to the Brunswick Area Historical Society

Heritage Farm is a typical 1860's small Ohio farm from a time when horse power and human strength were the utilities needed to work a farm.

Step back in time with us and experience a simpler time in Brunswick's colorful past, when the entire family worked as a team to sustain life.

The farm museum is a work in progress, and the work of acquiring and cataloguing artifacts is never ending. The Brunswick Area Historical Society welcomes and appreciates your membership, participation and volunteerism.

OWNERSHIP HISTORY OF THE FARM

Dating back to the 1800's, Heritage Farm has seen only a handful of owners in its nearly two centuries of existence.

- 1817 Purchased by David Berdan; Son, Abraham and Sarah Harvey Berdan, are the first recorded farm residents.
- 1870 William and Rachel Berdan Pitkin
- 1887 George and Julia Behner Tibbits
- 1940 Peter and Mary Walter Groening
- 1995 City of Brunswick
- 2000 Heritage Farm opens to public

EARLY BRUNSWICK—TIME HONORED TRADITIONS

On March 4, 1815, Brunswick's first family of permanent settlers traveled from Connecticut to our then nameless township in the wilds of the Western Reserve. Seeking a better life for themselves, Solomon Deming, his wife Roxanna, and his brother Frederick built two, crude log cabins for their families in that early spring.

In the following summer, a number of pioneering families joined the Demings in the fledgling settlement—the Tillotsons, Hulets, Chapins, Sterns, and Bogues. Within a year or two, other families by the name of Freese, Blood, Ward, Stebbins, Thayer, Stow, Root, Clark and Berdan followed suit.

In the earliest years of the farming community, education and religion were high priorities. The first public school in the community opened in 1817. One of the oldest Methodist Churches in all of the Western Reserve was organized in Brunswick, in April, 1817. Congregationalists soon followed by organizing a church two years later.

For more information, please contact the Brunswick Area Historical Society by phone at 330-441-0292 or via email to brunswickareahistory@gmail.com.

With the families of Brunswick expectant of a bright future after firmly establishing pivotal institutions of American civilization—churches and schools—the community organized its first form of government. On April 6, 1818 the nineteen legal voters of the township elected the first trustees, treasurer and other officers.

Since the first settlers arrived, the Brunswick community embodied the typical Western Reserve farming community where families, faith, education and democratic government are its greatest treasures. The Brunswick Area Historical Society seeks to honor and preserve an appreciation for those time-honored traditions.

