



To promote, preserve and protect the heritage of Plain Township Stark County

Plain Township Historical Society

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Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

Checking	\$661.72
Money Market	13,050.13
Endowment	28,118.76

We are a 501c3. Contributions to our organization are tax deductible.

Current Officers

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In the Spirit of Friendship

PTHS held their April meeting at the Plain Township Central Fire Station. Our speaker was John Sabo, with additional comments from Fire Chief, Chuck Shalenberger. John showed us pictures of the evolution of our fire department and then photos of fires and emergency events that Plain Township Fire Department fought and /or assisted with. I watched as the audience gave rapt attention to the program and pictures.

But, as good as the program was, the most satisfying part of the evening was the interaction between the members of PTHS and the retired fire fighters who came for the program. Phyllis Rustifo and Cindy Guest as well as members of the PTHS Board have been working with the fire department for this last year to organize and record their history. During this time friendships between the two organizations were made and the good feeling was continued as we met. The two organizations have worked together well and we were happy have a mixing of members. There was laughter and the spark when you know that the group you are a part of is having a good time. So, thanks to all the people who were involved in planning, hosting and enjoying our evening together. It is so nice to have buddies in the Plain Township organizations. -- Judy Pocock



5 Questions



Did you see the article in the Repository about Judy Pocock and the Plain Township Historical Society? We were very fortunate to be featured in the Repository's "5 Question" segment. This is a great opportunity to continue to share who we are and what we do with the community around us. Judy did a great job sharing information about our organization. This is a fitting tribute to one of our founding members. Just think, if those original folks had not had the foresight that they had in 2005, how much of our history would be lost. Look how far we have come. We are researching, writing and sharing the history of Plain Township with the community around us in a variety of ways: Facebook, website, community events, publications, and community newsletters. Without the support of the community and our members we would not be where we are today. Thank you to those original founding members and those that have followed and continue to carry the torch to preserve and share the history of Plain Township. The article is included in case you missed it.



Event Season



Unlike allergy season, event season is a fun, exciting and busy time for PTHS. May is here and we are shaking the pollen from the trees with two events centered around Family Trees. Information about these two events is in the newsletter. Following that in June, Tisket A Tasket a green and yellow basket, we are off to the market. The 720 Market at Oakwood Square that is where we will feature "Quilts of Plain Township." If you attend these events, make sure to stop by and say hi!

As with all our events, we could not share our history with our community and without the help of our volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to help us with an event, please contact either Judy Pocock or Cindy Guest. Thank you for your support!

May Meeting

May 15th - "How Jewelry Reflects History"

Presenter – Susan Henry

Yearbook Want List:

Middlebranch HS – 1955, 1957

GlenOak HS – 1981, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005 to present

School Newspapers:

GlenOak, Oakwood, Glenwood, Middlebranch, Underground, Taft or any other school.

Grade and Middle School HAVE LIST:

Plain Center – 1940-1954, 1995

Taft JR HS – 1985, 1986, 2006

Edgefield – 1951-1955

Frazer – 1953-1955

Middlebranch JR HS – 1977, 1980, 1981, 1997-1999

Pleasantview – 1954-1955, 2001, 2004-2006

- Articles for our newsletter can be emailed to: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com.
- Articles are due the Wednesday after the first Tuesday of the month (aka Board Meeting.)

Contact info:

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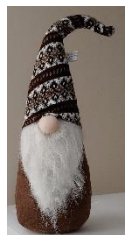
Email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

Keeping Track

As trends change towards newspaper readership, we are asking our members to help us. If you know of any member who is under the weather, recovering from surgery or who has passed away, please let one of the Board Members know.

Little "Gnome" Facts

Roman here, in this episode of "As the Dirt Turns," I decided to do a little "bird watching". But with the Ohio weather the way it is, I did not wander to my normal bird watching places. Instead, I decided to wander over the the amphitheater to see if there were any species in the area. Guess what? Low and behold there was this great big beautiful crane sitting in the stage area. I watched as it used its beak to lift up and manuver long gray sticks into place as it built a new nest. What a sight to see. Even on a gray overcast day, the crane was tirelessly fluffing his new nest. You could even see little yellow hats popping up to help put in place those long gray sticks. Just imagine what that nest is going to look like. Well, I am off to warm up after this mornings wanderings with hot chocolate and a warm blanket. So stay tuned for the next episode of "As the Dirt Turns" watching the ampitheater take shape. Roman and kin out until next month.

**This and That – Odds and Ends**

Genealogy – Since it is spring time, we took the time to prune our Ancestry.com family tree. As with any large gathering of family information, we had duplicate names. So we got out our pruning clippers and diggers to transplant and clean up our tree. Now we are ready for a busy growing season this year. Ancestry.com online database is now over 463,812 names. If you have not already done so, please consider sharing your family genealogy with us. This information aides in our research and answering questions from the public.

3 Ring Binders – As we continue to reorganize and grow our archives, we find ourselves in need of 3" and larger 3 ring binders. Our preference is white with a pocket on the front, back and side to slide in a description of what is contained in the binder. This is just our preference; we can make use of any good clean binders.

Side Street Market at Oakwood Square – This year we will be participating in the June and September events. Our themes will be "Quilts of Plain Township" and "4-H Clubs of Plain Township." If you have any information and/or items to share on either of these topics, please let Cindy Guest know. We are excited about sharing these topics with our community.

Fire Department History Project – Our next step in this project is working with the women who were associated with the fire department. We are exploring the Ladies Auxiliary and women in firefighting. Plain Township was one of the few townships that, as volunteers, actively trained women to fire fights and drive fire trucks. Their story is one that we are

Publications available for purchase

- Educating Plain Township – Middlebranch High School 1927-1957 2 volume set \$20.00 (only sold as a two volume set)
- Educating Plain Township – Glenwood High School 1957-1975 2 volume set \$20.00 (only sold as a two volume set)
- Cruising Thru Plain Township – \$10.00 each
 - Volume 1 NE Qtr
 - Volume 2 SE Qtr
 - Volume 3 SW Qtr
 - Volume 4 NW Qtr
- And the Story Continues – Vol 1 and Vol 2 - \$10.00ea
ON SALE for \$10/set

Publication available for free download from our website or Facebook page

- Exploring Plain Township – Piecing the Puzzle Together – North Canton Drive-In Theater

Donations

If you have any items to donate or share please let Cindy Guest know at preservingplaintwp@gmail.com or 330-224-2660. Also, if you know of someone in the community with information that will help us please let us know. Thank you to all that donated.



looking forward to sharing with our community. Any information or others you can put us in touch will continue to add to our resources for this book. We continue to work on researching families with multiple generations serving. This can be father-son, father-daughter, husband-wife, father-grandson, mother-mother-in-law or any other combination. If you have any information on firefighting families, please let Phyllis Rustifo know.

“Invest in Plain’s History” by becoming a member, volunteering, making a monetary donation and donating items related to Plain Township!

PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

**Board of Directors Meetings are the first Tuesday at 2 p.m.
General Meetings are the third Monday at 7 p.m.**

General meetings are held at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton OH unless otherwise noted. These meetings are free and open to the public. We have a brief meeting, followed by refreshments and then a historical topic presentation. Check our website www.preservingplaintwp.org, Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

May 6th – Local History and Genealogy Fair 11-3 pm – Location: Stark County District Library Main Branch

May 15th – PTHS Meeting - “How Jewelry Reflects History” – Presenter Susan Henry

May 18th – Stark County Genealogical Society Meeting 6-8 pm – Presenter Plain Township Historical Society – Location: North Branch Library 25th St NW

Jun 10th – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square 10-3 pm – We will be featuring “Quilts of Plain Township” - Location: Oakwood Square Plaza

Jun 19th – PTHS Picnic – Veterans Park – Celebrating the 90th Birthdays of our members

Jun 21st – PTHS McDonald’s Quarterly Fundraiser 4-8 pm – Location: McDonald’s 6302 Market Ave N.

Recent Donations

- Cindy Guest – History and Descendants of Jonas and Anna (Beachy) Miller; John J Swartzentruber – Barbara Kramer Parental Forefathers of This Book Section Number 3; Jacob Mullet – Christina Swartzentruber Parental Forefathers Section Number Five 1727-1958; John Swartzentruber 1727-1958 Progenitorial Forefather of the Descending Families of This Book
- Cheryl Hutcheson – 4-H Items
- Ryan Harbour – 4-H 50th Anniversary Plate

Endowment Donations

- April Raffle Proceeds – Earmarked for Publication costs for the upcoming book History of Fire Fighting in Plain Township

Endowment Giving

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Mail Check to:

Plain Township Historical Society
C/o Endowment
2600 Easton St NE
Canton, OH 44721

Or SCF Online:

www.starkcf.org/give-plain-historical



PTHS is a 501c3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

Dues Form

DUES RUN FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I want to join - Check One (Annual):

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | 10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization | 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | 20.00 | Life Time Dues: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | 35.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | 250.00 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | 500.00 |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Membership is open to everyone who wishes to promote our Mission.

Please make check payable to: Plain Township Historical Society

Mail this form and check to:

Plain Township Historical Society
C/o Membership
2600 Easton St NE
Canton, OH 44721

Preserving History since 2005.



Local History

& Genealogy Fair

Saturday, May 6

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Stark Library, Main Library

715 Market Ave. N | Canton

Over 15 booths on display in the Atrium featuring area museums, historical sites, organizations, genealogy societies and a variety of other family history resources.

No registration! Free and open to the public!



Stark County Genealogical Society Meeting

Thursday, May 18th, 2023 6:00 PM

North Branch Library on 25th St NW

Topic: Plain Township Historical Society

The Stark County Genealogical Society has extended an invitation for the Plain Township Historical Society to be the speaker at their May meeting.

Come and find out about the history of the Plain Township Historical Society, our research projects and tools we have for genealogists.

Stark County's Roots

Ohio Genealogical Society, Stark County Chapter



Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Dates & Topics



May 15th, 2023

How Jewelry Reflects History

Explore how history influences the look, style and use of jewelry in our wardrobe.

Speaker: Susan Henry

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

7-9 PM at the Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE

