



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	\$652.34
Money Market	13,140.58
Endowment	28,143.76

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

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June Meeting
July 17th – “Case Mansion”
Presented by
Richard Haldi



Summertime

What a great way to celebrate in June, a picnic in the park, hot dogs on the grill, and a pot luck dinner. We took the time to celebrate our 90-year young members with fellowship and cake. Thank you to everyone that attended and enjoyed the evening. The Plain Township Firefighters were grateful for the food. We shared our leftovers from the picnic with the firefighters as a “Thank You” for their service in keeping us safe. For the record, no, the Master Hotdog Griller did not take a dip in the Splash Pad (too many non-PTHS people), maybe next year.

Next up is our July meeting with Richard Haldi presenting on the “Case Mansion.” Many people do not realize that the Case Mansion resided in Historic Plain Township at 17th and Market Ave N. Mr. Haldi always draws a crowd, so come early to get a good seat. Also, we are having a raffle basket with the proceeds going towards our “new” Kodak slide/film negative scanner (more on the scanner later.) Hope to see you there.

Please note that the Treasurer’s report listed in this issue of our newsletter is for May. Due to the timing of the Fourth of July holiday and publication of the newsletter, updated financials were not available yet.

720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square



The June 720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square was a big success. We talked to around 60 people about “The Quilts of Plain Township and Their Stories.” It was exciting that we people stopped and visited just for the quilts. Our pop-up museum concept continues to gain momentum and bring our history to the community. We will be sharing most of these quilts and a few additional ones at the September PTHS meeting. So, if you missed coming out to the 720 Sidestreet Market, plan on attending our September meeting.

Next up on the 720 Sidestreet Market schedule is Sep 9th 10-3 pm. We will be featuring “4-H in Plain Township.” This pop-up museum display is still under construction, so if you have any information, article, contacts and artifacts about 4-H in Plain Township, please contact Cindy Guest.

McDonald's Fundraiser Part 2

We had another successful McDonald’s Fundraiser in June bringing in \$472. The “dining in” group once again had a rousing discussion of our history and how “things just are not the same anymore.” Get ready to mark your calendars, we have scheduled our 3rd and 4th quarter fundraisers already. The next ones are Wednesday September 20th from 4-8 pm and Wednesday December 20th from 4-8 pm.

NEW

Looking for high school jewelry to add to our collection from clubs, activities, sports, etc.

- Class rings
- Lavilier
- Pins
- Charm bracelets, etc

This is to allow us to trace the meaning and history of high school related jewelry.

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.

- 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:

Plain Township Historical Society
2600 Easton St NE
Canton OH 44721

Email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

Kodak Scanza

During our work with the Plain Township Fire Department and Historic Ridgewood, a pressing need for a scanner arose to scan slide negatives. While we have access to outside resources, some of which require a fee, these outlets are not always convenient. We took this opportunity to add a new tool to our scanning arsenal in our Kodak Scanza. This portable, self-contained scanner is capable of scanning slide, film and movie negatives. We took the Kodak scanner out for a test run on 150 slide negatives from Ridgewood and it performed like a champ, scanning 150 slides in an hour without sacrificing quality. Now we can scan the Plain Township Fire Dept slides as well as the Troup and Pluto Senior picture negatives. We acquired the Troup and Pluto negatives from the Plain Local Schools Foundation who received them from Troup and Pluto when they ceased operations. The Troup and Pluto negatives are in 9 file drawer boxes. Proceeds from the July meeting raffle basket will go towards the purchase of this scanner.

Plain Living Magazine

There is a new monthly publication out for Plain Township called "Plain Living." It features articles and advertisements that are related to our township. We were approached by them to write an article for the magazine which we gladly accepted. Our first article is due out in the July issue so watch your mailbox for a copy. We cannot wait to see it. We are taking this opportunity to focus on the people of Plain Township who make up the fabric of our community. Our articles are going to focus on those people who may not be written up in an existing history book. There are many individuals whose contributions need to be documented; from the small business owner, inventor, advocate, government official, farmer, educator, architect, artist to name a few. We need your help to do this. If you know of someone who we can share their story please let us know. The person must have a tie to Plain Township and PTHS reserves the right to select who we use for the articles. Our main goal is to build our biography database for those people who are not highlighted in the history books written about Stark County relating to Plain Township. Contact Cindy Guest with any suggestions.

Little "Gnome" Facts

Roman and Raymond here to share more construction highlights. In this episode of "As the Dirt Turns," we seek a path. We Wanderer's are always looking for a path that will take us somewhere new. The amphiteater has one that will lead to new adventures. This path is getting close to completion and adventures are being scheduled as we ponder our wanderings. I even noticed a play area for all the little gnomes out there. The first adventure is scheduled for August 7th. There is a website, <https://plaintownshipamphitheater.com/events/>, for you to look at to see what adventure is right for you. Stay tuned for the next episode of "As the Dirt Turns" watching the ampitheater take shape.

Hi, Raymond here. For this episode of "As the Tail Wags," I pondered about the pampered pets that will be able to take advantage of this expanded facility. Just imagine the tail wagging that will take place. I can hear the barks and meows of approval as the pets give out their "paw" ratings. Cannot wait to see this building completed. So, stay tuned for the next episode of "As the Tail Wags."

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.



This and That – Odds and Ends

Genealogy – Our genealogy database reached the next milestone, surpassing 475,000 names. Recent additions feature the Crew, French, Kirkbride and Morris family trees. The Morris family ties into the Wearstler family, with their link to the Kirkbride family, the documentation we received takes that line back to 1095. Nice to have that old growth tree as part of our genealogy.

Website – We added the abstract for Section 33 Southwest Quarter to our website and can be found under History – Land – Property Abstracts. This continues the efforts of our OHRAB grant from 2022 to make available land information for people to use.

“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.

Jul 17th – “Case Mansion” – Presenter Richard Haldi

Aug 21st – Genealogy – Presenter Stark County Genealogical Society

Sep 9th – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square 10-3 pm

Sep 18th – “Quilts of Plain Township” – Presenter Cindy Guest

Sep 20th- McDonald’s Quarterly Fundraiser Part 3

Oct 16th – 4-H – Presenter Jennifer White

Recent Donations

- Connie Blinn – Middlebranch High School Class Ring
- Sue Covert – More Avondale Fire Dept Articles
- Cynthia Thomas Toth – Lincoln HS Class Ring

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.

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Upcoming Program Dates & Topics



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Speaker: Richard Haldi

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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



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Stark County's Roots

Ohio Genealogical Society, Stark County Chapter



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Stark County Genealogical Society

Explore the family trees of Stark County

Speaker: Stark County Genealogical Society

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