



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

Plain Township Historical Society

Oct 2023

Volume 10, Issue 10



Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

Checking	\$366.57
Money Market	12,812.31
Endowment	30,674.39

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

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Where Has the Year Gone?

Event season is over (more on that later) and we realized that we have not celebrated our newsletter's anniversary yet. So, we cannot think of a better time to celebrate our newsletter's 10th anniversary than with Volume 10, Issue 10 in the 10th month of October. Our newsletter has come a long way and is a great way to share what is happening. The success of this newsletter would not be complete without our original editor's, JoEllen Reicowski, vision to create one.

Through her leadership the newsletter grew and a vision was honed. That vision always has been to make sure people enjoy reading it but also making sure we write about the past, present and future of our community and organization. The support we get from the community whether that be volunteering, being a member or sharing information is how we grow. PTHS continues to explore ways to be a community asset not only through our publications, pop-up museum, and community displays but also looking for opportunities to share and gather information to help groups like Plain Local Schools reunion committees. So let us toast our newsletter by raising up a glass and wishing for another ten years. Cheers!



As mentioned earlier, event season has wrapped up and the September 720 Side Street Market was another success. We featured at our pop-up museum "4-H Ties to Plain Township" and had over 50 people stop by. This event had a slightly different slant. We could see in the people that stopped by an elevated awareness of PTHS. We made several good contacts and have already received one. If I had to single out one moment, there was one and it brought home

why we do what we do. So, bear with us for a moment as we share this visit. A young mother stopped by our booth with her daughter. The mother saw our posting about the event on Facebook and wanted to bring her daughter to see the information on 4-H. You see the daughter was interested in joining 4-H but was not sure. The mom and daughter had been at the fair and checked out the booth there. Next stop was our pop-up museum. One of our volunteers that day, Cheryl who was a former 4-Her, took the time to share her stories and memories of being in 4-H. The mom and daughter look through everything and listen. When the pair left our booth, the mother turn back and whispered "Thank you." What a great day. What a great opportunity. Thank you to everyone who help make our 4-H pop-up museum a success.

We had another successful McDonald's fundraiser where we raised \$500. Our fourth and final fundraiser for the year will be on Wednesday Dec 20th from 4-8 pm. McDonald's has tweaked the event, now we receive 25% of mobile orders and 10% on other types of orders. We understand not everyone is comfortable doing mobile orders, but if you are please consider using the app for our December fundraiser. Thank you for your support.

Oct Meeting

**Oct 16th –
4-H Presented
by Jennifer
White**

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

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

Elementary, Intermediate and Junior High School yearbooks.

School Newspapers:

GlenOak, Oakwood, Glenwood, Middlebranch, Underground, Elementary, Junior High, etc.

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

Contact info:

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2600 Easton St NE
Canton OH 44721

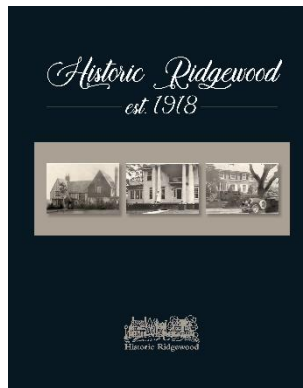
Email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

Our next two membership meetings will feature raffle baskets. October's will be a basket featuring items from Hillcrest Orchard. November will feature pies just in time for the holidays. Proceeds from the November raffle basket will go towards the Wreaths Across America Event at Warstler Cemetery. We will again be sponsoring the six military branch wreaths. Tickets are 1 for \$1 and 6 for \$5.

Since we are approaching that bewitching season, we thought we would give you a taste of what is coming up. No ghosts or goblins yet, but we are starting to plan speakers for the 2024 calendar year. If you know of anyone or have any ideas, please let us know. That goes for our events as well. We are looking for pop-up museum topics that will provide a treat for our community. The pot is brewing with an inquiry from Chateau Michele to discover its past. We wonder what we will uncover. There are a couple of tantalizing things that will rise to share later (always leave them wanting more.) So, stay real and stay tuned.

Historic Ridgewood Publication

After three years in the making, the long-awaited Historic Ridgewood publication is on its way. Our first new publication since 2019. This project was started in 2020 as a collaboration between Historic Ridgewood, McKinley Presidential Library and Museum and Plain Township Historical Society. The idea was to take the history publication that Ridgewood gave to new residents and update and freshen up the information. Many thanks to the current and former residents of Ridgewood who shared their information. The team that worked on this project in the past year to bring this project home, are to be applauded for their time and diligence to make sure the story was accurate and presented new information. We are waiting for the printed copies to arrive and hopefully we will have them available at our next membership meeting. This publication is a departure from our previous ones. It is 8.5" x 11" with color photos, 48 pages and professionally designed cover. The selling price will be \$20 each. Plain Township Historical Society and Historic Ridgewood members will receive a discount on their purchase. A lot was learned from this publication that will help with our next scheduled publication "Fighting Fires in Plain Township – A History of Plain Township Fire Department."

Little "Gnome" Facts

Roman here to share this episode of "As the Dirt Turns." Well the gnomes are hoping you stopped by and takin' a gander at the new amphitheater. What a great venue. Lots of events already took place and there are more to come. It is nice to have a place for us Wanderer's to sit down, put our feet up and enjoy the local talent. Did you catch the "Sounds of the Stadium?" What a showcase for GlenOak's Marching Band and there are more school events like that to take place through November. The best part is, all these events are free. So come join us gnomes at the amphitheater one evening for a fun night out.

Next month, I am turning my section of this article over to my dad, Russell. We have it on good authority there is an exciting new project coming up. This project is just right up my dad's alley or should I say hay picker. He is calling his segment "As the Hay Bales." Stay tuned to see what Russell has in store.

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.



Hi, Raymond here. For this episode of “As the Tail Wags,” it is all about looking good. You know what I mean, how you feel when you get a new collar or now with fall approaching that warm sweater (especially useful after a shampoo and cut.) Well have you driven by Hometown Veterinary to see how the exterior is shaping up? The board and batten siding gives the building that throwback feel and the beams are rustic looking. I bet there will be some good smells on those beams. I guess it is time to get back to hazel nut hunting. See you next month with “As the Tail Wags.”

This and That – Odds and Ends

Genealogy – As fall approaches and the leaves change, so does our genealogy family tree. We are always excited to have new plantings in our forest. Each of these trees helps with research and providing information to the community. So if you have not planted a seed with us yet, please consider doing so. We are now up to 484,170 names.

Website – We continue to expand our graduation class listings. Glenwood High School is now available through 1963. We are looking for a Glenwood High School graduation program for 1964 as the Repository did not print a full listing of graduates that year. So if you know anyone who has a copy even digital, please let us know. Thank you.

“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.

Oct 16th – 4-H – Presenter Jennifer White

Nov 20th – Andrew Meyer Family – Presenter Dan McDevitt, an Andrew Meyer Descendant

Dec 20th – McDonald’s Quarterly Fundraiser Part 4

Dec – No Monthly Meeting

Recent Donations

- Shirley Sweitzer – Items made by her seatress mother Mildred Mae (Looy) Richards

Endowment Donations

- Judy Rhodes - Raffle Prize Proceeds

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

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