



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

Plain Township Historical Society

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It is a Matter of Perspective

When we came home from school one of our parents likely said to us, “What did you learn in school today?” I am guessing that the modern version of this question is, “Did you have fun in school today?” The perspective has changed so dramatically—my parents were more interested in having me learn something rather than if I had fun doing it. That was not a consideration—they did not send me to school to like or have fun with what was presented. Some of what I learned was difficult, confusing, and, yes, boring. But my teachers knew, and I know now, that they were giving me a framework to understand the learning that would take place in later school years and in my life as an adult.

Teachers usually strive to make lessons interesting and relevant. There are many ways to do that and sometimes it can be done through activities that are “fun” but the important thing is that underneath the “fun” is a factual base of learning that helps each child understand the world around them. It is shocking to learn, in today’s society, that adults have so little knowledge of basic history and geography. If an adult does not understand these basic concepts, how can he/she make informed decisions about important people, places and things in our country?

If you have time with a child, check to see if he/she has a knowledge of what is going on now, what has gone on before, and where they live in the world. If they do not, take some time and explain—the lesson does not have to be long, just the basics. It is important that we work to keep children focused in the real world and his/her place in it. - Judy Pocock

House Keeping

It is that time of year when dues are coming due for the 2024 year. So, do not forget to mail them in or even better, bring them to our November meeting which will be our last one for 2023. Hard to believe. It is important to get your dues paid by March 2024 so you can vote at our annual meeting. Stay tuned for more on the annual meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please let us know. Our organization is only as strong as the volunteers we have. There are several slots open on the Board.

We are currently working of the program schedule for the 2024 season. Back by popular demand will be our 2024 Meeting Schedule flyer. We have not put one out since 2020. This flyer will be available at our November meeting and we will email/mail a copy with the December newsletter.

December 20th is our last McDonald’s Fundraiser for the year. We are very grateful to McDonald’s for this opportunity and to our community for their generous support. We hope to see you there on that date. Also, just a reminder that we receive 25% of mobile orders and 10% on all other type of orders. So, if you are comfortable with mobile ordering, please consider using that method. We look forward to a great wrap up to this event.

Treasurer’s Report

Account Balances:

Checking	\$366.57
Money Market	12,832.74
Endowment	30,574.41

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

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Cheryl Hutcheson
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Nov Meeting

**Nov 20th –
Andrew Meyer
Family by Dan
McDevitt**

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:

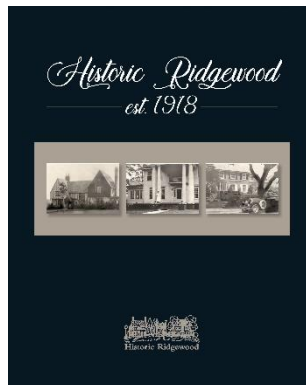
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

The November raffle basket proceeds will go towards the Wreaths Across America Event at Henry Warstler Cemetery. We will again sponsor the six Service Branch wreaths. The event takes place on December 16th at Henry Warstler Cemetery at noon. Our raffle will feature two Amish made pies (apple and pumpkin) this year.

Historic Ridgewood Publication

This updated publication examines the history and preservation of a neighborhood that is over 100 years old. With over 290 homes comprising Ridgewood, it is a time capsule of how Canton has changed over the years. From architectural styles, architects, builders, home owners and businesses, much of Canton's history has roots in this neighborhood. This publication was three years in the making and our first new publication since 2019. What a great response we have had to its release. 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. 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. This publication is now available just in time for Christmas at our membership meeting and Plain Township Hall. We are working on other distribution points and will let you know about those when they become available. Shipping is available for an additional \$5. Contact Cindy Guest or one of our board members if you are interested in getting your copy. Please note, we have a limited number of copies available.

Little "Gnome" Facts

Russell here. Like my son Roman mentioned last month, I am the roaming reporter for a few months. I may not wander as fast as I used to, but that can be a good thing. If you wander too fast, you just might miss the goin' ons in our neighborhood. I have two things to report on. First, did you see all that dirt being moved around at Warstler Cemetery? Well, so did I. One day when I was there visiting relatives I stopped and talked to Mr. Dave. Well it turns out that all the happenin's at the cemetery is to make room for more plots. The area will accommodate about 1800 plots. No masolium yet.



Next up, well with that said, I am not wandering as fast as I used so I have not gotten to talk to that young whipper snapper Ron Bair about this project. Oh, now I am rambling and not just wandering. If you are at Diamond Park, you will see our next project we are following in the series "As the Hay Bales." The roof of the 1909 barn is being replaced. This is the first step in getting barn in tip top shape. The 1909 barn is the second barn on this property that was once owned by the Housel-Correl family. Well, that is enough rambling and wandering for today, stay tuned for the next episode of "As the Hale Bales."

Publications available for purchase

- Historic Ridgewood \$15 for PTHS members; \$20 for non-members
- 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,” I think we are at the tail end of this project. What a transformation that has taken place. This building has seen a lot of history and will still be around to share more stories. So, if you are out looking at leaves, drive by this spot and see what the cat’s meow is all about. Not sure where my travels will take me next, Raymond out.

This and That – Odds and Ends

Genealogy – Well the leaves may be falling but our Ancestry tree continues to bloom. We were able to add information about the Ball and C. N. Vicary family. You never know where an email about a dress will lead you (more on that in a later newsletter.) We are now up to 490,719 names.

Website – Our website got a fall makeover with updates to the Welcome and Publication pages. We continue to expand our graduation class listings. Glenwood High School is now available through 1964. Thank you to Roger Petersen Class of 1964 for loaning us a copy of the 1964 graduation program to scan.

“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.

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

Dec 16th – Wreaths Across American – Henry Warstler Cemetery Noon

Dec 20th – McDonald’s Quarterly Fundraiser Part 4

Dec – No Monthly Meeting

Jan 2024 – No Monthly Meeting



Recent Donations

- Porter Family – Descendants of C. N. Vicary – Louise Pottorf Dress from School Play, Family information
- Ball Family Genealogy

Endowment Donations

- McDonald’s Fundraiser
- Raffle Prize

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.

Join Us in Our Mission
Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 16, 2023** ★
National Wreaths Across America Day

Help Plain Township Rotary honor local heroes!
Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Henry Warstler Cemetery.
Scan the QR code to the right to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/OH0344P

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Plain Township Historical Society

Take Your One-Horse Open Sleigh to McDonald's, Warm Up and Relax from Your Holiday Shopping!!

Come Join the Plain Township Historical Society
In Partnership with McDonald's for our
9th Annual Fundraiser - Part 4
At 6302 Market Ave N
(Across the street from Walsh University)
Wednesday Dec 20th from 4 to 8 PM

Spent time with the family and enjoy the holidays a little more. Stop in and let McDonald's do the cooking.

Support both the Plain Township Historical Society and a Plain Township Business.
Hope to see you there!

You can either order inside to go, mobile app, eat inside or go through the drive-thru. 25% of the mobile app orders and 10% of other orders proceeds during that time go to support our mission "To Promote, Preserve, and Protect the Heritage of Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio". No flyer required. Dine In, Pick-up, Drive-Thru or Mobile App.