



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

# Plain Township Historical Society

Dec 2023

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## Take Time

### Treasurer's Report

#### Account Balances:

Checking	\$482.84
Money Market	12,908.17
Endowment	30,684.41

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

### Current Officers

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Cheryl Hutcheson  
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**Dec Meeting**  
**No Meeting in**  
**December**  
**Happy Holidays!**

The holiday season is usually advertised as the "Giving Season." Folks are encouraged to give time and money to others and are, in turn, rewarded by the good feeling that comes to both the giver and recipient. I encourage you to take a minute to experience some "Take Time." While on the surface it may seem selfish to do that, I want to share that taking time can be just as valuable as giving. Here are some examples:

1. Take some time to say "please" and "thank you" more often. It gets double value if you do it with a smile.
2. Take some time to be outdoors. This can be as simple as opening your front door and standing on the porch for a bit, or make the effort to take a walk. The trail system in Plain Township is extensive and probably a portion of it is near your home. You will be greatly enriched by the exercise and the sights you see along the way.
3. Take time to enjoy animals. If you have a pet that can be walked, share the joy of outdoors with them by taking them with you on your walk. If you do not have your own pets, spend some time looking out the window and really noticing the animals in your yard. Cardinals in the snow are a beautiful winter picture!
4. Take time to call someone you have not talk to in a while. Even better, set up a time when the two of you can get together and offer to pick them up. Eating a meal is always more pleasurable if there is good conversation and sharing.
5. Take time to remember. Pick a time from your life and just sit quietly and return to that time in your head and get mental pictures of what you were doing and who was with you. You even get to choose the people!

So, take time and not be caught up in what others think you should be doing or buying. The best things in life are almost always free, but you must take the time to notice them. Stay well. We look forward to seeing you in 2023. - Judy Pocock

### ***Still Lots to Come***

***Dues*** - It is that time of year when dues are coming due for the 2024 year. So, do not forget to mail them. 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.

***Board of Directors*** - 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 also need volunteers to help with events and maintaining our archives.

***2024 Meeting Schedule*** - We have brought back the 12-month meeting schedule for 2024. This was in moth balls since COVID and we are happy to say we were able to create a full schedule. A copy is attached for your reference. Mark your calendars so you do not miss a meeting. We have a couple of different types of meetings scheduled. We are trying to keep our meetings current and interesting. If you have heard someone speak and think that might be of interest to our group, let one of our Board Members know. We keep a list going for the next year and in case someone cancels. This flyer is available on our website as well.

**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](mailto:preservingplaintwp@gmail.com).
- Articles are due the by the first Tuesday of the month (aka Board Meeting.)

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Canton OH 44721

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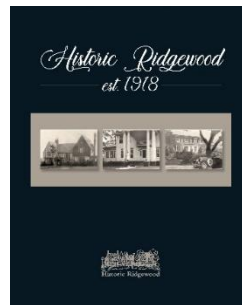
Web:  
[www.preservingplaintwp.org](http://www.preservingplaintwp.org)

Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/)

**McDonald's Fundraiser 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter** – Come and join us for our last McDonald's fundraiser for 2024 on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm. Dine inside and join us for a lively discussion on our history and whatever else comes up. We are very grateful to McDonald's for this opportunity and to our community for their generous support. We hope to see you there. Also, just a reminder that we receive 25% on 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 and our year.

**Wreaths Across America** – We were able to raise enough money from our November meeting raffle to provide the six Service Branch wreaths. The event takes place on December 16<sup>th</sup> at Henry Warstler Cemetery at noon. There is a short program and then the placing of wreaths by volunteers. If you are available, join the group as we honor those that served our country. See attached flyer for more information.

**Virtual Gift Bags** – Several of our collections have grown this year and we need to take steps to preserve these items like we do the rest of our collection. These items require larger archival storage boxes and other supplies. So, this year we are offering virtual gift bags that you can sponsor to purchase the supplies needed to preserve an item(s) in our collection. We are focusing on our bible collection that went from about five bibles to over 20 this year and our textile collection. There are several bibles from early families like the McDowell, Pontius, and Wise families that have arrived this year. Our textile collection also has grown with the addition of two quilts, rag rugs, and hand embroidered items. So how does this work? There is a separate flyer with the virtual gift bags and their contents. Simply choose the gift bag(s) you want to support. Either mail a check for the gift bag or drop off cash/check to the Plain Township Offices at 2600 Easton St, with your name and the number of the gift bag(s) you are supporting. It is as simple as that. This is a great way to honor someone who is no longer with us or is hard to shop for.

**Historic Ridgewood Publication**

Looking for a Christmas gift for that hard to shop for person? Is this person interested in area history? If so, there are still copies available of our latest publication "Historic Ridgewood." 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. 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 members will receive a \$5 discount on their purchase. To purchase a copy, you can stop by the Plain Township Offices at 2600 Easton St, Canton Preservation Resale Store on W. Tusc., contact one our Board Members or order on the Ridgewood website <https://historicridgewood.com/Store> Please note, we have a limited number of copies available.



### 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](mailto: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.

### Little “Gnome” Facts



Russell here, your wandering reporter for the month for the series “As the Hay Bales.” The boys are helping their mom get ready for Christmas and they highly suggested I “take a hike.” So, like any good gnome I did. I wandered over to check on the barn at Diamond



Park to see how it is coming along. Well, it looks like they are done. I will say that metal roof makes a mighty nice chapeau for the barn. Have a great holiday season and cherish the ones you are with and remember those that are gone. Happy Holidays from the Wanderers!

### This and That – Odds and Ends

**Genealogy** – We are up to 494,297 names in our database. We have put on our Christmas Wish List to reach 500,000 names by the year end. We are not just focused on quantity. By working directly with families who do genealogy, we are able to double even triple check our data so we can be as accurate as possible. We are still amazed every month by the names we added and how useful this tool is in answering research requests. So keeping those seedling trees coming.

**“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](http://www.preservingplaintwp.org), Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Wreaths Across American – Henry Warstler Cemetery Noon**

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – McDonald’s Quarterly Fundraiser Part 4 4-8 pm**

**Dec – No Monthly Meeting**

**Jan 2024 – No Monthly Meeting**

### Recent Donations

- Anonymous – Plain Local Midget Football Programs and Boy Scout Uniform
- Nancy Hill – Plain Center Grade School Photos
- Phyllis Rustifo – Photos of Hoover Co. Sample Room from 1950s
- Cindy Guest – Family Record of Mose N and Rebecca Yoder 1882-1986
- Fred Gray – Sara Wike Schneider painting



### 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](http://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](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/OH0344P)

**#ServeAndSucceed**

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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.