



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:

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| Checking | \$94.70 |
| Money Market | 10,303.95 |
| Endowment | 34,547.94 |

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

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Feb Meeting

Feb 19th - History of the Plain Township Historical Society – Presented by Judith Pocock

Time to Look Forward

Last month we took time and celebrated what we as an organization had accomplished. This month, we are looking forward. Our next three years are going to be busy. We have some exciting new adventures to share as well as continuing our efforts to share our history out in the community.

- In 2026, the United States will celebrate its 250th birthday (semiquincentennial). Events are currently in the process of being planned. The Stark County Local History group is putting together ideas of how we can promote the history of Stark County as a collaborative group. As more details become available, we will share. PTHS is already in the process of gathering information that fits into the categories that are going to be highlighted.
- In 2025, the Plain Township Historical Society will be 20 years old. Our February 2024 program is a great opportunity to look back at how things got started, how we got to where we are today and planning for the future. The board is looking for ideas for celebrating this milestone in 2025. Let us know your thoughts.

So, what is happening for 2024?

- We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with the First Ladies Library and Museum for their upcoming exhibit "Leaders in Literacy: First Ladies as Teachers, Educators, and Librarians." "The exhibit will feature over 13 of our nation's First Ladies who have led the way in advancing the cause of education and literacy in America. From one-room schoolhouse teachers such as Abigail Fillmore and Lucretia Garfield, to Eleanor Roosevelt's Arthurdale experiment, to Barbara and Laura Bush's literacy and reading initiatives, to current First Lady Dr. Jill Biden's college professorship, these powerful women have provided opportunities for empowering the youth of our country to learn, grow, and thrive through reading and education." The presenting sponsor is Huntington Bank. The exhibit opens to the public on May 1st, 2024 and will run through the end of April 2025. We will be providing support items to the display focusing on one room schools. We are still working on what items will be used. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share our collection out in the community.
- Since we are focusing on education with the First Ladies Library and Museum, we are going to continue that theme for the two 720 Sidestreet Markets we will be doing this this year. In June, we will feature all the schools from one room to modern day that were in Plain Township and/or part of the Plain Local School District. As for September, we will be featuring playground games. We are excited to highlight this facet of our collection.
- We will be working on plans for the for the 2026 semiquincentennial and the 20th Anniversary of PTHS.
- In March at our annual meeting, we will have a change in our officers. Judy Pocock is passing the torch and will stay as a Board member. It is important for dues to be paid, so

Looking for....

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:

Plain Township Historical Society
2600 Easton St NE
Canton OH 44721

Email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

you can vote for the next slate of officers. One of the Board's priorities will be to find new Board members, so we are ready when an officer position opens.

- Some of you might not know this, but the St. Jacob's church in Cairo had their last service on Christmas Eve 2023. PTHS has worked with St. Jacob's Church to make sure that the church records were preserved. Phyllis Rustifo has led this project since February of 2023 and we were successful in moving the physical records to our archives. Out of respect for St. Jacob's Church and the process they were going through to dissolve the church, we have kept this project on the down low. We are still in the process of culling through the records and understanding what information we have. This is a large undertaking with records encompassing over 150 years of history. All the items that have been entrusted to us are being digitized and put into proper archival storage. This project will continue in 2024. As for the church building, St. John's Anglican Church formerly located on Main St in North Canton has assumed responsibility for the church building. PTHS has reached out to them as a resource.
- Our McDonald's fundraiser is back for 2024 and the first one is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th from 4-7 p m. If you use the mobile app to order, we get 25%, otherwise we get 10%. We thank everyone that comes out and supports our mission through this partnership with McDonald's. In 2023, we raised almost \$2,000.
- We are always evaluating our fundraising efforts to see if they are still effective. After reviewing our efforts with the meeting raffle, we have decided to make a couple of changes for 2024. First, we will have meeting raffle prizes for our Sep, Oct and Nov meetings. The proceeds from these raffles will go towards supporting the Wreaths Across America event at Warstler Cemetery. PTHS has provided the wreaths for the different service branches for the last two years and we look to continue that again in 2024. Also, we will be assisting the Plain Township Fire Dept with adding new veteran burials to the roster. Warstler Cemetery has a long history and we feel it is important not only to lend our research and knowledge base to this project, but also to support the program with the wreaths.
- In place of the meeting raffles, we will be offering virtual gift bag sponsorships. Several of our collections have grown in the past year and need proper archival storage supplies. For example, our bible collection grew from 5 bibles to around 30. Most of the "new" bibles date from 1797 to 1850s and some are in German. It is important for us to preserve them for the future. Many are tied directly to early Plain Township families. Currently, we have a Valentine theme running. There will be brown paper bags at the meeting for each item. You can donate directly to an item or to the general endowment fund by placing your donation in the bag. If you are not at a meeting, you can mail in or drop off a check at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE Canton OH 44721. Attached is the current virtual gift bag list.
- Through our virtual gift bag fundraiser, we were able to fund our third portable scanner. We are in the process of adding a new person to our scanning arsenal. We are excited as this allows us more flexibility and the ability to process items in a timely fashion. Plus, this new person has experience scanning oversized items which is something that we were not able to do efficiently before.
- We have updated our display at the Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society museum in downtown Louisville. They are open on Saturdays from 10-2. Great small downtown vibe if you are looking for something to do on a Saturday afternoon. The Ah Gallery is a couple

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.

of doors down for your inner artist to come out. Also, check out Umbrella Alley. We are featuring 4-H in our display this year.

- Did you catch our article in the January 14th Repository? We were highlighted in their “5 Questions With ...” article. This is a great way to start off the year. We also provided an article for the upcoming newsletter from The Preservation Society. It seems the ink never dries until it is time to write an article for the other publications we work with: Plain Township Newsletter, EagleNation, and Plain Township Living Magazine. These publications along with this newsletter, Facebook and our website are great ways for us to share what is going on with our organization.
- We are working on our next publication, the “History of the Plain Township Fire Department.” This project was in the research phase for the last two years and is ready to be written. It will be a great follow up to our recently released publication “Historic Ridgewood.” Stay tuned for more details.

We have more things going on which we will cover next month. With all of that said, we have a lot of opportunities for people to volunteer on different levels over the next three years. If you see a topic that interests you, please let one of the Board members know. We can not accomplish these adventures without your help. In March, we will explore the Ohio 250 project which is the 250th United States birthday celebration in Ohio.

“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 2024 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.

Feb 19th – History of the Plain Township Historical Society – Presenter Judy Pocock

Mar 18th – How to Make Homes Safe – Presenter Plain Township Fire Dept

Apr 15th – Woman Suffrage in Ohio – Presenter Dr. Jamie Capuzza

Recent Donations

- Knish Family – High School newspapers
- Mary Bartley – Oakwood High School memorabilia
- Jeff McVey – GlenOak HS, Taft Jr HS and Middlebranch Jr HS yearbooks
- Plain Twp – Record of Official Oath and Bond book blank, Plain Twp Bicentennial notebook

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

In Partnership with ...



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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Going into their 19th year, this is an opportunity to take a look at why they exist and what they have accomplished.

Speaker: Judy Pocock

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Mar 18th, 2024

How to Make Your Home Safe - Annual Meeting

The Fire Department will discuss ways to improve your home's safety and explain the free fire detector program.

This is our annual meeting and election of officers as well.

Speaker: Plain Township Fire Department

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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