



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

Plain Township Historical Society

Mar 2024

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Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

Checking	\$375.60
Money Market	\$12,622.94
Endowment	\$34,597.94

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

Current Officers

President: Judith Pocock
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Vice-President: Cindy Guest
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cjquest@att.net

Secretary: Susan Henry
330-477-3272
Susanhenry72@gmail.com

Treasurer: JoEllen Reikowski
330-806-3146
jreikowski@neo.rr.com

Directors:

Connie Blinn
Cheryl Hutcheson
David Ross
Phyllis Rustifo
Lynda Theriault

Mar Meeting

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

Time for the Torch to Pass

Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. As you know by now, I will not be running for President of PTHS. The Board has known this for quite a while and we are prepared to take this next step smoothly and transition easily to our next leadership. Everyone is content with this slate of officers and board members.

We, from time to time, have interacted with other historical societies during their time of election of officers. It often does not go smoothly and, in fact, is sometimes a time of great unpleasantness and bad behavior. Even small disputes often take a long time to heal, and if there is a great out-pouring of bad feelings, the organization can suffer greatly for a long time. Preventing this was very important to me and there was no reason for it to happen—we work together well and it will just be a transition.

We have many new things going on and people are excited about getting together and meeting again. If you attended the February meeting you saw that we were helping two other new historical societies begin—helping others whether personally or organizationally is one thing we have made a priority.

And so, we move on to even greater things. Thank you for your kind words and thoughts through the years I have served as secretary and president. I am going to continue to be a part of the Board and helping in whatever capacity I can. As always, Judy Pocock

Annual Meeting

It seems like we just had our first meeting of the year in February. Oh, that is right it was. Well now it is time for our Annual Meeting as required by our Constitution and By-Laws. This year our officers will be changing (see slate below.) Your membership must be current for your vote to count. If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors, please let David Ross know or one of the other Board Members. We have a lot of good things happening and can use your input.

- President – Cindy Gest
- Vice-President – Phyllis Rustifo
- Secretary -Susan Henry
- Treasurer – Jo Ellen Reikowski
- Directors – Connie Blinn, Cheryl Hutcheson, Judy Pocock, David Ross, Lynda Theriault

McDonald's Fundraiser

March came in like a lamb and now it is time to roar with our quarterly fundraiser in partnership with McDonald's. It is hard to believe that we have worked with McDonald's for five years and 10 years overall working with a local business establishment. Monies from the McDonald's Fundraiser goes toward our Endowment Fund. Come and join us on Wednesday, March 20th from 4-8 pm. We receive 25% of the proceeds on mobile orders and 10% on non-mobile orders. Dine inside and join in the discussion about our



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:

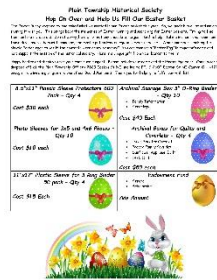
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Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownsHipHistoricalSociety/

history. Their may even be somebody from our archives joining us. See you there.

Hop on Over and Help Us Fill Our Easter Basket

Our “Conversation Heart” sponsorship was a great success raising over \$600 to provide for a new portable scanner and archival bible boxes. Next up is filling our Easter Basket. As we continue to work with several of the large collections that have come in, we need plastic sleeves of various configurations. Consider sponsoring an Easter egg to help provide the necessary supplies to protect our historical objects. Our new shelving donated by the Township is filling up fast with the St Jacob’s Church Cairo records and the other items that are stored in archival boxes. We continue to work on moving our items to standard, archival quality storage to protect these items for the future. We are excited about our growth and the stories we can tell. 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.

Ohio 250 Project

In 2026, the United States of America will be celebrating its Semiquincentennial (say that ten times fast) or its 250th Birthday. There are a lot of events being planned at the Federal, State and Local levels. The focus of this project is having people tell their stories. PTHS is working with other local historical groups, universities, museums and others on a joint project, which is still in the planning stages, to highlight the history of Stark County. PTHS on its own is also in the process of planning something. What PTHS is looking for now is to build a list of people, places, events, etc. that have a story to tell and stories we need to save. Yes, this is very broad and open to interpretation, but we need to start somewhere. You can help by letting Cindy Guest know of any stories your family may have or if you are interested in working on this project. Examples, how your family immigrated to the US, how a family business got started and grew, inventors, musicians, artists, what was farm life like, geological features, etc.

The State of Ohio will feature each month a different theme to promote: Jan - Ohio Originals and Firsts; Feb – Inventions, Innovations, Business & Work; Mar – Music & Entertainment; Apr – Transportation, Aviation, Automobiles & more; May – Arts & Culture; Jun – Natural Resources; Jul – Ohio Statewide Picnic & Homecoming; August – Ohio State Fair; Sep – Sports; Oct – Agriculture & Food; Nov – Veterans & First Responders; and Dec – Future Ohio. PTHS is going to use this framework to help guide the story telling we do.

Event Additions

We have added two events to our schedule this year. The first new event is Massillon Museum Genealogy Fair on Saturday, May 5th 11-3 pm. Last year this event was held at the Stark County Main Library Branch. We are excited to get out into the Massillon community and make new friends.

The second event added is the Hoover Park Festival on Sunday Jul 14th 10-2 pm. This will be at the Hoover Park outside, but we will be undercover. We are excited about adding this event to our schedule as this will be the first time attending for us.

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.

Genealogy

Well, our Ancestry.com database finally has cracked the 500,000-name mark in January (504,451). We continue to work with families to preserve their family trees. Thank you to everyone that has contributed. It still is not too late to contribute. Every name helps us understand how the people of our community are related. Also, we updated our Genealogy Resources list for 2024. This list contains all the genealogy books we have in our library. Our collection is over 300 physical and digital books. If you are interested in a copy of the list, please email us at preservingplaintwp@gmail.com.



Little "Gnome" Facts

Hi, we are back from hibernation. We are being tasked with guiding the Ohio 250 celebration that is going to take place in 2026. Our job is to go "truffle hunting" for those stories we need to preserve. So, join us on this adventure. Out for now, we will be back next month.

"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.

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

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

May 20th – Avondale One Room School and Vogelgesang Orchard – Presenter Dr. George Vogelgesang

Jun 17th – Annual Picnic – NEW LOCATION Al Leno Park off Pinecrest off Easton St – Covered Dish – 6:00 pm

Recent Donations

- Knish Family – High School newspapers part 2
- Judy Pocock – Ken Van Sickle items
- Brent Gieger – Photos and items made by Diane his mom

Endowment Donations

- Judy Rhodes – In memory of Wilbur Rhodes

In Memoriam

- Ronald Bair – February 2024
- Tom Pieper – February 2024

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.

Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Dates & Topics

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.

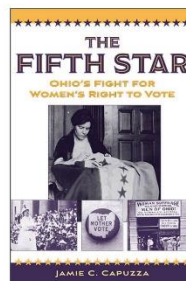
7-9PM at the Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE

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Apr 15th, 2024



Woman's Suffrage

Explore the Woman's Suffrage movement in Ohio with the author of the book "The Fifth Star."

Speaker: Dr. Jamie Capuzza

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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