



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:

Checking	\$331.73
Money Market	\$11,940.38
Endowment	\$47,514.55

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

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May Meeting

May 20th – Avondale
and a Grocery Bag
Courtship – Presented
by Dr. George
Vogelgesang and PTHS



And We Are Off

May is upon us and that means the beginning of event season for us. We were at the Stark County Local History and Genealogy Fair hosted at the Massillon Museum on May 4th, and yes, the force was with us. We were able to talk to people about Plain Township and reconnect with our fellow historical societies, genealogy groups, and friends.



In April, we furnished support artifacts to the First Ladies Library and Museum for the yearlong exhibit: *Leaders in Literacy: First Ladies as Teachers, Educators, and Librarians*. This is now open to the public and we encourage you to check it out. Our items are in two different locations: Abigail Fillmore and the One Room School display. If you go, take a selfie and post the photo to our Facebook page so we know who found our items. See their website for more details: <https://www.nps.gov/fila/index.htm>.

We have several speaking engagements scheduled as we look for opportunities to share about our organization and the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the United States. On May 3rd, we participated as part of Visit Canton's event at Belden Village Mall representing the America 250 Project Ohio. Next up will be the Plain Township Rotary on May 22nd. We will also be partnering with the Jackson Township Historical Society on their presentation about the Ohio and Erie Canal to the Northwest Elementary School on May 21st. As you can see, we have a busy event season in motion.

Just a reminder that our June picnic location is moving. We will be at the Al Leno Park, formerly Alpine Park, this year. We will have a map in next month's newsletter for you. The hot dog chef is ready to grill. This is a great relaxed atmosphere to sit around the picnic table and share our history with each other. Besides, you never know what stories will come out have eating a grilled hotdog. Mark your calendars for this covered dish event. See you there.

The Board of Directors set a goal for 2024 to have our cash assets reach \$50,000. With the generous donation from the former St. Jacob's Church of Cairo, we have exceeded that. So, the Board amended our goal to have our Endowment Fund reach \$50,000 by the end of 2024. We are within \$2,500 of reaching this goal. We can do this. Help us reach this goal.

Our May membership meeting topic is about the Avondale area. Our presenter will be sharing the story about his parents' courtship which has an interesting aspect to it. In addition, we will be sharing some background about the Avondale neighborhood and its history. More about that later. Come and enjoy an interesting tale sprinkled with some local history.

While the 2024 season is just getting underway, the Board of Directors will start in June the process of planning for our 2025 membership meeting speakers. If you have heard or know of someone who does a presentation, please let a Board member know. Also, if you are interested in helping the board plan our membership meetings for 2025 and beyond, we are

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.)

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Canton OH 44721

Email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

glad to have you join us. We already have a great new speaker for the 2025 schedule and she will be coming in 2026 as well.

Off To The Races

Well, the first leg of our Triple Crown gift bag fundraiser is complete and our winner is Affirmed representing Photo Sleeves. All our horses (gift bags) have entered the second leg of the Triple Crown. They are in the paddock and are getting ready to saddle up. This triple crown event is sure to be a winner no matter who you bet on; I mean support. Pick a horse to support from our lineup of triple crown winners. Each one is representing archival supplies. Just like these horses who are kept well groomed, these archival supplies do the same for our donations. We continue to work on moving our items to standard, archival quality storage to protect the items for the future. 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.

Out In The Community

720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square – June 8th will be here before we know it. This is the first of two 720 Sidestreet Market events we are doing this year. To follow the theme from the First Ladies Library and Museum exhibit about education, we are featuring the schools of Plain Township from one room schools to present day. This is a great opportunity to share our school related items to tell the story of how education has changed over 200 years. Our archive supports a diverse collection of artifacts and we can not wait to share them with the community.

We are looking for volunteers to help man the booth, so if you are interested contact either Cheryl Hutcheson or Cindy Guest. We have a flexible schedule. If you are not sure if you are available, just stop by and say “Hi.” You might just be surprised at what you see.

Avondale Neighborhood Turns 100 – This year the Avondale neighborhood turns 100. We are in the early stages of working with them to gather information to tell their story. We will be looking at ways that PTHS can support this neighborhoods effort to collect and preserve their history. If you know any former or current Avondale residents, please let them know about this project and connect them with PTHS or Avondale Home Owner’s Association. The more homeowner’s we can get involved, the more information we can gather, and the better story we can tell. Stay tuned as this is a brand-new venture and there is a lot of planning that needs to happen.

Also, as a side note, the Hills and Dales neighborhood also turns 100 this year. What history these two neighborhoods have and the stories they can tell. Hills and Dales is part of Jackson Township and Plain Local School System.

Little “Gnome” Facts

The Wanderer’s here. Wow we forgot the amount of work it takes to plant seeds. It seems that we have planted acres and acres and cannot wait to see what spouts from our efforts. We are of course referring to our grassroots efforts to raise awareness about the American 250 – Ohio Project for Stark County. The Stark County group is currently working on the design for a documentary that will explore 250 years of Stark County history in 25 items. Not an easy task but we are sorting through the candidates. Also, we have had the opportunity to talk to several of local historians to get their prospects on history from their vantage point. There is more coming, so stay tuned as plans continue to develop. Right now, we are currently

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 - \$10.00 ea
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.

developing a list of potential stories and making people aware of this project. 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.

This and That – Odds and Ends

McDonald’s Fundraiser –The next McDonald’s quarterly fundraiser is Jun 19th. So, mark your calendars and we will see you there.

Genealogy – Spring has sprung and our Ancestry.com tree has blossomed. We are up to 508,320 names. We are still working through the information on the Daum, Stockert, Albrecht and Schneider families and integrating that information. We always have room to plant more trees in our orchard. Let us keep planting those seeds.

“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. Board of Directors meetings are held at the Plain Township Hall. Check our website www.preservingplaintwp.org, Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

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

Jun 8th – 720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square 10 am – 3 pm

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

Jun 19th – McDonald’s 2nd Quarter Fundraiser 4 pm – 8 pm

Jul 15th – Demise of the William McKinley Home – Presenters Richard Haldi and Judith Pocock

Recent Donations

- Renkert Family – Genealogy
- Pieper Family – Tom Pieper items
- Kim Demor – Judy Russell items

Endowment Donations

- In Memory of Ron Bair and Don Wise



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.

Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Dates & Topics

May 20th, 2024

Avondale One Room School and Vogelgesang Orchard



Stop by and learn about the Avondale area, especially the Avondale One Room School and Vogelgesang Orchard.

Speaker: Dr. George Vogelgesang

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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

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Off To The Races

Saddle up and load into the gate, we are off to the races. Make sure you have your fancy hat ready and a mint julep in your hand. Let us make a "Run for the Roses," "Run for the Black Eyed Susans," and "Run for the Carnations." This triple crown event is sure to be a winner no matter who you bet on. I mean support. Pick a horse to support from our lineup of triple crown winners. Each one is representing archival supplies. Let us see who wins. The horse with the most support wins.

Please include your name and the Triple Crown winner. Checks can be dropped off at the Plain Township Offices 2600 Easton St NE, mailed to PTHS 2600 Easton St NE Canton OH 44721, brought to a meeting or given to one of our Board Members. Thank you for helping to fulfill our wish list.

<p>8.5"x11" Plastic Sleeve Protectors 600 Pack</p> <p>Cost \$30 each</p>  <p>Justify 2018 Triple Crown</p>	<p>Archival Storage Box 3" O-Ring Binder</p> <p>Cost \$40 Each</p>  <p>American Pharoah 2015 Triple Crown</p>
<p>Photo Sleeves for 3x5 and 4x6 Photos</p> <p>Cost \$10 each</p>  <p>Affirmed 1978 Triple Crown</p>	<p>Archival Boxes for Quilts and Coverlets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaac Shaefer Coverlet Pocock Family Coverlet Sunflower Applique Quilt 1978 Quilt <p>Cost \$50 each</p>  <p>Seattle Slew 1977 Triple Crown</p>
<p>Archival Boxes for Textiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child's Dress from Vicary Family Boy Scout Uniform Fireman Apparel <p>Cost \$25 each</p>  <p>Gitation 1948 Triple Crown</p>	<p>Endowment Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Scholarship <p>Any Amount</p>  <p>Secretariat 1973 Triple Crown Winner</p>

