



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

# Plain Township Historical Society

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*No Tricks Here, Just Treats*

## Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

Checking	\$441.02
Money Market	\$12,044.40
Endowment	\$48,463.52

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

## Current Officers

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Connie Blinn  
Cheryl Hutcheson  
Judith Pocock  
David Ross  
Lynda Theriault

Our volunteers were out in force in September raking in the opportunities to share PTHS history out in the community. The 720 Market at Oakwood Square fell into place once again providing us with the opportunity to talk to 80 people and make a contact with Heidelberg/Diamond Portland Cement (more on that later.) Next we gathered up a Sunday School class at Trinity United Church of Christ to share "My Kids Don't Want This Stuff." This was a very lively group and everyone was treated to shared stories about downsizing. Finally, we ruffed it at the Paws in the Park event where a dog/owner costume parade took place. It was a warm day, so we were woofed by the end. Lots of cute dogs and their owners. What a busy event year it was. We have two more events to come in December that we are supporting, so stay tuned.

Planning for 2025 is still underway. If you have any ideas for programs, presentors, or things you might want to do, please let Connie Blinn, David Ross or Lynda Theriault know. Our goal is to have the 2025 meeting schedule available at the November membership meeting. So no more leafing around, bag up your ideas and share with us.

## *October 2024 Meeting – Show and Tell: Stump the Group*

Our October meeting this year is going to be a little different. It is going to be a show and tell but with a twist. We are asking our membership to bring in an item or two, does not have to be Plain Township related, and we are going to play a game "Stump the Group." Our goal is to have some fun, share a laugh, and share a story or two. Here is how this is going to work:

1. Bring an item(s) to our meeting, do not let the cat out of the bag about what the item(s) is.
2. Find Cindy Guest to register your secret item(s).
3. Get a "Show and Tell Guessing Sheet" and write your name on the sheet.
4. Take your seat.
5. After a brief business meeting, during snack/break time, we will have an extended break time to allow everyone to peruse the items and write their guesses down.
6. No cheating off other people's work and no sharing, we have eagle eyed teachers in the room. Try not to use your cellphone to get the answer.
7. After everyone has had a chance to guess, take your seat and we will reveal the answers.
8. The top two guessers will win a prize. In the event of a tie, we will have a tiebreaker Plain Township trivia round.

The item can be a tool, kitchen item, gadget, invention, or even maybe something with an interesting story. Who knows maybe even items from our archives will show up. Gather up those stumpers and get ready for a fun evening.



## *Wreaths Across America Raffle*

Our October raffle to support the Wreaths Across America at Warstler Cemetery will be a gift basket from Hillcrest Farms in Walnut Creek Ohio. This basket is always filled with delightfully delicious fall treats. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the purchase of the seven

## Sep Meeting

**Oct 21st – Show and Tell: Stump the Audience – Facilitator: Cindy Guest**

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

**Contact info:**

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2600 Easton St NE  
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/)

wreaths to represent the seven branches of the Armed Forces for the Wreaths Across America event at Warstler Cemetery in December. We are part way to our goal of \$130 for this project. This will be the third year that PTHS has sponsored the service branch wreaths. We are excited about being a part of this partnership between the Plain Township Rotary and the Plain Township Fire Department. Tickets will be 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Must be present to win.

**Be A Dear and Volunteer**

Between 2025 and 2026 there are a lot of exciting opportunities for PTHS to get out and share our history. We can only do that with volunteers like you. Even if you are only interested in helping with one or two events, that is wonderful. In 2025, PTHS will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and in 2026 will be celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US. We are also looking to add to our Board of Directors. Board members attend one extra meeting a month to plan and guide our organization. We can always use people with ideas, time and business skills to help plan and manage our organization. If you are interested in more information about being a Board member, please contact David Ross. As always, we can only do as many community events as we have volunteers. So, if you are interested in getting on our volunteer list, please contact Cheryl Hutcheson. We are looking for creative, crafting, researchers, writing, etc. for ongoing projects.

**PTHS is Going to Be 20 in 2025**

The planning has started for our anniversary celebration but we still need some ideas. We have several things we are vetting right now to see if we can have them be a part of our celebration. We will have cake in February to celebrate the beginning of PTHS. We are hoping to have a special surprise for our picnic in June. All things are still tentative. If you have any ideas or are interested in helping with one of the special events, please contact Cheryl Hutcheson. Plans are under way for our two 720 Side Street Market events where the themes will be "Happy Birthday PTHS" and "Happy Birthday Plain Township Fire Department." The Plain Township Fire Department will be turning 50 in 2025. We have set an Endowment goal to reach \$50,000 at the Stark Community Foundation to kick off our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We currently short of our goal by \$2,037.

**This and That – Odds and Ends**

- ❖ It is that time of year for your dues' renewal. Dues run from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Any dues paid after Oct 1 are credited for 2025. Remember if you are 90 or older, first celebrate and second your dues are free. Dues are our main source of income to cover our fixed costs. Thank you for your continued support.
- ❖ Our dance card for 2025 is quickly filling up. We will be renewing our partnership with the Plain Library Branch at GlenOak High School. They were closed over the summer for a remodel and now they are open and ready to serve the community. We will be working on getting a small display established to show off our history. Stay tuned for more details
- ❖ You never know what opportunities you will come across out in the community. At the recent 720 Market at Oakwood Square, we were contacted by a person from Heidelberg/Diamond Portland Cement Company. We have a meeting scheduled in October to discuss some ideas on how we might partner together. This company has been a part of our community since the late 1800s. Excited to see what this opportunity brings.
- ❖ We have two people in scanning training to help digitize our archives. This is an important step in the process of making our archives accessible.

### ***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](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*



Hi, from the Wanderer’s family. Fall is one of favorite times of the year. The air is crisp. We have harvested what we planted for the year. The sights and sounds of football are back. We even have started planning our truffle hunting expeditions for next year. We are looking at exploring around the MAPS Museum. Heard there was an airplane there that has ties to Plain Township. There just might be opportunities in the future to share with MAPS some of the neat things we have gathered about the Martin family and the airplane. Who knows where that will lead. Maybe the “Shadow” knows. Well anyway, stay tuned and have a safe trick or treat month (more treats than tricks we hope.) We are also still working on dates to comb Warstler Cemetery for Veterans to support the Wreaths Across America event. Out until next month – The Wanderer’s

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

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup> – Show and Tell: Stump the Group – Facilitator Cindy Guest**

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> – History of the Stark County Library – Presenter Stephanie Houck**

**Dec and Jan 2025 – No Meeting**

**2025 Meeting Schedule is Process**

### **Recent Donations**

- Vera Dishong – Hoover Company Information, Hoover History Center Information
- Mary Ann Merryman – Photo postcards of Middlebranch and Diamond Portland Cement
- 1959 Canton-Massillon Directory
- Bair Family – Reference Books

### 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)

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

Oct 21st, 2024

#### Show and Tell

Bring an item in from your home that has a story you can share or something you are not sure what it is.

Speaker: PTHS Member



Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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

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Nov 18th, 2024

#### History of the Stark County Library

Here is an opportunity to learn how our Stark County Library system has evolved over the years and what is coming next.

Speaker: Stephanie Houck



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