



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	\$1,233.56
Money Market	\$10,135.52
Endowment	\$53,288.82

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

## **Current Officers**

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## *August Is A Fair Month and Back to School*

Is August really over? Is the Stark County Fair completed for another year? Are the kids back in school? This answer is yes to all these questions. It does not seem like fall is upon us and football is back. August was a chance for us to regroup and get ready for the fall. The Program Committee is hard at work finalizing the programs for next year and once again, the committee has come up with a nice variety. We are hoping to have the program list ready for the October meeting. If not, by November for sure. Even though we have the programs set for 2026, we are always looking for program ideas for future years. So, if you have any ideas, please share them with Connie Blinn or David Ross.

The August free monthly meeting was a video presentation on the Brooke and Anna Martin home that used to be located at the 12<sup>th</sup> St triangle (McKinley Ave, Market Ave and 12<sup>th</sup> St.) The home was moved to the 17<sup>th</sup> St NW and Market Ave area. This story is one about a once proud home built by Guy Tilden that was moved to preserve it, but preservation efforts failed. A thank you goes out to the Stark County History Collaborative for producing this video and allowing us to share it with you. We are looking at making this video available on our website in the future.

We continue our work and meetings with the Avondale Home Owner's Association and home owners to gather information for the book on the Avondale neighborhood. If you or someone you know has connections to Avondale, please contact either Cindy Guest or Phyllis Rustifo. We are in the process of scheduling interviews with people to capture their stories and memories. While the book will be similar in structure to the Ridgewood book, the Avondale book will reflect the uniqueness that makes Avondale special.

Research continues on the Stark Parks sign project. In August, we spent time with our friends in Magnolia. Paula Tolin sat down with us to explore what they have in their archives on the Fry Family farm and even took Cindy Guest on a tour of the property. The Stark Parks Fry Family Farm Park is beautiful and has so much potential. It is a great location to just get away from things and enjoy the views. Check out the Stark Parks website for more information on the park <https://starkparks.com/parks/fry-family-park/>. Thank you, Paula and the Magnolia Area Historical Society, for sharing and working with us on this project. We love to collaborate, share and learn.

At our September free monthly meeting, we will be having our annual mum raffle. There will be two live mum plants available. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards purchasing wreaths for the Wreaths Across America project at Warstler Cemetery in December. Also, in October, we will have another raffle basket with proceeds also going towards Wreaths Across America. PTHS plays a supporting role to the Plain Township Rotary, the Plain Twp Fire Dept and Warstler Cemetery by documenting the location of veteran's graves at Warstler. We will be back out in the cemetery soon since the weather has cooled down to work through the next sections. Our goal is to have all the veterans we can verify buried at Warstler identified by the Wreaths Across America event in 2026. We are halfway through the cemetery. Raffle tickets will be available at the meeting 1 ticket - \$1 or 6 tickets - \$5. This is an opportunity for you to pay tribute to those who served our country that are buried at Warstler Cemetery.

## **Sep Meeting**

**Sep 15th – Canton  
Police Dept Flying  
Squadron or Bandit  
Car – Presenter Susan  
Henry**

**Looking for ...**

Looking for high school jewelry to add to our collection from clubs, activities, sports, etc.

- Class Rings
- Lavalier
- 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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Web: [www.preservingplaintwp.org](http://www.preservingplaintwp.org)

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

Be sure to be at the next meeting as we have a couple of exciting announcements to share with you. If you can not attend the meeting, highlights will be in the next newsletter.

**Open Board Position** – We have an opening on our Board of Directors. If you are interested in helping to shape and share our Plain Township History, please contact David Ross.

**Indian Summer and PTHS**

Things may have cooled off, but we all know Indian Summer is just around the corner and things will heat up again. For PTHS, that is sure true for September and October. Make sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming events.

**Tues Sep 9<sup>th</sup>** – Unveiling of our new exhibit space celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Plain Township Fire Department before the Trustees meeting at 6 pm. We thought it only fitting to unveil our first permanent community-based display space at the Board of Trustees meeting. Because of the efforts of the Trustees and Administration, we now will have a place to share our archives and bring the rich history of our community to the people. We will be growing into this space and adding features as funding becomes available. Next month we will share more information on what will be in the exhibit space.



Plain Township Historical Society

Come Join the Plain Township Historical Society

At the Side Street Mkts at Oakwood Square

On September 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-3 pm

Located at Oakwood Square Plaza on the corner of Middlebranch Ave NE and Easton St NE

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plain Township Fire Department



Stop In for a Step Back in Time!



**Sat Sep 13<sup>th</sup>** – 720 Sidestreet Mkt at Oakwood Square, 10 am – 3 pm Free: We will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Plain Township Fire Dept with a display of items. Our newest publication “The History of the Plain Township Fire Department” will also be available for \$20. This is part of PTHS’s celebration of the fire department and recognizing their contributions in making our community a safe place to live. Come and stroll the local vendors and stop by and say hi.

**Thur Sep 18<sup>th</sup>** – Plain Local Schools Foundation Hall of Distinction Induction Ceremony, Hall of Fame Village 6 pm – 9 p: This year the Plain Township Historical Society is pleased to be inducted as the Community Partner of the Year. PTHS also nominated Chief Clarence Snyder, who

will also be inducted on that evening as well.

**Sat Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Massillon Cemetery Creep ‘N Crawl sponsored by the Massillon Library. Location is the Massillon Cemetery at 1827 Erie St S Massillon OH. This is a free event open to the public and no reservations required. “Wander through history on a self-guided stroll through the Massillon Cemetery, where the past comes alive through captivating stories – some inspiring, some mysterious and maybe even a little spooky!” This is a fun event for the family and PTHS is glad to be volunteering. Come and see if you can find Cindy Guest. What will she be dressed as this year?

**Sat Oct 11<sup>th</sup>** – Plain Township Fire Department Open House 2-4 pm Central Fire Station on Schneider. As part of fire safety week, PTFD is having an open house to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. PTHS will be there with a display and the “The History of the Plain Township Fire Department” book. Activities for kids of all ages. Stop by and say “Thank You and Happy Anniversary.”

## Publications available for purchase

- History of the Plain Township Fire Department - \$20.00 each
- Historic Ridgewood - \$20
- Educating Plain Township – Middlebranch High School 1927-1957 - 2 Volume Set \$20.00
- Educating Plain Township – Glenwood High School 1957-1975 - 2 Volume Set \$20.00
- 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 – 2 Volume Set \$10.00

## 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.

## Wanderer's Return



Hey we are back. What can I say, the summer was just too hot to get out and do much. Roman here and I just wanted to introduce my cousins Glen and Glenda Wanderer. They have joined us to be our wandering researchers on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GlenOak High School. They will share history tidbits over the next year to highlight this anniversary. We only thought it was appropriate for Glen and Glenda to be the hosts since their names are derived from GLENoak just like GlenOak's names was derived from Glenwood and Oakwood High School. More to come stay tuned. Hey I even hear a rumor the newsletter might expand especially since the America250 project is just around the corner. That will be wonderful for us wanderer's as we have much to share.

***"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 2025 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.

**Sep 13<sup>th</sup> – 720 Sidestreet Mkt at Oakwood Square 10-3 – Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plain Township Fire Dept**

**Sep 15<sup>th</sup> – Canton Police Dept Flying Squadron or Bandit Car – Presenter Susan Henry**

**Sep 18<sup>th</sup> – Plain Local Foundation and Alumni Association Hall of Distinction Induction Pro Football HOF 6-9 pm**

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Plain Twp Fire Dept Open House Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2-4 pm**

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – Building Preservation – Presenter Steve Coon**

## Recent Donations

- Oakwood Middle School – Middlebranch Middle School apparel

## Endowment Donations

- In Memory of Barbara Guest

## In Memoriam

- Barbara Guest

### Endowment Giving

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship/Stipend Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

## Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Date & Topic



Oct 20th, 2025

#### Building Preservation

Examples and the process of restoring historic buildings

Speaker: Coon Caulking Team Member

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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

*Celebrating 50 Years of Service with the Plain Township Fire Department!*

*Come for a visit....*

Central Fire Station Open House and Celebrating Fire Prevention Week  
October 11, 2025 - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

- > Explore Hands-on Fire Safety Displays
- > Interact with the Safety Trailer
- > Test Your Skills Using a Real Fire Extinguisher
- > Kids Can Spray a Fire Hose Like a Firefighter
- > Guided Station Tours
- > Climb Aboard Fire Trucks, EMS Vehicles and Check Out High-Tech Rescue Gear
- > Historical Display by Plain Township Historical Society
- > Light Refreshments



Plain Township Fire Department Central Station  
1742 Schneider St NE  
Canton OH 44721

(Across the street from GlenOak High School and adjacent to Veteran Park)