



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	\$1,164.52
Money Market	\$10,445.69
Endowment	\$61,600.35

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

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Connie Blinn
Cheryl Hutcheson
Judith Pocock
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Nov Meeting

**Oct 20th –
Butterflies –
Presenter Carol
Sutek**

Let's Talk Turkey!

It is hard to believe that we are almost at turkey time. Time to break out your best "Turkey in the Straw" dance. Maybe you will join Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the gang for a special Thanksgiving feast. Whatever your traditions, we hope the turkey wishbone breaks your way.

All this turkey talk might lead to a nap, but we are not quite ready for that yet. We still have our last free membership meeting of the year and one community event on the calendar. On Veteran's Day, we will be giving a program on "Preserving and Storing Family Photographs and Papers" at the Stark County District Library Plain Branch located at GlenOak High School on November 11th at 6:00 pm. RSVP on the library's website.

Before your slice of pumpkin pie, join us for our last free membership meeting of the year on "Butterflies" presented by Carol Sutek. What a great way to end our year by exploring a springtime related topic. Carol will also be available to answer questions about her family's farm and dairy. The Campion farm and dairy was located where the Stark County jail is today. Ending the year with thoughts of spring.

Our 2026 free meeting program schedule is included in this mailing. Connie Blinn and David Ross have a wonderful lineup of speakers and topics for next year. With America250 in 2026, the program list reflects some topics from our neighboring communities. As we continue to expand our network and make new friends, it is nice to be able to share their histories as well. Mark your calendars starting in Feb 2026 so you do not miss out.

The October free monthly meeting was a given by Steve Coon on some of Coon Caulking's restoration projects. It was very interesting to hear the stories, how Coon Caulking got involved, and the before and after of each of the structures. Just shows what a creative approach and partnerships can do to help preserve historic buildings.

Our mum raffle was a success and raised money to support the purchase of wreaths for the Wreaths Across America project at Warstler Cemetery. In October, we had a work day with the Plain Township Rotary Club to help locate veteran graves for the December 13th event. There are over 400 veteran graves in Warstler Cemetery representing most of the wars and conflicts since the Revolutionary War. This is one of the ways PTHS is working to give back to the community.

It just seems like yesterday that PTHS entered their 20th Anniversary year, and now we are almost to the end of that celebration. The Board set out a couple of goals to highlight this accomplishment. Some we knew we could do; others were challenge goals for us. Fortunately, due to the strong support of the community, our friends and members, we were able to accomplished more that we thought we could. 2026 will be another exciting year with new opportunities and challenges for us. We are ready to support the big event of America 250. We will talk about this more in the following month as well.



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.
- Articles are due the by the first Tuesday of the month (aka Board Meeting.)

Contact info:

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Canton OH 44721

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Web:
www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

Coming Up

Tues Nov 11th – Veterans Day event sponsored by Plain Township at the Central Fire Station on Schneider St NE from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. A free dinner provided by Mission BBQ with entertainment by Majestic Voices and a flag retirement ceremony.

Tues Nov 11th – “Preserving and Storing Family Photos and Papers” presented by Cindy Guest at the Stark County District Library Plain Branch, GlenOak High School at 6 pm. This program explores proper ways to handle and store your family photos and paper related items.

Sat Dec 13th – “Wreaths Across America” program at Warstler cemetery. This is a time to honor those who served our county by placing a wreath on their grave. You can participate in the actual wreath laying and/or come and enjoy the program and comradery of the event.

America 250

We have talked a lot about the America 250 event celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States and the various projects that we are working on. It is our goal to reenergize people’s interest in history by participating in various community activities. There are many events that are going to take place and the best way to keep track is on the Visit Canton website, <https://www.visitcanton.com>. Visit Canton will be the hub of information concerning all these events. This will also give us the chance to reach different audiences by posting events and programs that will we hosting. All of this is very exciting.

There are opportunities for you to get involved. Each month our display at Plain Township Hall will change to reflect the monthly theme being promoted by Ohio 250. If there is a topic you are interested in helping with, please let Cindy Guest or Phyllis Rustifo know.

What are we looking for? No experience required first off. If you have craft skills, we can use them. Maybe you have a family member with Plain Township ties that fits into one of the themes, share their story. There are many months where we need content. Plus, this gives you the opportunity to share that person’s story for the future. Stop in and check on the display to see if the display needs adjusted. Helping to research, writing the stories, setting up the display, etc. There is an opportunity for everyone. The monthly themes are listed below for reference.

Work on the Stark County documentary continues. The tentative release date is March 2026. We will be showing part of that documentary at our July meeting. Make sure to mark your calendar for that one. We are very proud of the work Red Point, Dobish Legacy Films, and all the groups participating have done. For many of us, this is the first documentary we have participated in. We know we have learned a lot and look forward to figuring out how to incorporate more videos into our website and Facebook page.

Also, as part of the celebration, there will be a “Past Port” that will be distributed to the community encouraging people to visit the various participating organizations. Get your “Past Port” stamped at ten specified events or locations and you will receive a baseball cap supporting the Stark County America 250 project. There is also a mascot for the Stark County group doing the documentary named “Stampy” and he is a passport.

Our 2026 event schedule is already filling up and we are going to some new places. Here is our schedule so far:

- ❖ Feb 10th – PERI Group – Program on America 250
- ❖ Mar 14th – Home and Garden Show (1 day) – promoting the documentary

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 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.

- ❖ Apr 16th – Stark County District Library – Program “Canalway of Dreams”
- ❖ Apr 21st – Jackson Township Historical Society – Program “Ohio and Erie Canal in Jackson Twp”
- ❖ May – Canton Preservation Society Annual Meeting – Keynote Speaker “Architecture of Avondale”
- ❖ May 21st – Stark County District Library North Branch – Program “Artists of Plain Township – Gertrude Oberlin Robinson, Hooked Rugs and Charles Clewell, Pottery
- ❖ Jun 13th – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square – Happy 50th Birthday GlenOak High School
- ❖ Aug 18th – AEP Retirees Lunch – Program “Trash or Treasure? My Family Doesn’t Want This Stuff”
- ❖ Sep 3rd – Jackson Township Historical Society – Program “Tam O’Shanter Golf Course”
- ❖ Sep 12th – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square – Celebrating America 250
- ❖ Oct 3rd – GlenOak High School Class of 1981 Reunion – Display related to the Class of 1981

Ohio 250 Monthly Themes

If you, a family member or someone you know has a story that will fit into one of the themes listed, please let Cindy Guest know. We are gathering ideas for what to include each month. Currently nothing is set in stone as we are in the planning stages.

- ❖ January – Ohio Originals and Firsts
- ❖ February – Inventions, Innovations, Business and Work
- ❖ March – Music and Entertainment
- ❖ April – Transportation, Aviation, Automobiles and More
- ❖ May – Arts and Culture
- ❖ June – Natural Resources
- ❖ July – Ohio Statewide Picnic and Homecoming
- ❖ August – Ohio State Fair (We will be focusing on the Stark County Fair)
- ❖ September – Sports
- ❖ October – Agriculture and Food
- ❖ November – Veterans and First Responders
- ❖ December – Future Ohio

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.

Dues Reminder – Just a reminder that your 2026 dues are due. If you are 90+ as of Jan 1, 2026, then your dues are free. Any dues paid from now until the end of the year (2025) will be credited as 2026 dues payment. 2026 is going to be a very busy year and you will not want to miss what is happening.

“Invest in Plain’s History” by becoming a member, volunteering, making a monetary donation and donating items related to Plain Township!

Archives Donations

- Plain Local Schools – Vintage Glenwood and GlenOak clothing items

Endowment Donations

- Anonymous

Endowment Giving

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Endowment Fund: _____

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

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 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.**

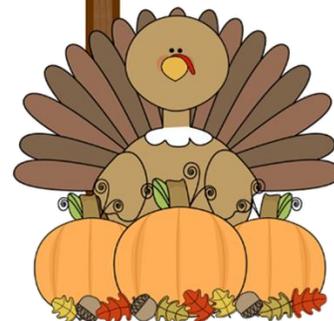
General meetings are held at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton OH unless otherwise noted. These meetings are free and open to the public. We have a brief meeting, followed by refreshments and then a historical topic presentation. Board of Directors meetings are held at the Plain Township Hall. Check our website www.preservingplaintwp.org, Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

Nov 11th – Plain Township’s Annual Salute to Veterans – Central Fire Station 4:30 – 6:30 pm – Dinner by Mission BBQ, Music by Majestic Voices and flag retirement ceremony

Nov 11th – “Preserving and Storing Family Photos and Papers” – Plain Branch Library at GlenOak High School 6 pm – Presenter Cindy Guest

Nov 17th – PTHS Free Meeting Butterflies – Presenter Carol Sutek 7 pm

Dec 13th – Wreathes Across American Ceremony – Warstler Cemetery Noon



Plain Township's Annual Salute to Veterans

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
 4:30-6:30 pm
 Central Fire Station
 1742 Schneider St NE,
 Canton, Ohio 44721

Join us for a free dinner by Mission Barbecue, entertainment by Majestic Voices, and a flag retirement ceremony.

VETERANS DAY

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Come Join the Plain Township Historical Society
At Plain Branch - Stark County District Library

Plain Township Historical Society - Cindy Guest, President and Archivist Presenting

Preserving and Storing Family Photos and Papers

On November 11th from 6 pm-7 pm



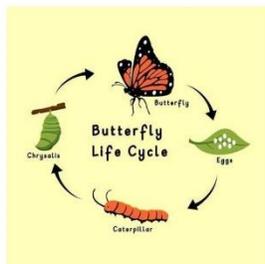
RSVP on Library Website

Plain Branch Library at GlenOak High School
 1800 Schneider Rd NE

Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Date & Topic



Nov 17th, 2025

Butterflies

From a Master Gardner, all about the unique qualities of butterflies and the benefits to our gardens.

Speaker: Carol Sutek

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 13, 2025** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Help Plain Township Rotary honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Henry Warstler Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to the right to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0344P

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

#ServeAndSucceed