



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	\$241.52
Money Market	\$10,421.03
Endowment	\$63,208.35

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

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Things Are Blooming in March



My turn, Russel Wanderer here. Hopefully, you are getting outside and enjoying this warmer weather. As we Wanderer's come out of hibernation, we are checking what is blooming around us. March came in as a lion, but is now roaring forward as we get ready for more America 250 celebrations. Last month we hit it out of the park with our first free community meeting of the year. We are following that up with a bang while we get to hear about Alliance in the boom time of the 1910s. March will also be our Annual meeting where we vote in our Board of Directors and Officers. How could I forget the next installment of the America 250 exhibit at Plain Township Hall. Boy how I remember momma Rhonda and I dancing the night away under the mushroom caps at the Moonlight Ballroom. Check out the new display. We are still working on bringing virtual exhibits to our website for you to enjoy as well. More on upcoming events below and we hope to see you on Mar 16th for our Annual meeting and free community meeting where we will hear Karen Perone of the Alliance Historical Society speak on "Alliance Boom Times 1910s."

America 250 March Edition



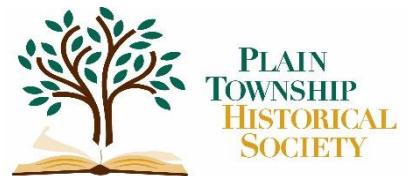
This month we are featuring "Music and Entertainment with Ties to Plain Township" to coincide with the Ohio 250 Theme of "Ohio Entertains: Music & Entertainment."

Come check out the exhibit at Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE. We are featuring WIN-Wonderful Radio Station, Community Bands, Abbey Foltz Stage, Legary Park Amphitheater and the music of Meyers Lake Moonlight

Ballroom. The exhibit will run through Mar 31st 2026.

Did You Notice?

Did you notice in the upper left hand corner of the newsletter something different? Check it out. Yes, that is our new logo. This project has been on our to do list for several years and as part of the America 250 celebration, we wanted to launch the logo. We are working with a graphic designer who in collaboration with us came up with the design. Stayed tuned because we have two other freshen up projects coming our way.



The tree pays omage to the orginial elm tree that stood in the center of Plain Township at Market and 55th st. Also, it reflects our extensive genealogy database and tree of knowledge.

Mar 16th Meeting

**Alliance Boom
Times 1910s
Presented by Karen
Perone, Alliance
Historical Society**

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:

Plain Township Historical Society
2600 Easton St NE
Canton OH 44721

Email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

Web: www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

The open book symbolizes our research, digitization and writing projects. This new fresh look is very exciting for us.

March Annual Meeting

Yes just as the flowers are starting to bloom, that means it is time for our Annual meeting. The membership will be voting on the slate for Board of Directors and Officers. There are no additional agenda items for the meeting. Make sure your dues are paid to vote. We are always looking for people who are interested in serving on our Board. If you are interested in receiving more information, please see David Ross.

America 250 Upcoming Events

March 25th at Lincoln Lion Theater in Massillon (Mar 25th) is the premier of the Stark County America 250 documentary that we are a part of. This evening is free and open to the public. The doors open at 6:00 pm and Dr. Thomas Sosnowski will be the keynote speaker. Also that evening will be a panel discussion about history happenings around Stark County with the crowning jewel of the evening a showing of highlights from the documentary. This documentary was filmed over that course of last year featuring various historical societies, museums and historic places around the county. Plans are already underway for the next season of history in Stark County.



That evening will also launch the Stark County Historical Pastport. The Pastport allows you to document your journey through Stark County history with organizations tied to the documentary. You can get your first stamp at the Documentary Premier on Mar 25th at the Lincoln Lion Theater. Collect ten Stamps (Mascot) stamps and you can stop by VisitCanton to pickup a Stark County Historical Pastport ballcap. The Pastport gives you instructions on how, when and where to collect other stamps. Pastports are available at Visit Canton and participating organizations. Come and join us

on this adventure.

As part of the fundraising efforts for the documentaries, there will be a "Month of May Basket Raffle." Each day a different raffle basket will be available. The raffle runs from May 1st through May 31st. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. A name is pulled at random each day to see who wins the basket. See Cindy Guest to register for the basket raffle. All funds from this fundraiser will go towards funding season 2 of the Stark County Historical Pastport Documentaries. That's a wrap until the premier.

Where to Find Information About America 250 Events

There are several sources of information available to discover what is happening with America 250. If you are traveling out of Ohio, each state has its own website, you will need to google each to find the website with event listings. As for our area:

- ❖ **America 250** is the nationwide coordinator of events. <https://america250.org/> is the website that contains a lot of information. There are links to the various states as well.
- ❖ **Ohio 250** is the state wide coordinator of events. <https://america250-ohio.org/> from here you can access a calendar of events and find out about various programs that are being offered: Ohio Goes to the Movies, Ohio Air & Space Trail, Murals Across Ohio, etc.

Publications available for purchase

- Images of America Canton Ohio 1998 Canton Preservation Society - \$15.00 each
- 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

Download from our website or Facebook page for free

- Exploring Plain Township – Piecing the Puzzle Together – North Canton

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.

- ❖ **Stark County** - Visit Canton is the local coordinator of events. <https://www.visitcanton.com/plan-a-trip/trip-ideas/american-heritage/> from here can access what is going on in Stark County.
- ❖ Local communities, museums, and history groups may also have their own website and list of events.

There are a lot of opportunities this year to explore our history.

Now Available Through PTHS – Richard Haldi Books

PTHS is excited to partner with Richard Haldi to make several of his previously published works available for purchase. We will make them available at our free community meetings and other community events. The books are \$20 each for a PTHS member and \$25 each for a non-PTHS member.

Currently Available:

- *Canton’s Lost McKinley Home* – A Stark County Scrapbook
- *From Reapers to Sweepers Vol 1 Reapers* – A Stark County Scrapbook
- *From Reapers to Sweepers Vol 2 Watches* – A Stark County Scrapbook

This and That

There is a lot on our calendar this year so keep checking the newsletter, website and facebook page for current information.

Home and Garden Show – PTHS will be at the Home and Garden show as part of the Visit Canton booth on Saturday Mar 14th from 10-1. If you are at the show, stop by and say Hi. We are excited about this opportunity to be able to share information about our organization.

St. Haralambos Church Women’s Group – We will be presenting our “Trash or Treasure” program to this group on March 31st at 6:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with these ladies.

Avondale Book – Work continues on interviewing residents of the Avondale neighborhood, as well as, research into background of the area. This book has a target release date of Jun 2026. We are still looking for photographs, information on the houses, ads and other items that will help us to tell the story. Avondale is a story that is not written down and this is our opportunity to capture their one hundred year history. Also, “Avondale Architecture” will be the keynote address at the Canton Preservation Society’s Annual dinner in May, more information on that later. If you have any information on Avondale, please contact Cindy Guest.

“Images of America Canton Ohio” – This publication is now available through PTHS. We are assisting our friends at the Canton Preservation Society with reducing their inventory of this book. Published in 1998, it is a pictorial view of Canton and is \$15 each. These books will be available at our free monthly meetings, Plain Township Hall or by emailing us. See last page of the newsletter for a picture of the cover.

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. 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!

Endowment Giving

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

 In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____ Endowment Fund: _____ Community/Educational 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 2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

General Meetings are the third Monday at 7 p.m.**Board of Directors Meetings are the first Tuesday at 2 p.m.**

General meetings are 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 at the Plain Township Hall. Check our website www.preservingplaintwp.org, Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

Mar 13-14th – Home and Garden Show – HOF Village**Mar 16th – Annual Meeting – Alliance Boom Times 1910s – Presented by Karen Perone, Alliance Historical Society****Mar 25th – Stark County Local History Group Documentary Premier at Lincoln Theater Massillon 6-9 pm. Free and open to the public****Apr 16th – Stark County District Library Main Branch 6 pm – PTHS presenting Canalway of Dreams – RSVP on Library website****Apr 18th – MAPS Museum Cub Scout/Girl Scout “Go See It” Day – Museum Hours – RSVP on MAPS Website – PTHS will have a display**

50% OFF ADMISSION*
DEC. 19 - FEB. 28 *FOR STARK COUNTY RESIDENTS



NEW EXHIBIT!
NOW OPEN

*Pro Football HOF Exhibit Now Open –
Extended through March 2026*



Stark County Historical Pastport Premiere

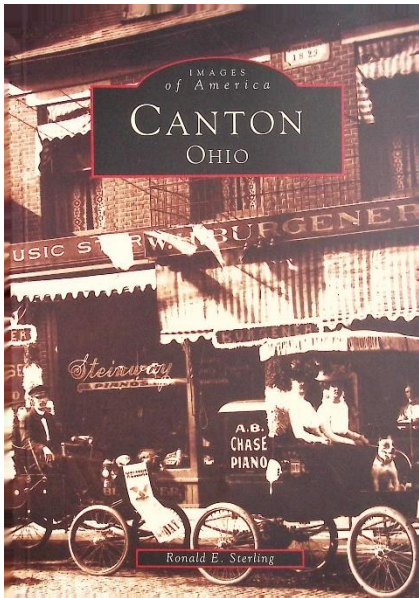
Join the Stark County Local History Group for the premiere of our America250 project, the Stark County Historical Pastport!

We will be featuring a Stark County History Panel, information on our historical societies, a sneak peek at our documentary series, and our keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Sosnowski!

Where: Lions Lincoln Theatre
156 Lincoln Way East, Massillon OH
When: Wednesday March 25, 2026
Doors open at 6pm, Program 6:30-9:00pm

Free admission to all! Join us to get your first Pastport stamp to win your official SCHP hat!

Message Dr. Leslie Heaphy (lheaphy@kent.edu) with any questions. See you there!



Publication Now Available from PTHS \$15 each

Archives Donations

- Canton Twp Historical Society – Plain Twp Related Items
- Jackson Twp Historical Society – Plain Township Related Items

Endowment Donations

- None

Ohio 250 Monthly Themes

Here are the themes for our exhibit space each month. We are looking for your input into people, places and events that might fit those categories. If you have any information or know someone who can help us, please contact either Cindy Guest or Phyllis Rustifo. The content must tie to Plain Township in some way.

- ❖ January – Plain Township Originals and Firsts [Ohio Originals and Firsts] - **Closed**
- ❖ February – Plain Township Inventions, Innovations, Business and Work - **Closed**
- ❖ March – Plain Township Music and Entertainment - **Launched**
- ❖ April – Plain Township Transportation, Aviation, Automobiles and More
- ❖ May – Plain Township Arts and Culture
- ❖ June – Natural Resources
- ❖ July – Plain Township Parks [Ohio Statewide Picnic and Homecoming]
- ❖ August – Stark County Fair and 4-H in Plain Township [Ohio State Fair]
- ❖ September – Plain Township Sports (this could be at any level pro, high school, community, business, etc)
- ❖ October – Plain Township Agriculture and Food
- ❖ November – Plain Township Veterans and First Responders
- ❖ December – Plain Township theme being developed [Future Ohio]



Plain Township Historical Society

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Program Date & Topic

Mar 16th, 2026

Annual Meeting - Alliance Boom Times 1910s



Explore Alliance's growth as it emerged from its formative years into a boom town driven by industry and innovation.
Speaker: Karen Perone, Alliance Historical Society

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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



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Upcoming Program Date & Topic

Apr 20th, 2026

Erma Bombeck



An evening with Erma Bombeck a native Ohioan as portrayed by Lori Noebe.
Speaker: Lori Noebe

Come and Join us for a free meeting.

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

