



Engage, Educate, Empower

Your Organization at 2014 Alliance Regional Meetings

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Hard as it is to believe, spring is almost here, and spring means it is time to attend the Ohio Local History Alliance's regional meetings. Regional meetings, as one of last year's attendees noted, are "the chance to interact with other local historians and exchange ideas." They are your opportunity to be inspired by the great work being done across your region and even across the state. This year's meetings, whose theme is *Engage, Educate, Empower: Taking Your Organization to the Next Level*, promise to help you discover ways to take your organization (large, small, or in-between) to the next level.

There's Something for Everyone

Each regional meeting agenda is created by your peers, who heavily rely on your comments and suggestions from the previous meeting's evaluations. Every



Regional meetings are a great chance to reconnect with long-time friends and make new ones. Photo courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society.

session features expert presenters, who are almost always from your own region and always from Ohio. This year's meetings address topics relevant to all local history organizations. Taking the best care of the objects in your charge is always a popular topic. This year, sessions like "Love It or Lose It: Re-evaluations of the Collections You Keep" (Region 3) address the best ways to care for your significant artifacts. Another popular topic is how to spread the word about all the great things your

organization offers, whether through social media ("Social Media Trends: Why Should I Care?" – Region 5), digitizing collections ("Digital Collaborations to Engage Your Audience" – Region 3), and even making the case for your organization to funders and other stakeholders ("Educate to Advocate: Making the Case for Your Organization's Future" – Region 2). At many meetings, you can also learn how to create compelling educational (Continued on page 3)

REGIONAL MEETING DATES

- Region 1: April 5, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Toledo
- Region 2: April 12, Clyde Heritage League, Clyde
- Region 3: April 5, Middleburg Heights Historical Society, Cleveland
- Region 4: April 12, Kent State University May 4 Visitors Center, Kent
- Region 5: March 15, Perry Township History Club, Canton
- Region 6: March 22, Whitehall Historical Society, Whitehall
- Region 7: March 15, Clark County Historical Society, Springfield
- Region 8: March 22, Delhi Historical Society, Cincinnati
- Regions 9&10: March 29, Ross County Historical Society, Chillicothe (combined meeting)

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President's Message:

It is Regional Meeting time! The staff of the Local History Office and your Alliance regional representatives have been hard at work putting together individual agendas for each meeting that will offer you a full day of learning, networking, opportunity, and fun, too! We are pleased to offer nine meetings throughout the state. Hosting a meeting allows you to showcase your site to your regional neighbors. If you have never hosted, or if it has

been awhile, please consider volunteering to be a future host. If your site is physically too small to accommodate a meeting, consider partnering with an area organization. In addition to historic sites, regional meetings have been held in churches, social halls, libraries, and other venues. We would love to come to your community!

In addition to being Regional Meeting season, it is tax time too. Please take a moment to read through the article in this issue of *The Local Historian* to learn more about the tax check-off program and what a lasting difference your contribution can make. The

second round of History Fund grants will be announced at Statehood Day on February 27. History Fund grants are making a real difference for Ohio organizations.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Regional Meeting around the state!

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STATEHOOD DAY Features Ohioan ERIN MORIARTY of CBS News; History Fund Grants

By Todd Kleismit, Director of Community and Government Relations, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus



Ohio's annual legislative advocacy event, Statehood Day, will be on Thursday, February 27 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. Statehood Day is a chance for Ohio's history supporters to come together, as well as an opportunity to meet with their state legislators. This year's event will feature a guest speaker, Erin Moriarty of CBS News, the announcement of this year's History Fund grant recipients, and the presentation of the first "History Champion" award, which will be presented to a state legislator who has "gone above and beyond" in promoting Ohio History.

Guest speaker and Cincinnati native Erin Moriarty will speak about her experiences from a historical perspective. She began her career working as a reporter in Columbus before moving to Cleveland.

In 1990, she became a correspondent for *48 Hours*, where she has covered a range of important social and legal issues.

One of the day's highlights will be the presentation of the History Fund grants. OHS Executive Director Burt Logan said, "The OHS tax check-off that provides the funding for these grants was itself something that we advocated for each year at Statehood Day. So it is highly appropriate that we celebrate that achievement at this event and recognize those history-related projects that are moving Ohio forward."

Sixty-four organizations submitted grants to the Ohio Historical Society by the September 5, 2013 deadline. Approximately \$110,000 in grants are expected to be awarded, according to Andy Verhoff, History Fund grant manager.

Statehood Day activities also include lunch. Registration for the event is \$25 (for lunch) through Friday, February 14. The registration price increases for those registering after that date. To register and for more information, go online at www.ohiohistory.org/statehoodday.

Statehood Day is sponsored by the Ohio Historical Society, Heritage Ohio, the Ohio Archaeological Council, the Ohio Local History Alliance, the Ohio Genealogical Society, the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, Preservation Ohio, the Ohio Academy of History, the Ohio Council for Social Studies and the Society of Ohio Archivists. ■

Engage, Educate, Empower Your Organization at 2014 Alliance Regional Meetings

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programs through sessions like "Connecting and Engaging Teachers and Students" (Region 8) and "Engaging Students without Field Trips" (Region 5). And all this is just a sample! Every meeting will also include Sharing Time, the meetings' most popular feature. Come prepared to share, in two minutes or less, what your institution has been doing in the past year.

Also, schedule permitting, the Ohio Historical Society's CEO Burt Logan will again attend the regional meetings this year to share exciting news about the future of OHS and how it is positioning itself even more advantageously to strengthen Ohio's history and those who champion it. Be one of the first to hear this news by attending.

Meeting Dates and Registration

Regional meetings will be on Saturdays in March and April, beginning March 15. There are two meetings per day, except for March 29, which is the combined meeting for Regions 9 and 10.

All meetings will be finished by Easter weekend on April 19-20. See the sidebar on the front page for a complete list of regional meeting dates and locations.

All the regional meetings, except for Region 3, begin at 9 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. The meetings conclude no later than 4 p.m., after a tour of a local historic site or a talk on a local history subject. The complete schedule for each regional meeting is in the regional meeting brochure, mailed in January. Download it from <http://www.ohiohistory.org/local-history-office/professional-development>. Note that you will receive two versions of the brochure. In the first, the pages are stapled out of order (oops!). Our printer corrected this in the second version and sent that, too.

To register for a regional meeting, complete and return the registration form attached to the brochure, visit www.ohiohistory.org/register, or call the Local History Office toll-free at 1-800-858-6878. See an interesting session in a region other than your own? You are welcome

to attend any meeting in any region other than your own that fits your interests. Non-members and friends of the Alliance are also welcome to attend, so they can get a taste of the networking that is the Alliance's most popular membership benefit. Please register for the meeting(s) you wish to attend no later than the Monday before the meeting date.

Registration fees are the same as last year – just \$25 for Alliance members and \$32 for non-members. If your organization is an Organizational Member of the Alliance, the member rate applies to all members of your organization. The registration fee includes breakfast and lunch, provided by the host organization, as well as all other meeting materials.

Join us to learn new skills, refresh old ones, see old friends, make new connections, and leave inspired about your organization's future. We hope to see you soon! ■

Enhancing Social Studies Content for Museum Educators

By Becki Trivison, Museum in a Box Program Administrator, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus

The Ohio Historical Society is excited to introduce **Museum in a Box: An Ohio History Resource Kit**, which is an educational resource designed to enhance the revised Ohio Social Studies Academic Content Standards. This resource targets students at the elementary and middle school grade levels and includes hands-on artifacts and images from the Ohio Historical Society's collection that relate to the state's unique history.

Museum in a Box is an updated version of the Case Histories program, which was developed over a decade ago by the education department at the Ohio Historical Society. The objects and images included in each kit have been updated, refreshed, and streamlined for optimal use in various educational programs and settings. They were selected to engage students. In addition to being redesigned to align to Ohio's revised Social Studies Academic Content Standards, an emphasis has been placed on 21st century skills and historical thinking skills. These resource kits will allow students to examine, analyze, and ask questions about objects, images, and maps that will help students develop these crucial skills, which will benefit them for life. Museum in a Box kits are available in a variety of themes and are designed to be shipped to teachers, museum professionals, and librarians who are looking to enhance the

student experience in their classrooms or organizations. Museums can use these kits to enhance their current educational programming or as a small display to compliment an existing exhibit.

In each case, you will find objects and images that can help develop an educational program, or compliment one that has already been created. Objects can be displayed like a small museum exhibit, or they can be handled by students to be analyzed. Each resource kit comes with an informational CD that will provide descriptions of all the objects, worksheets and activities, and any related historical information. There are currently five different topics to choose from, and all offer the same benefits to students in terms of developing their skills. These topics include **First Ohioans**, which are resources

that relate to the people who lived in Ohio from 13,000 BCE to 1650 CE; **Life of a Civil War Soldier**, which contains objects that a Union soldier would have carried while enlisted; and **Pioneer Life**, which will give students a sense of what life was like for families who traveled to the Northwest Territory. Other topics are currently being re-developed to help meet the needs of educators and will be available in the fall of 2014.

You can learn more about the Museum in a Box resource kits by visiting the website at <http://www.ohiohistory.org/education/museum-in-a-box>, or by contacting the program administrator, Becki Trivison, at rtrivison@ohiohistory.org. Resource kits are \$40 for a two week rental period and can be shipped anywhere in Ohio. ■



Items from the Pioneer Life Museum in a Box resource kit. Photo courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Mark Sundlov is the new department manager of the **Ohio Historical Society's Local History Office**. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in U.S. History and then served as a launch control officer in the Minuteman missile system in North Dakota. Following his service commitment, Sundlov worked in the historic sites system of the Wisconsin Historical Society and then graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with his M.A. in Public History and Museum Studies. For the past seven years, Sundlov has worked with the State Historical Society of North Dakota as an historic site supervisor and then as a regional manager for the state's historic sites. It

is in these roles that he further developed his passion for working closely with statewide historical organizations and museums. Welcome Mark!

Sarah Sisser was named the executive director of the **Hancock Historical Museum** in August 2013. She had previously served as the museum's interim director. Sisser graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in historic preservation. She also has a master's degree in community planning from Auburn University.

Donna McGuire has joined the staff of the **Lorain County Historical Society** as

a collections and research assistant. She has experience in the travel industry and recently earned her master's degree in library science. She is currently working on updating the society's library database.

We are sad to report the death of **Earl P. Olmstead** on August 22, 2013. Olmstead served as president of the Tuscarawas County Historical Society, was instrumental in the placement of 15 Ohio Historical Markers, and spearheaded the finding of mass graves at Fort Laurens. He also served as a member of the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, appointed by Governor George Voinovich.



hootsuite™

By Leann Rich, Manager of Education & External Relations, Mahoning Valley Historical Society, Youngstown

HootSuite is a social media management tool. It allows you to manage your Twitter, Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn, Foursquare, and WordPress accounts all in one place. The platform is web-based, so you can access your account anywhere there is a wi-fi connection. You can also download mobile apps.

HootSuite has a basic free option, which lets you manage up to five social media profiles (“networks”). Each Facebook page that you manage is considered a “network,” so if you have multiple pages you will meet the limit on the free account quickly. They also have a Pro Account for \$9.99/month that lets you manage unlimited social profiles and lets you have up to two users running these accounts. This is really useful when, for example, the management of your company Twitter profile is shared by two different people. HootSuite is easy to use and has nice features like post scheduling, search streams, and analytics.

It is really easy to get started, and there are many online tutorials that can walk you through the basics. The program lets you create an account using your Facebook login information; it then walks you through the process of adding your profiles.

Post Scheduling

HootSuite makes scheduling posts easy to do: choose your network, write the update, click on the calendar icon, and pick your date and time to post. A new feature is “AutoSchedule” technology. The tool uses algorithms to determine the best time to post per network and schedules your post to take advantage of that timeframe. Also, AutoSchedule will stagger posts to more than one network at least 15 minutes apart, making sure that you do not spam a post to multiple networks at the same time.

Twitter Streams

If you are following hundreds of accounts on Twitter, it is easy to feel overwhelmed when reading the home feed. HootSuite has a nice feature to set up search streams and Twitter lists. For example, you can put all the museums or historical organizations you follow together. You will never miss an interesting tweet related to your historic house again! You can also create a stream based on a specific hashtag. For example, last October you could have made a search for #OLHA2013 and would have been able to read all the tweets from annual meeting participants in one place.

Analytics

Each week, HootSuite sends an email with a PDF attachment of “click summaries,” which is information about your audience. HootSuite gives you graphs showing the number of clicks per day,

geographical information on the people clicking through, top referrers, and most popular links. This information is free for all users, and it gives you a brief overview of how you are doing on a weekly basis. Unfortunately, the report will only work for you if you always use HootSuite to manage your networks. This is because it tracks the click-throughs using HootSuite’s own URL shortener. If you use other apps, such as the Twitter or Facebook websites or mobile apps, any click throughs from those posts will not be shown.

HootSuite makes it easy to manage multiple accounts, monitor conversations about your organization, respond to visitor inquiries and comments, and send out important updates to your networks. Visit <https://hootsuite.com> to learn more or get started. ■

Pivotal Year for History Fund

YOU CAN HELP!

By Andy Verhoff,
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Columbus

The more income tax check-off donations OHS receives, the more History Fund grants it can make. As the Wright Brothers may have said, “the sky’s the limit.” There is, however, a target we must hit (as Annie Oakley might say). The tax check-off must generate a minimum of \$150,000 in donations in 2014 (for tax

year 2013). According to a state law passed last summer, income tax check-offs falling under that \$150,000 threshold two years in a row will be removed from the tax form.

We plan to tackle that goal like General U.S. Grant took Vicksburg – but we need an army of Alliance members and local historical societies to do it:

- Cut and paste the sample article (right) and include it in your newsletter in February, March, and April (before the tax filing deadline of April 15).
- Post the YouTube videos and other images at www.ohiohistory.org/makehistorycampaign on your website or Facebook page.
- Ask local libraries to hang the posters at www.ohiohistory.org/makehistorycampaign in places where they distribute tax return forms and instructions.
- Send a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the tax check-off and History Fund (samples at, you guessed it, www.ohiohistory.org/makehistorycampaign).

• Contribute yourself, and tell friends and family and tax preparers about OHS’s tax check-off and the History Fund.

The History Fund grant program is in its second year. Like its first year in 2013, demand for grants is strong. The Fund received 64 applications for \$788,000 in requests by the application deadline of September 5, 2013. After administrative expenses, the program will have approximately \$110,000 to grant. Those grant funds come from you, as Ohio taxpayers.

Recipients of grants currently under review will be announced at the Statehood Day, February 27, at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. The deadline for applications for 2015’s round of grants is

to be determined, but it will be posted in June at www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund, where you can also find information about eligible projects and applicants, grant amounts, and instructions for applying. Or, contact the Ohio Historical Society’s Local History Office: localhistory@ohiohistory.org or 800.858.6878.

Sample Newsletter Article

Your Tax Return Can Make History

Editor’s Note: Feel free to cut and paste this article and insert it in your organization’s newsletter. For other fun promotional materials, visit www.ohiohistory.org/makehistorycampaign.

It’s tax season again, and this is just a reminder that the voluntary tax “check-off” for the Ohio Historical Society that you’ll find on your Ohio individual income tax return benefits history- and preservation-related organizations throughout the state.

When you opt to donate a portion of your state income tax refund to the Ohio Historical Society, it goes to support the History Fund, which makes grants to organizations for local history- and preservation-related projects in communities across Ohio.

In 2013, the History Fund received \$137,153 in donations from 15,890 Ohioans who contributed a portion of their state income tax refund. Most donations are small, averaging \$8.63 in 2013, but the impact is big for those who receive History Fund grants. The matching grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

The tax check-off benefiting the History Fund first appeared on state income tax forms in 2012. The first History Fund grants were awarded in 2013 for a variety of history- and preservation-related projects. Learn more about the recipients of grants in 2013 and their projects at www.ohiohistory.org/historyfundrecips.

Please consider donating a portion of your tax refund to the Ohio Historical Society for the History Fund when you complete your state income tax return this year. Questions about the History Fund? Visit www.ohiohistory.org/makehistory or call the Ohio Historical Society’s Local History Office at 800.858.6878.

I wonder if I can deduct Union Army headquarters as my home office?

OHIO HISTORY
You can't help General Grant with his taxes, but your tax return can help save history. Donate to Ohio History on your Ohio tax return and fund history projects in local communities. ohiohistory.org/makehistory

MAKE HISTORY
Your tax return can

The tax check-off that makes the History Fund possible needs your help. Just about all (99.7%) of the History Fund’s funds come to the Ohio Historical Society because of the tax-check off box on your Ohio income tax return. Look for “Ohio Historical Society” at Line 27c on Ohio form IT-1040 (and Line 20c on IT-1040EZ.) We ask you, members and friends of the Ohio Local History Alliance, to encourage members of your historical societies to donate to the tax check-off (and you, too!).

We have made it easy. Go to www.ohiohistory.org/makehistorycampaign. There you will find a lot of material for your newsletters, websites, Facebook pages, and other social media. We are especially proud of the YouTube videos that feature Annie Oakley, General U.S. Grant, and the Wright Brothers – all of whom have joined in promoting the tax check-off and the History Fund.

Congratulations!

Ohio Historical Marker Grant Recipients

At its October 2013 meeting, the Ohio Historical Marker Grant Committee made awards to fund part of the cost of erecting these markers. Congratulations to these communities and applicants.

Garrettsville: The Thief and the Justice: The Last Great Train Heist, James A. Garfield Historical Society and the James A. Garfield Local School District. The Ohio Historical Marker will tell the story of a daring train robbery by gangster Alvin "Creepy" Karpis during the Great Depression and how it inspired the name of the local high school's mascot.

Greenfield: C.R. Patterson and Sons Company, The Historical Society of Greenfield, Ohio. This marker chronicles the story of what is believed to be the only African American owned truck and car maker in the nation's history.

Lima: P-39 Airacobra Crash Site, LaFayette-Jackson Historical Society. The marker will commemorate the sacrifices of the state and nation's veterans on the home front during WWII by telling the story of this site.

Maineville: Jeremiah Morrow's Barn, Friends of the 20 Mile House. This marker focuses on the farm of one of the State of Ohio's early leaders, describing structure of the barn, and offering a brief biography of the Jeremiah Morrow and his service to the new state of Ohio.

Newark: Licking County Jail and Sherriff's Residence, Licking County Government - Records and Archives. The marker describes an incident in the county's history which reveals that the Temperance movement before Prohibition was more than singing hymns of front of saloons - it could be violent, too.



Wilmington College alumni and former faculty attend the dedication of a marker commemorating the dorm they helped build, Marble Hall, on Wilmington College's campus. This marker was awarded an Ohio Historical Marker grant and an Alliance Outstanding Achievement Award. Photo courtesy of the Quaker Heritage Center at Wilmington College.

Grants!

Ohio Historical Marker Grant Applications Due April 1

In April 2014, the Ohio Historical Marker Grant Committee will meet again to make the next round of grant awards. Now is the time to apply! The next deadline for Ohio Historical Marker grants is April 1, 2014.

If your historical society wants to apply for a marker, find the application, price list, and other information at www.remarkableohio.org. It is easy to apply for a grant. Just check the line at the top of the application that reads "Yes, we apply for funding for our marker through Ohio Historical Markers Grants Program." Remember, to be considered make sure your application is postmarked or e-mailed by April 1st. Questions? Call the Ohio Historical Society's Local History Office at 800.858.6878 or email localhistory@ohiohistory.org.

One does not need to apply for a markers grant to erect a marker. Local sponsors who want to pay the entire cost of a marker, may work with the Local History Office at any time of year. Please note that we expect a price increase for markers in May 2014. Current prices for markers range from \$2,300 to \$2,580. Good luck!

OHRAB Grants Available

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board (OHRAB) announces the availability of grants between \$500 and \$2,000 to archival institutions to fund projects to preserve and/or provide access to Ohio's historical records. Proposals must be received by February 28, 2014. Awards will be announced March 21, and projects must be completed by December 31, 2014. Eligible institutions may be public or private. Preference will be given to institutions with permanently valuable archival materials of less than 500 cubic feet. Eligible projects include those that improve physical access to collections, arrangement, description; and making catalog descriptions of records or digital images or records available online. Funding is made possible by a Federal re-grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), an arm of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For more information, visit <http://www.ohrab.org/>.

Professional Development



Ohio Museums Association Annual Meeting Coming in April

The Ohio Museums Association (OMA) Annual Meeting, *Imagining the Museum: Leadership, Education, Collaboration*, will be held at the Ohio University Inn & Conference Center in Athens, Ohio on April 6-7, 2014.

This year, attendees are asked to ponder the question, “where will your museum be in ten years?” The museum of the future is taking shape right now in Ohio. Advances in mission alignment, leadership, funding and earned revenue generation, exhibition design, and collections management are happening each day that will help determine which Ohio museums succeed and which struggle. What will the next decade hold in store for you museum? For more information and to register, visit <http://ohiomuseums.org/professional-development/conference/>.

ICE Applications Available

The Institute for Cultural Entrepreneurship (ICE) is for mid-career history museum and other arts and culture professionals. ICE is designed to introduce business applications and principles of entrepreneurial thinking and the goal is to expand participants’ vision and leadership skills. ICE is a four-day experience that immerses participants in the world of nonprofit entrepreneurship training through case studies and skill-building exercises that generate creative ideas. The training sessions are catalysts that challenge traditional models of museum work in innovative and creative ways.

Applicants need to be comfortable engaging in rigorous leadership development experience, including full participation in Institute activities and, over the course of the year, parallel work on their entrepreneurial challenge. All applicants must be active in the museum or historic preservation field for a minimum of six years. Applicants should be in a position of institutional responsibility and have the capability to influence policy and effect change in their institution. Applications are due May 1, 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.instituteforculturalentrepreneurship.org/>.



Creative Learning Factory Offers Museum Educator Series of Webinars

The Creative Learning Factory is offering its series of Museum Educator webinars throughout 2014. This series is designed specifically for museum professionals and is aimed at providing participants with professional development opportunities. The schedule for 2014 is:

- **March 26 - “Using Traveling Trunks for Educational Programming.”** Field trips to museums are not always an option for schools, but incorporating artifacts and objects into the classroom with a traveling trunk program can offer some of the same benefits. Learn how to develop or improve your own traveling trunk programs.
- **April 17 - “Connecting to Educators.”** Museum education has become more than just field trips. To achieve their missions and the needs of teachers and students, museums must build relationships with this core audience. Learn strategies for engaging educators.
- **November 5 - “Keepers of the Story.”** Developing a first-person character presentation is a great way to show the human impact within different historical periods. This webinar will cover the basics of creating a first-person character, particularly from the African American experience, and offer some strategies for overcoming the challenges and difficulties you may face.

You can also register for and view previously recorded webinars on “Incorporating Historic Interpretation” and “STEAM: A Museum Educator’s Perspective.” For more information about these, and all the webinars in the series, visit www.creativelearningfactory.org.

Awards



AASLH Awards Nominations Due March 1

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) bestows Leadership in History Awards to encourage standards of excellence in state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all Americans. By

recognizing achievements, the Leadership in History Awards serve as an inspiration to others in the field.

AASLH awards recognize excellence for projects and individual achievement. Projects can include civic engagement, exhibits, multimedia, preservation projects, publications, public programming, and special projects. Special consideration is given to new and promising ideas, approaches, and innovations that will serve as a model for the field. Awards are primarily conferred on accomplishments occurring within the eighteen months prior to the March 1 deadline. For more information, including submission guidelines, visit <http://about.aaslh.org/awards/>.

News from the Regions

In 100 words or less, do you have outstanding news to share about your organization? Please email it to your regional representative for the next issue of *The Local Historian*. Contact information for the representatives in your region is on page 2 of this issue. Of course, you are welcome to forward your news directly to the editor of *The Local Historian* at arohmiller@ohiohistory.org. Rather than serving as a calendar of events, items for News from the Regions are chosen to inspire, connect, and educate the Alliance's members all over Ohio and celebrate notable and imitation-worthy accomplishments of Alliance members.

Region 1

Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood Counties

Region 2

Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties

Region 3

Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and Summit Counties

The **Black River Historical Society** has changed its name to the **Lorain Historical Society**. The change comes as part of the society's continuing growth and transformation. The new name is meant to increase people's awareness of the history and traditions in the City of Lorain. For more information about the society, visit <http://www.loraincityhistory.org/>.

The **Stow Historical Society** recently celebrated the movement of the Old School House to the society's property. The society is now working on completing the restoration of the building's exterior and interior. The hope is to have the building open by October 2014. To learn more about the Old School House, go to <http://www.stowhistory.org/>.

Region 4

Ashtabula, Geauga, Mahoning, Portage, and Trumbull Counties

Region 5

Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne Counties

The **Dover Historical Society's** director, Matt Lautzenhesier has published a new book on Dover history through Arcadia Press. *Legendary Locals of Dover, Ohio* includes photographs and short biographies of over 100 Dover citizens from the early 1800s to the present. The included stories range from the quirky and down-to-earth to those who accomplished the great and memorable. All proceeds from the book go to the support of the society. For more information, go to <http://www.doverhistory.org/>.

Region 6

Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Perry, Pickaway, and Union Counties

Community volunteers have joined together to spruce up the **Motts Military Museum**. Thanks to volunteers from the **Union Savings Bank**, the Rickenbacker House has a fresh coat of paint. Sixty-five volunteers from the **Ohio Association of Foodbanks** volunteered on the 9/11 Service Work Day and painted some of the museum, pulled weeds, and blacktopped walkways. The materials and other costs of these projects were covered by donations from the Union Savings Bank and **Home Depot**. To learn more, visit <http://www.mottsmilitarymuseum.org/>.

Region 7

Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby Counties

With the help of two retired teachers, the **Green County Historical Society** is developing a new program to encourage fourth graders to visit, even though school field trips have been curtailed. On the last Saturday of each month, children can bring a lunch to the society, learn a

little history through a "show-and-tell" session, and make a craft. For more information, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/greenehistoricalsociety/>.

Region 8

Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties

Happy birthday to the **Oxford Museums Association!** The association turned 60 in the fall of 2013. It is continuing its good work of operating the Pioneer Farmstead, DeWitt Log House, and Black Covered Bridge. To learn more, go to <http://oxfordmuseumassociation.com/>.

The **Clermont County Historical Society** has made its historical photograph file available online. Over 700 files are available on the website. Currently the photographs are categorized into "villages," "townships," "around the county," "notable citizens," and "events." You can find these treasures online at <http://www.clermont-county-history.org/>.

Region 9

Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton Counties

Region 10

Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, and Washington Counties

The **Noble County Historical Society** has acquired an historic church bell for its museum. The bell had previously hung in a local church until it disappeared in 2011. The bell was recovered in 2012 and had been housed in the Noble County Sheriff's office. The society is currently refurbishing the bell and will unveil it in 2014. For more information, go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohnoble/histsoc.htm>.

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Founders Online

[http://founders.
archives.gov](http://founders.archives.gov)

In honor of President's Day in February, check out this digital collection of the papers of some of the founders of the United States. The National Archives has digitized papers of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams (and family), Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison. All of the almost 150,000 documents are fully searchable and annotated.

Join the Ohio Local History Alliance...

...or connect a sister organization to the Alliance and ask its leaders to join in one of the following categories:

Organizational Member

Get six issues of *The Local Historian*, save when you register for our Alliance regional and statewide local history meetings, receive periodic email updates, and save on Ohio Historical Society services for organization, including speakers and customized training workshops. **Best of all, when you join the Alliance as an Organizational Member, your membership benefits all of your organization's staff and members**—they will all qualify for discounts on registration for the Alliance's regional and statewide meetings and when buying Alliance publications.

Operating budget:

Over \$200,000 a year:
\$100 (\$190 for 2)
\$100,000-\$200,000 a year:
\$75 (\$140 for 2)
\$25,000-\$100,000 a year:
\$60 (\$110 for 2)
Under \$25,000 a year:
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Get six issues of *The Local Historian*, save when you register for our Alliance regional and statewide local history meetings, receive periodic email updates.

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Student: \$20 a year

Business Member

\$100 a year (\$190 for 2)

Join at <http://www.ohiohistorystore.com/Ohio-LHA-formerly-OAHSM-C120.aspx>

CALENDAR 2013

February 28

Application Deadline, OHRAB Grants. For more information see page 7.

March 1

Nomination Deadline AASLH Leadership in History Awards. For more information see page 8.

March 15

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 5&7 Meetings. For more information, see page 1.

March 22

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 6&8 Meetings. For more information see page 1.

March 29

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 9&10 Combined Meeting. For more information, see page 1.

April 1

Application Deadline, Ohio Historical Marker Grants. For more information, see page 7.

April 5

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 1&3 Meetings. For more information, see page 1.

April 6-7

Ohio Museums Association Annual Conference. For more information, see page 8.

April 12

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 2&4 Meetings. For more information, see page 1.

April 15

Tax Day! Be sure to contribute to the History Fund! For more information, see page 6.

May 1

Application Deadline, ICE. For more information, see page 8.

Calendar items are chosen on the basis of available space and applicability to the largest number of our readers, who are mainly volunteer and professional leaders of local historical societies, history museums, archives, libraries, historic preservation groups, and genealogical societies in Ohio. We cannot include events mainly of local interest; for these we suggest local newspapers, broadcast media, Ohio Magazine, 1-800-BUCKEYE, and, if arts related, www.ArtsinOhio.com

Membership

List as of January 8, 2014.

Welcome New Members

Organizations

Avon Lake Historical Society, Avon Lake
Columbus Landmarks Foundation,
Columbus
Delphos Canal Commission, Delphos
Metamora Area Historical Society,
Metamora
Museums and Historic Sites of Greater
Cincinnati
Yellow Springs Heritage, Yellow Springs

Thank you Renewing Members

Individuals

JoAnn Bertram, Cincinnati
Carl T. Engel, Painesville
Mary Alice Mairose, Westerville
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Leianne Neff Heppner, Akron
Pamela J. Rohrbacher, Sylvania

Organizations

A.B. Graham Memorial Center Museum,
Conover
Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne,
IN
Belmont County Historical Society,
Barnesville
Belpre Historical Society, Belpre
Blanchester Area Historical Society,
Blanchester
Boardman Historical Society, Youngstown
Bremen Area Historical Society, Bremen
Brimfield Historical Society, Kent
Brunswick Area Historical Society,
Brunswick
Butler-Clearfork Valley Historical Society,
Butler
Camp Tuscazoar Foundation Inc., Zoarville
Canal Winchester Area Historical Society,
Canal Winchester
Carlisle Area Historical Society,
Miamisburg
Carroll Area Historical Society, Carroll
Cincinnati Astronomical Society, Cleves
Clintonville Historical Society, Columbus
Columbus Metropolitan Library,
Columbus
Crosby Township Historical Society,
Harrison
Cuyahoga Falls Historical Society,
Cuyahoga Falls

Delaware County Historical Society,
Delaware
Delhi Historical Society, Cincinnati
Edison Birthplace Association, Milan
Enon Community Historical Society,
Enon
Erie County Historical Society, Sandusky
Evendale Historical Commission,
Cincinnati
Friends of White Water Shaker Village,
Cincinnati
Fulton County Historical Society,
Wauseon
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike
County, Waverly
Gates Mills Historical Society, Gates Mills
German Culture Museum, Walnut Creek
German Village Society, Columbus
Glendale Heritage Preservation,
Cincinnati
Grand Rapids Historical Society,
Grand Rapids
Granger Historical Society, Medina
Greater Loveland Historical Society
& Museum, Loveland
Hanover Township Historical Society,
Hanoverton
Hebron Historical Society, Hebron
Heritage Commission Corporation,
South Charleston
Hilltop Historical Society, Columbus
Hinckley Historical Society Inc., Hinckley
Historical Construction Equipment
Association, Bowling Green
Kirtland Temple Historic Center,
Willoughby
Lake County Historical Society,
Painesville
Lake Township Historical Society,
Uniontown
Lakeside Heritage Society Inc., Lakeside
Lakewood Historical Society, Lakewood
Lillian E. Jones Museum, Jackson
Lisbon Historical Society, Lisbon
Lucy Hayes Heritage Center, Chillicothe
Lynchburg Historical Society, Lynchburg
Madog Center for Welsh Studies,
Rio Grande
Mariemont Preservation Foundation,
Cincinnati
Maritime Museum of Sandusky,
Sandusky
Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor Inc.,
Toledo
Memorial Museum, Defiance
Miamisburg Historical Society,
Miamisburg

Middleburg Heights Historical Society,
Cleveland
New Albany-Plain Township Historical
Society, New Albany
Noble County Historical Society,
Caldwell
North Canton Heritage Society, North
Canton
North Fairfield Firelands Historical
Association, North Fairfield
Oxford Museum Association, Oxford
Perrysburg Area Historic Museum, Inc.,
Perrysburg
Plain Township Historical Society, North
Canton
Progress Through Preservation, Akron
Promont House Museum, Milford
Richfield Historical Society, Richfield
Riverside Historical Society, Dayton
Roseville Historical Society, Roseville
Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center,
Fremont
Spring Hill Historic Home, Inc.,
Massillon
Springfield Township Historical Society,
Petersburg
Summit County Historical Society,
Akron
Sylvania Historical Village, Sylvania
Tallmadge Historical Society, Tallmadge
Tippecanoe Historical Society, Tipp City
Toledo History Museum, Inc., Toledo
Toledo Lucas County Public Library,
Toledo
Ukrainian Museum-Archives, Cleveland
Union County Historical Society,
Marysville
West Carrollton Historical Society,
West Carrollton
Williams County Historical Society,
Montpelier
Willoughby Hills Historical Society,
Willoughby Hills
Windsor Historical Society, Windsor
Wood County Historical Center
& Museum, Bowling Green
Wyoming Historical Society, Wyoming



"Change is in the air."

"I'm in favor of change as long as it doesn't involve me."

"The only thing constant is change."

By Burt Logan, Executive Director, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus

Photo courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society

Let's face it....change is inevitable. In fact, there are many indications that the pace of change is constantly increasing. How do we respond to such a rapidly progressing environment? We have two basic options.

First, we can wait for change to occur. If the change turns out to be beneficial, we are ahead of the game. We may consider ourselves lucky, or we may try to fool ourselves by claiming we knew all along what the outcome would be. Regardless, we escape unscathed.

Most times though it seems that change is not beneficial – it is not the outcome we would have desired. When this happens we can become vulnerable; we are in the unwanted position of reacting to change. We are

forced to adjust our outlook, our routine, and our plans to accommodate new situations. If the magnitude of the change is large, or if the pace of change quickens, our world may begin to unravel – we can be thrown off stride, we begin looking over our shoulder, and then suddenly we feel as if we have lost control.

Instead of looking at change as something to be avoided, what if we embrace it and begin to use it as an ally. Rather than waiting for events to occur, what if we seize the initiative and start to shape the future instead of being shaped by it. We may not be able to engineer every outcome as precisely as we wish, but our odds are greatly increased when we are driving the change instead of the change driving

us. This is true in our personal lives, as well as in our history organizations. We have within us the capacity to use and manage change to our benefit.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 2014 OLHA regional meetings this spring, and sharing with you a number of exciting changes for Ohio History that are on the horizon. After an extended period when Ohio History was reacting to change, we have now reached the point where we can begin to use change to our advantage. As always, we are constantly striving to create a climate where Ohio History can flourish. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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