

Congratulations 2013 OLHA Award Winners!



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A highlight of the Ohio Local History Alliance Annual Meeting is always Saturday's Awards Luncheon. The luncheon recognizes the outstanding local history work being done throughout the state through the presentation of OLHA's Outstanding Achievement Awards. History Outreach Awards recognize outstanding local history projects in three categories: media and publications, exhibits/displays, and public programming. Individual Achievement Awards recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to Ohio's local history organizations or to the understanding and appreciation of state and local history. This year's 16 winners provide inspiring ways to connect and educate Ohioans with their history.

History Outreach Awards, Organizations with Budget Under \$25,000

Media and Publications, *What's Cookin'?* Historical Cookbook, Alliance Historical Society, Alliance:

In an effort to garner community involvement to preserve local history through food and photographs, a dedicated group of volunteers found a way to raise funds through the production of this cookbook.

The book records history and stories of families, businesses, and organizations that make Alliance unique. Alliance Historical Society volunteers reached out to local government, schools, and ethnic groups in the community to provide recipes from Alliance's past so that new generations will know this history of their hometown.

Media and Publications, *Keepers of the Crossroads: An Oral History of the BF Tower Operators, Bradford, Ohio Railroad Museum, Bradford:* The ever smaller numbers of living railroaders prompted the Bradford, Ohio Railroad Museum to reach out to local individuals to preserve their knowledge and recognize their contributions to local rail operations. Using footage of Penn Central trains in operation and the BF Tower, the only remaining structure to visually tell the story of the massive rail operation that went through the center of Bradford, filmmaker Michael Schneider edited historic and current footage featuring the role of the tower, its operators, and signal maintainers in the community. Oral histories of the men who worked the rails bring video to life.

Media and Publications, "Erie County & the Civil War: Monthly Articles in the Sandusky Register," Erie County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, Sandusky: Eight committee members and four guest writers have been working since

The 2013 Ohio Local History Alliance Outstanding Achievement Awards winners. Winners are from L-R standing: Wendy Zucal, Jacob Masters, Marilyn Kozier, Eloise Bradford, Georgeanne Reuter, Karen Perones, David Mowery, Kate Smith, Leslie Blankenship, Kelly Selby, Ronald Marvin, Ruth Brindle, Tilda Philipot, Randy Koch, Pam Allen, Bruce Houtz. Sitting: Donald Barriball, Anne Benston.

April 2011 to keep the memory of Erie County's Civil War soldiers alive through monthly articles in the local newspaper. Article topics have included local politics, the Underground Railroad, Erie County soldiers' battlefield experiences, the women's Soldiers Aid Society, and Johnson's Island Confederate Prison. Their efforts will continue until 2015, culminating with the anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Over 23,000 people read these articles every month.

Media and Publications, *At War and At Home: Vietnam Veteran's Oral Histories*, Walsh University Office of Service Learning, North Canton: During the spring 2012 semester, Professor Kelly Selby of Walsh University's Department of History led thirteen undergraduate students in an oral history project to document a history of the war. Students
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President's Message:

It has been my great honor to serve the Ohio Local History Alliance as president over the last year. I thought it would be a good time to reflect on all that we have accomplished in the past year. In March, the board gathered together for a strategic planning retreat. We worked on crafting the results of that fruitful day into a strategic plan, which was adopted at our August meeting.

After many years of talking and dreaming about it, we were thrilled to offer two scholarships to the Alliance Annual Meeting. We know that

professional development funds are very limited across the state, but we also know the value of spending time networking and soaking up new ideas. Congratulations to the inaugural winners, Dayle Dearthuff of The Betts House and Dana Best-Mizsak of The Bedford Historical Society. We are looking forward to continuing to award these scholarships in years to come.

This summer we were very pleased to host an Ohio Local History Alliance intern! Katherine Buckingham was based in the Local History Office at the Ohio History Center and spent three months hard at work on our website and social media outlets. A thoughtfully crafted job description and our strategic plan helped guide Katherine's work, and our entire membership will benefit from our greatly enhanced website.

Each of the committees and the board at large has been hard at work all year and has great things planned for the year ahead. Keep an eye on The Local Historian, the Local History E-Blasts, and our Facebook page for all of the latest updates!

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to the Ohio Local History Alliance's officers for 2014! President: **Maggie Marconi**, Sandusky Library/Follett House Museum. 1st Vice President: **Beth Weinhardt**, Westerville Public Library & Anti-Saloon League Museum. 2nd Vice President: **Todd McCormick**, Logan County Historical Society. Secretary: **Ruth Brindle**, Quaker Heritage Center of Wilmington College. Treasurer: **Kathleen Fernandez**, North Canton Heritage Society. Trustees-At-Large: **Joy Armstrong**, Sylvania Historical Village; **Jim Gibson**, Knox County Historical Society; **Wendy Zucal**, Dennison Railroad Depot Museum. Past President: **Christie Weininger**, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center.

The Alliance also welcomes four new regional representatives to its board. Region 1: **Gary Levitt**, Museum of Postal History. Region 3: **Tim Daley**, Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Region 5: **Christina Savu-Teeters**, Massillon Museum. Region 6: **Andrea Brookover**, Fairfield Heritage Association. They will begin serving in January 2014.

Thank you to those whose service on

the Alliance board will come to an end in 2013: **Janet Rozick**, University of Toledo; **Leianne Neff Heppner**, Summit County Historical Society; **Stiney Vonderhaar**, Evendale Historical Commission; **Kim Jurkovic**, Dennison Railroad Depot Museum, **Christie Evans**, Gahanna Historical Society.

Dana Best-Mizsak has joined the **Bedford Historical Society** as director. **Janet Caldwell** continues to serve as the BHS curator. Best-Mizsak comes to the society with a background in local history, archaeology, curation, and marketing. Additionally, she has served as the field supervisor at the Walhain-Saint-Paul Project, a 12th century castle site in Belgium for the past 13 years.

Ashley Wyatt has been hired as the education coordinator at the **Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center** in Fremont. Wyatt will serve the center in implementing a variety of education programs and activities, as well as serving as the District 2 history day coordinator. A native of Minnesota, Wyatt holds a master's degree in history with a concentration in museum studies from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. She held internships at the

Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum in North Carolina and the Chicago History Museum.

Brenna Walker has taken a full time position as curator with the **Maritime Museum of Sandusky**. Walker is a graduate of Grand Valley State University in Michigan and holds a B.S. in history with a minor in anthropology. She has served in various positions at museums in both Michigan and Ohio, most recently as a member of the Ohio History Service Corps at her host site, the Maritime Museum.

Kate LaLonde is the new director of the **Worthington Historical Society**. She grew up in the culture of the society, participating in its children's events and doing service projects with it throughout her high school years. She attended the University of Michigan, where she earned a B.A. in French and a bachelor of dance arts. Over the past decade, LaLonde has served as a volunteer in the archives working with the curator in collections management and has been the office manager for the past three years.

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interviewed 26 veterans who represented the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps. To complete their work, the students printed a book and gave a public presentation. At the end of the presentation, with 19 veterans in attendance, one stood and thanked the students because it was the first time he had been recognized for his service in Vietnam.

Public Programming, "Native American Experience and Native American Gathering with Speaker Dr. Herman Viola," Shelby County Historical Society, Sidney: Shelby County native Martin Tall Horse Chambers contacted the SCHS to suggest a program to honor Native American military veterans. Unfortunately, Mr. Chambers lost his battle to cancer before seeing his dream come to fruition. His wife, Mary, then assisted the SCHS

as they reached out to local students and residents to host displays, exhibits, and a special presentation by Dr. Herman Viola, Curator Emeritus of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, an expert on Native American history.

History Outreach Awards, Organizations with Budget Over \$25,000

Media and Publications, *From Servitude to Service: The Story of the Hanby Family*, Westerville Historical Society and Brainstorm Media, Westerville: This new film examines Bishop William Hanby's role in the Underground Railroad and his son, Benjamin's, contributions to Civil War-era music. The script was written with help from local history organizations and local historians in places the Hanby family lived in Ohio. The Otterbein Vocal

Ensemble and local musician Steve Ball also collaborated by performing the film's music. Fittingly, the final work premiered at the Westerville United Methodist Church which was the original location of the Hanby House.

Exhibits and Displays, "Kent State May 4 Visitors Center Exhibit Fabrication and Dedication," Kent State University, Kent: This exhibit commemorates May 4, 1970 when the Ohio National Guard and Kent State students clashed during an anti-Vietnam War protest. Working to set accurate 1960s historical, social, and cultural contexts, the exhibit features vibrant colors of the period highlighting timelines and text blocks. Historic images, statistics, and videos provide tactile stimulants to engage the visitor. The voices of the 13 students shot by the Ohio National
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Guardsmen are expressed throughout the exhibit. Visitors may add their own stories as part of the experience.

Exhibits and Displays, Wyandot County on the Lincoln Highway, Wyandot County Historical Society, Upper Sandusky:

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Highway, the Wyandot County Historical Society documented this historic road's route through the county. Local residents shared their stories and loaned personal artifacts. All fabrication was done in-house. The exhibit's themes included: origins of the Lincoln Highway, mapping, paving, marking, tourism, and modernizing. Nearly 1,500 visitors have viewed the exhibit, including visitors on the Ohio Lincoln Highway Historic Byway. The project has raised awareness of local history and produced great publicity for the museum.

Public Programming, "Where in the World is Bing," Dennison Railroad Depot Museum, Dennison:

Looking to capture the interest of children and their parents and to relate the education and historical work of the museum, the Dennison Railroad Depot created a historical four-legged mascot to brand itself. Bing, a military dog who served in World War I, was a true hero in the local Company H. Using historic photographs and artifacts, such as his helmet, cap, and dog tags, "Where in the World is Bing?" provides children with an interactive activity while visiting the site.

Public Programming, "SimMarch 1812," Fort Meigs, Perrysburg:

Fort Meigs sits on its original location of its construction during the War of 1812. The Fort Meigs Association wrote a grant to the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation to establish a program that would assist teachers and engage students in technology rich activities, while providing real world scenarios from diaries of the fort's 1812 servicemen. The final product, SimMarch 1812, is an iPad app with problem-based learning activities. A historical interpreter dressed as a War of 1812 soldier visits the classroom leading his fellow "messmates" on a march, while integrating STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math) with historical content.

Public Programming, Marble Hall Historic Marker, Wilmington College History Department, Wilmington:

Marble Hall, a Wilmington College dormitory, was constructed after World War II with half its value donated by student labor. Sixty years later, Ruth Brindle's historical research methods class researched the building's history to gain practical research experience. This research was compiled into an Ohio Historical Marker application. The college and community came together to dedicate the marker, connect with alumni, especially those involved in the building, and boost a community dealing with economic hardship.

Public Programming, "Fresh Fish to the Front: A Readers' Theater Commemorating the 95th Ohio Volunteer Infantry," Kelton House, Columbus:

Under the leadership of Leslie Blankenship, the Kelton House Museum partnered with the Westerville Local History Center and the Ohio Village Singers for a program commemorating this unit of local men who transformed from "fresh fish" (new soldiers) to seasoned veterans in 11 days after entering service in the Civil War. Using primary sources, an illustrative presentation was composed for costumed readers to perform, accompanied by music and song.

Public Programming, "Underground Railroad Experience," Spring Hill Historic Home, Massillon:

Established in 1811 by New England Quakers, Spring Hill was a wool farm that became a refuge for those seeking freedom on the Underground Railroad. Visitors to the home experience a firsthand, interactive recreation of a day at Spring Hill in the 1800s. They travel with a "slave" on an escape to Canada on a trail where they encounter numerous people and situations along the way. With elements for children and adults, this program inspires an intergenerational dialogue about slavery that connects the past to the present in a real setting.

The Alliance would like to thank the members of its Advocacy Committee who served as judges for this year's awards.

Individual Achievement Awards

Donald Barriball, Chagrin Falls Historical Society, Chagrin Falls:

Donald Barriball has been described as a "local history gem" and the "epitome of the local history volunteer." He has used his knowledge of Northeast Ohio to write and publish five local history books and has donated all proceeds to the Chagrin Falls Historical Society. Mr. Barriball serves as a docent every Thursday at the society's museum, and he also writes articles for the historical society newsletter and website. In addition, he serves on the society's advisory council and publication committee, chairs its building and grounds committee, and he assists with the digitization and identification of the organization's 6,000 images.

Anne Benston, Clark County Historical Society, Springfield:

As a decades-long volunteer and board member of the Clark County Historical Society, Anne Benston is a true treasure in the community. Her work transcribing gravestones for 47 local cemeteries and writing biographies of these individuals has helped preserve local history for future generations. Mrs. Benston has also contributed to numerous other local history projects over the years including: assisting in the restoration of the Clark County Historical Society's Crabb House, serving on the local Bicentennial Commission and Springfield Statue Advisory Committee, and researching local Revolutionary War soldiers, industrial barons, and immigrants.

David L. Mowery, Ohio Civil War Trail Commission, Cincinnati:

David Mowery has contributed many years of volunteer work dedicated to making Civil War history come alive in Ohio, especially stories of John Hunt Morgan's raid. His endless dedication to researching diaries, letters, and memoirs, reading old newspapers and maps, and using Google Earth led him to reproduce an accurate route of Morgan's raid in Ohio that is now known as the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail. He was responsible for the placement of 644 directional signs and 56 interpretive markers in 19 counties. ■

TECH TIP:

From Film to Digital Part III: Launching Your Own Newspaper Digitization Project

By Jenni Salamon, Project Coordinator, National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio, Ohio Historical Society

The last two issues of *The Local Historian* featured articles about newspaper digitization, and, if you had not done so already, may have prompted you to ask: "Can my institution get our community's newspapers digitized and available online? If so, where do we start?" Accomplishing your goal of digitizing newspapers begins with careful planning, and here are some tips to get you started. Your responses to the questions and comments below will greatly impact your choice of vendors, project costs, and the appearance and utility of your final digital collection.

Goals

Before you even look at your newspaper collection, determine why it is important for your newspapers to be digitized. This type of project involves time and funding, so make sure that it aligns with your institutional mission. If it does, next consider what you want the end goal of the project to be. How does your ideal digital collection look and function when it is finished?

Content

Due to the sheer volume of content, it is not likely that you will be able to digitize your entire newspaper collection at one time. How do you choose which newspaper(s) and date range(s) to digitize? Consider what is important to your users and community, as well as your institutional goals. If you select something that is important to multiple groups or stakeholders, you may be able to partner with them and share project costs.

Access & Sustainability

One of the most exciting parts of digitization is the ease of access, and with newspapers, this often refers to two features of the digital collection: 1) keyword searchability and 2) online availability. If these features are important to you, does your institution have a digital library platform in place to serve content to your



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users? If not, does your digitization vendor provide hosting services?

Whether your hosting solution is in-house or vendor-provided, make sure it is sustainable. Can your institution maintain the costs (staff, information technology, storage space, etc.) to maintain your system? Can your vendor provide reliable, ongoing access? Will your vendor provide you with copies of all the digital files in case you need and/or want to repurpose them into a different access system into the future? By planning ahead, you will be more likely to recover if something

happens to your or your vendor's hosting system.

Digital Deliverables & Vendors

Your product is also affected by the digitization standards you use. Using the archival standards established by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) will allow your content to work on multiple systems. Use metadata and file formats that conform to best practices and other established standards. (Continued on page 12)



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Professional Development *Save the Date for Your 2014 Regional Meeting!*

Planning is underway for next year's Ohio Local History Alliance Regional Meetings, which will be here before you know it. The theme for 2014 is *Engage, Educate, Empower: Taking Your Organization to the Next Level*. Be on the lookout for the information and registration brochure early in the new year, check <http://www.ohiohistory.org/local-history-office/professional-development/alliance-regional-meetings> for more information, and mark the dates on your calendar now!

Region 1:

April 5, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Toledo

Region 2:

April 12, Clyde Historical Museum, 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 (combined meeting):

March 29, Ross County Historical Society, Chillicothe

Note: There are two meetings per day, except the Regions 9 & 10 combined meeting.

Congratulations!

2013 Ohio Historic Preservation Office Award Recipients Announced

Each year, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office recognizes achievements in historic preservation by presenting awards in Public Education and Awareness and Preservation Merit. The Public Education and Awareness Award is for increasing interest in historic preservation. The Preservation Merit Award is for preserving Ohio's prehistory, history, architecture, or culture. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Public Education and Awareness

- **City of Shaker Heights, Shaker Heights Landmarks Commission, and the Shaker Heights Public Library**— creation of www.HistoricShaker.com

Preservation Merit

- **Auglaize County Commissioners and Garmann/Miller & Associates**— preservation and rehabilitation of the 1894 Auglaize County Courthouse
- **Famicos Foundation, Marous Brothers Construction, City Architecture, and Ted Sande, AIA Emeritus**— preservation and rehabilitation of the 1904 Doan School as the Doan Classroom Apartments
- **City of Columbus, the German Village Society, and the German**



The 2013 Ohio Historic Preservation Office award recipients. Photo courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society.

Village Commission – recognition of the 50th anniversary of establishment of the German Village Commission

- **Central State University and LWC Incorporated** – preservation and rehabilitation of Emery Hall
- **Youngstown State University, US Campus Suites, LLC, and City Architecture** – rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Erie Terminal Building
- **Cincinnati City Schools and CR architecture + design** – preservation and rehabilitation of Hughes STEM High School
- **Jamestown Area Historical Society, the Greene County Commissioners, and the Silvercreek Township Trustees** – preservation and rehabilitation of the Jamestown Opera House
- **The Raymond John Wean Foundation and The Chesler Group, Inc** – preservation and rehabilitation of the 1868 Market Block Building
- **Paulding County Carnegie Library and Restoration Specialists** – preservation and rehabilitation of the Paulding County Library
- **Emily Rauh Pulitzer, Cincinnati Preservation Association, and ArchitectsPlus** – preservation and rehabilitation of the 1938 Frederick and Harriet Rauh House
- **Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center and LCA Associates** – preservation and restoration of the Rutherford B. Hayes House at Spiegel Grove
- **Ohio Wesleyan University, Schooley Caldwell Associates, and Lincoln Construction** – preservation and rehabilitation of Stuyvesant Hall
- **Cleveland State University, Arkinetics architects + urbanists, and Liberty Development Company** – preservation and rehabilitation of the 1913 Union Building
- **Neil and Patricia Coleman and John R. Ankrom Architects** – preservation and rehabilitation of the Walke House
- **Larry Addis** – dedication to the preservation of Zion Wakefield Lutheran Chapel

Welcome!



The 2013-2014 Ohio History Service Corps members. From L-R, members are Laura Herron, Deb Wickerham, Carolyn Waverin, Jessica Mayercin, Shannon Murphy, Lindsay Marshall, Kurrie Boddorf, Nancy Yerian, Jacob Masters, Arielle Lester, Jennifer Graham, Petra Knapp, Kimberley Barnard, Meghan Kaple, Rebecca Torsell, and Steve Littleton. not pictured: Dayton Willison. Photo courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society.

The Ohio History Service AmeriCorps Program's newest members have started their year of service to supporting community and local history in Ohio. Local History Corps members in each Alliance region are available to help history organizations with projects like volunteer recruitment and management, building partnerships, and education outreach. In addition, four Historic Preservation Corps members are surveying buildings to add to the Ohio Historic Inventory. This year's AmeriCorps members are:

- **Kimberly Barnard**, Historic Preservation Corps, Cleveland Landmarks Commission
- **Kurrie Boddorf**, Local History Corps, Ross County Historical Society
- **Nicholas Emehiser**, Local History Corps, Cleveland Restoration Society
- **Jennifer Graham**, Local History Corps, Oberlin Heritage Center
- **Jennifer Gray**, Local History Corps, Downtown Mansfield, Inc.
- **Laura Herron**, Local History Corps, Ohio Historical Society
- **Meghan Kaple**, Local History Corps, Heritage Ohio

- **Petra Knapp**, Historic Preservation Corps, Cleveland Restoration Society
- **Arielle Lester**, Local History Corps, Youngstown State University
- **Steven Littleton**, Local History Corps, Shelby County Historical Society
- **Lindsay Marshall**, Local History Corps, Heritage Ohio
- **Jessica Mayercin**, Local History Corps, Ohio Historical Society
- **Doreen Moore**, Historic Preservation Corps, Youngstown State University
- **Shannon Murphy**, Local History Corps, Maritime Museum of Sandusky
- **Rebecca Torsell**, Historic Preservation Corps, Piqua Public Library
- **Carolyn Wavrin**, Local History Corps, Ohio Historical Society
- **Deb Wickerham**, Local History Corps, Hancock Historical Museum
- **Dayton Willison**, Local History Corps, Sunday Creek Associates
- **Nancy Yerian**, Local History Corps, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

Please help!

Rankin House Needs Your Help

The Ohio Historical Society is currently in the process of restoring the interior of the 1829 Rankin House in Ripley, Ohio and has found evidence that at least two of the first floor rooms originally had decorative stenciling applied to the walls. Unfortunately, the evidence of what the full design was is sparse and creating a design for an entire room could quickly cross over into conjecture. The hope is to locate extant examples of stenciling in the vicinity or along the same migration route as the Rankin House (the Ohio River and Zane's Trace). Ideally, OHS will find a house stenciled by the same artist or "school" of artists, with stenciling layouts that use the same couple of patterns at the Rankin House. Any information or leads you might have would be greatly appreciated! For more information, including pictures of what was found at the Rankin House, or to share any information you have, please contact Chris Buchanan, Restoration Project Coordinator, at cbuchanan@ohiohistory.org or 419-496-7243.



The Rankin House, Ripley. Photo courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society.

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

Happy 100th birthday to the Putnam County Courthouse! To mark this auspicious occasion, the **Putnam County Historical Society** published a new book. *Putnam County Courthouse, Ottawa, Ohio: Commemorating 100 Years, 1913-2013* chronicles the history of the courthouse and includes pictures of the building throughout its history. Proceeds from the book benefit the society. In addition, the society held a commemorative event in mid-September featuring special tours of the building and speakers. For more information, visit <http://userpages.bright.net/~pchs/>.

Region 2

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

The **Marion County Historical Society** offered visitors a chance to explore five buildings usually closed to the general public with its "Behind Closed Doors Tour." Designed as a fundraiser for the society, the self-guided driving tour was open to the public for one weekend in October. Tour participants went home with a souvenir: a booklet filled with information and pictures about the historical sites they visited. For those wanting even more, the society produced and sold a DVD of pictures, some of which had never before been published. To learn more, go to <http://www.marionhistory.com/>.

Region 3

Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and Summit Counties

Region 4

Ashtabula, Geauga, Mahoning, Portage, and Trumbull Counties

The **Middlefield Historical Society** and the **Gauga County Public Library** recently debuted the first results of their collaborative project to index and copy scrapbooks in the historical society's collection. The more than 30 scrapbooks cover the mid-twentieth century and can be an invaluable resource for genealogists. The public got a chance to see the first ten indexed scrapbooks at a program at the library in August. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/TheDepotAt-TheMiddlefieldHistoricalSociety>.

Region 5

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

The **Salem Historical Society** and **Salem Public Library** sponsored a historical scavenger hunt as a fun family activity over the summer. A committee developed a list of 47 historical questions to answer or places to find. Participants had one week to correctly answer as many questions as they could. The winning family, with a perfect 47/47, received a family membership to the historical society and a gift certificate redeemable at the society's gift shop. To learn more, go to <http://www.salemhistoricalsociety.org>.

The **Dennison Railroad Depot Museum** received a Transportation Enhancement grant from the **Ohio Department of Transportation** (ODOT) for \$400,000. The money will be used to restore the Chesapeake & Ohio Steam Engine 2700 and complete the museum's Pullman Bed and Breakfast. The ODOT grant will cover 80% of the projects' funding, with the Depot required to raise the remaining 20%. For more information, visit <http://www.dennisondepot.org>.

Region 6

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

The **Knox County Historical Society** recently received a donation of artifacts relating to the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979-1981. Knox County native Bert Moore was one of the

hostages held inside the U.S. Embassy in Iran. His wife donated memorabilia from his time as a hostage including a sweater he wore while a prisoner, letters from well-wishers, posters, banners, and yellow ribbons. To learn more, go to <http://www.knoxhistory.org>.

Region 7

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

The **Champaign County Historical Society** repurposed one of its most popular exhibits, the Springhills Jail, into a photo booth for its annual Oktoberfest. Festival attendees had the chance to purchase professional black and white photographs of themselves in jail. The society provided wardrobe accessories like hats, bonnets, aprons, badges, and bandanas to lend a period air to the pictures. For more information, see <http://www.champaigncountyhistoricalmuseum.org>.

Region 8

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

Did you know there were German POWs in Clinton County during WWII? The **Clinton County History Center**, the **Quaker Heritage Center of Wilmington College**, and the **Watson Library** presented a forum about the German POW camp that was located in Wilmington in 1945. The conference included historical background about the camp and the personal experiences of Clinton County residents. For more information, visit <http://www.clintoncountyhistory.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

ON THE WEB

Connecting to Collections Webinars Online – 2013

www.connecting-tocollections.org/courses/about

This free, online series of collections care courses from Connecting to Collections covers topics such as disaster planning, caring for digital materials, caring for audiovisual materials, fundraising for collections care, and outreach activities for collections care. Each course is made up of 4-6 webinars led by preservation experts. All of 2013's courses are archived and available to download, including handouts.

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.

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CALENDAR 2013

February 27, 2014

Statehood Day Commemoration at the Ohio Statehouse. For more information, go to www.ohiohistory.org/statehoodday

March 15, 2014

Local History Alliance Region 5&7 Meetings. For more information, see page 6.

March 22, 2014

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

March 29, 2014

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 9&10 Combined Meeting. For more information, see page 6.

April 5, 2014

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 1&3 Meetings. For more information, see page 6.

April 12, 2014

Ohio Local History Alliance Region 2&4 Meetings. For more information, see page 6.

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 October 9, 2013

Welcome New Members

Individuals

Sarah Aisenbrey, Springfield
Elizabeth Campbell, Columbus
Ronald I. Marvin, Upper Sandusky

Organizations

Kent State University May 4 Visitors
Center, Kent
ODNR Division of State Parks, Columbus
OSU-Newark, Newark

Thank you Renewing Members

Individuals

JoAnn Bertram, Cincinnati
Ruth Ann Busald, Cincinnati
Daniel L. Frizzi, Bellaire
Nancy Gillahan, Middleburg Heights
Patricia Hoelscher, West Chester
Leianne Neff Heppner, Akron
Raymond C. Rang, Beavercreek

Organizations

Adena State Memorial, Chillicothe
Armstrong Air & Space Museum,
Wapakoneta
Athens County Historical Society &
Museum, Athens
Beachwood Historical Society, Beachwood
Bellevue Historical Society & Heritage
Museum, Bellevue
Bellevue Public Library, Bellevue
Big Bottom State Memorial, Stockport
Black River Historical Society, Lorain
Buckeye Furnace State Memorial, Jackson
Cedar Bog Nature Preserve, Urbana
Centerville-Washington Township
Historical Society, Centerville
Chagrin Falls Historical Society, Chagrin Falls
Clark County Historical Society, Springfield
Clermont County Historical Society, Batavia
Cleveland Heights Historical Society,
Cleveland
Clyde Heritage League Inc, Clyde
Coleraine Historical Society Inc, Cincinnati
Columbus Jewish Historical Society, Columbus
Columbus Landmarks Foundation, Columbus
Cooke House State Memorial, Sandusky
Cridersville Historical Society, Cridersville
Dublin Historical Society, Dublin
Ellsworth Historical Society, Ellsworth
Fairfield County Historical Parks
Commission, Lancaster
Fairport Harbor Historical Society,
Fairport Harbor
Fallen Timbers State Memorial, Toledo
Flint Ridge State Memorial, Newark
Fort Ancient State Memorial, Dayton
Fort Amanda State Memorial, Lima

Fort Hill State Memorial, Bainbridge
Fort Jefferson State Memorial,
Greenville
Fort Laurens State Memorial,
New Philadelphia
Fort Meigs State Memorial, Perrysburg
Fort Recovery State Memorial, Fort Recovery
Four Corners Historical Cooperative,
Inc., Grelton
Fowler Township Historical Society, Cortland
Franklinton Historical Society, Columbus
Glacial Grooves/Inscription Rock,
Lakeside Marblehead
Grant Birthplace State Memorial,
New Richmond
Grant Boyhood/Schoolhouse State
Memorials, Georgetown
Hanby House State Memorial, Westerville
Hancock Historical Museum Association,
Findlay
Harding Home State Memorial, Marion
Harmony Hill Association, Inc, Williamsburg
Harrison Tomb State Memorial, Cleves
Harveysburg Community Historical Society,
Harveysburg
Hocking County Historical Society, Logan
Indian Hill State Memorial, Upper Sandusky
Johnston Farm & Indian Agency, Piqua
Kelton House Museum and Garden,
Columbus
Kinsman Historical Society, Kinsman
Lakewood Historical Society, Lakewood
Leo Petroglyph, Jackson
Liberty Center Historical Society, Liberty
Center
Logan Elm, Circleville
Lorain County Historical Society, Elyria
Mahoning Valley Historical Society,
Youngstown
Madison County Historical Society, London
Marietta College Library Special Collections,
Marietta
Marion County Historical Society, Marion
Marlboro Township Historical Society,
Hartville
Mason Historical Society, Mason
Massillon Heritage Foundation Inc, Massillon
Massillon Museum, Massillon
Maumee Valley Historical Society, Maumee
McCook House State Memorial, Carrollton
Miamisburg Mound State Memorial,
Miamisburg
Monroe Historical Society, Monroe
Montgomery Historical Society, Montgomery
Museum at the Friends Home, Waynesville
Museum of Ceramics, East Liverpool
National Road/Zane Grey Museum,
New Concord
Newark Earthworks, Heath
Northampton Historical Society,
Cuyahoga Falls
Oberlin Heritage Center, Oberlin
Ohio Genealogical Society, Bellville

Ohio Society of Military History, Massillon
Orrville Railroad Heritage Society, Orrville
Our House State Memorial, Gallipolis
Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial,
Dayton
Pike Township Historical Society, East Sparta
Plymouth Area Historical Society, Plymouth
Quaker Meeting House State Memorial,
Mount Pleasant
Rankin House State Memorial, Ripley
Richland County Historical Society, Mansfield
Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center,
Fremont
Sauder Village, Archbold
Sebring Ohio Historical Society, Sebring
Serpent Mound, Bainbridge
Schoenbrunn Village, Dennison
Shaker Historical Museum, Cleveland
Shanes Crossing Historical Society, Rockford
Silver Lake Historical Society, Silver Lake
Solon Historical Society, Solon
Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Inc, Akron
Strongsville Historical Society, Strongsville
Sylvania Historical Village, Sylvania
Tallmadge Church State Memorial,
Tallmadge
Toledo Firefighters' Museum, Toledo
Western Reserve Fire Museum, Cleveland
Youngstown Historical Center of Industry &
Labor, Youngstown
Zoar Village State Memorial, Zoar

New themes!

The Ohio Civil War 150 Advisory Committee is proud to announce its themes for 2014, the fourth year of the commemoration. The overall theme for 2014 is "The Home Front," a great opportunity for people and organizations throughout Ohio to explore how the Civil War effected life in their own back yards. Just like last year, the committee is also announcing a theme

for each month of 2014 that focuses on a different aspect of the home front experience. Ohio's organizations and groups are encourage to use these themes as they plan their own Civil War programming.

- **January** – Ohio's Economy
- **February** – Veterans (ex: furloughs and Veterans Corps)
- **March** – Medal of Honor recipients
- **April** – Children
- **May** – Sanitary Fair/Soldiers Aid
- **June** – 100 Day Regiments
- **July** – Ohioans in Battle

- **August** – POW Camps
- **September** – Women in the Home Front
- **October** – Wounded Soldiers/Hospitals
- **November** – Politics (ex: Election of 1864)
- **December** – Letters & Photographs Home

For more information, visit the Ohio Civil War 150 website at www.ohiocivilwar150.org.

TECH TIP:

From Film to Digital Part III: Launching Your Own Newspaper Digitization Project

Once you have answered these (*Continued from page 5*) questions, it will be easier to compare digitization vendors. Create a checklist that outlines what you expect from your vendor in terms of digital deliverables, conformation to standards, and hosting services.

Communication is vital, so select a vendor that you are comfortable with. Do not be afraid to ask questions and ask for references. The best way to get a sense of a vendor's quality and commitment to your project is by talking to other institutions that have already worked with them. Ask for a sample of their work, so you can see if the final product aligns with your vision for the collection.

Funding

Funding a newspaper digitization project can be challenging, but it is possible. Look for federal, state, and local grant opportunities. For example, OHS's History Fund grant program funded two digitiza-

tion projects in 2013. When applying for funding, one way to make your grant application more competitive is to limit your request to cover the digitization of only a significant time period rather than the whole collection. Phased development is a great way to complete your project.

You might also partner with another institution in your area, such as the library, historical society, or newspaper publisher. Reach out to local philanthropic organizations or civic clubs to see if they might be interested in funding a portion of your project. Rally the public's attention and hold a fundraiser—every little bit helps.

For More Information

Want to learn more about newspaper digitization or find out how you can get your newspapers digitized through the Ohio Historical Society's Ohio Memory Digitization Program? Contact Jenni Salamon, Project Coordinator for the National Digital Newspaper Program

Can I or Can't I Digitize? Copyright and Property Rights

When selecting content for digitization, it is important to determine whether you have the rights to digitize the items and provide online access to them. This can become complicated with newspapers, as you will have to consider who has the copyrights and, if you are working with microfilm, who has the property rights. Every project is different, so it is essential to consult with your legal counsel but some important questions to ask are:

- **Copyright:** Is the newspaper in the public domain? If not, will the publishers give you permission to digitize the paper?
- **Property Rights:** Do you have permission from the microfilm creator to digitize the film? Do you have access to duplicate negative microfilm? (For more information about duplicate negative microfilm, see the Tech Tip article from the September/October 2013 issue of *The Local Historian*.)

Recommendation: If a paper is in the public domain but is still being published in some form today, contact the current publisher to let them know about your plans and ask them to support your project. This could lead to partnerships and opportunities.

Need to Contact Us? We at the Local History Office love hearing from you.

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