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**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

Do you have an extra three hours a month? Do you enjoy history and meeting new people? Then we have an opportunity for you! We are looking for Docents to work Wednesday through Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Sign up for as many days as you like! We especially need volunteers to help with tours on weekends.

There will be a training class for Docents on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the History Center. If you would like to attend our training class, please RSVP by April 25<sup>th</sup> by calling: **937-593-7557** or email: **historycenter@loganhistory.org**

We also need volunteers to help with special events such as school groups, Halloween KidFest, Christmas Open House, Spring Open House and much more. Our Archives Department needs volunteers to help scan negatives, digitize files and photos, indexing and research. Flexible days and hours are available.

There is always something going on at the Logan County History Center. If you would like to be involved with special projects, events, research, or tours, visit our website **www.loganhistory.org** to download a Volunteer Application.

**HISTORIC BARNs OF OHIO AT THE LOGAN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM**

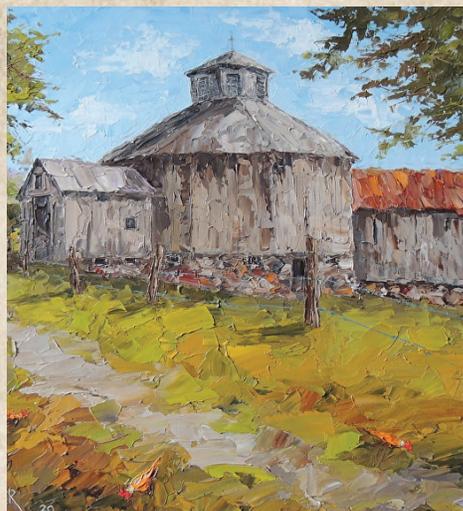
**APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

The Logan County History Center and the Logan County Land Trust will be welcoming author and painter Robert Kroeger to the History Center for a painting demo of an old barn, using palette knives and impasto technique. At 4:00 pm, you are invited to watch Mr. Kroeger paint in the Atrium of the Transportation Museum. The Logan County Land Trust will be selling raffle tickets to win this painting and other items as a fundraiser. The winner will be drawn at a later date.

Mr. Kroeger will take a break at 5:00 pm and begin his program about barns he has painted and their stories at 6:00 pm. The History Center will be open for tours between 4:00-6:00 pm.

After his program, Mr. Kroeger will have his books available for purchase and signing. His first book, HISTORIC BARNs OF OHIO, lists the paintings and essays of barns in all 88 Ohio counties (released by The History Press, March 2021). His second book on old barns, ROUND BARNs OF AMERICA, will also be available. This book features 75 round barns in 32 states - from the east coast to the west coast - along with their paintings and stories. There are 11 Ohio round barns in the book (published by Acclaim Press in late 2022).

The event is free and open to the public.



# 2023 LCHS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## CURATOR'S CORNER

The Logan County Historical Society's by-laws state "...it shall have as its purpose to promote education on the history of Logan County and the collection and display of artifacts, documents, and other historical items from all of Logan County." We are fortunate to have such a great collection of artifacts and archives and a facility like the Logan County History Center to help us achieve this important purpose.

Education is always a part of the Society/History Center but this spring it will be even more in the forefront as we welcome area schools to the History Center for field trips. Last spring marked the first time since 2019 that some of the schools could tour the museum due to the pandemic. We are looking forward to getting even more schools back to the History Center this year. We will also be going into the schools with our series of traveling programs that help supplement the schools' curriculum in local and American history. Plus, we will continue our sponsorship of the Logan County Landmark field trips where we take third graders from participating Logan County schools to several of the important historic landmarks that we are lucky to have in our county.

Education in Logan County will also be the theme of our *Salute to Logan County Schools* open house on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00. The Museum hallways and temporary exhibit space will be lined with artifacts and photographs highlighting the great schools and teachers that have educated and continue to educate the students of Logan County. We will have binders set out with documents, histories, programs, and other materials from the Archives detailing the histories of Logan County's schools. I would like to thank Beth Marshall and her Archives volunteers for putting these binders together. We hope to see you on April 23<sup>rd</sup> as we celebrate and honor our county's extensive school history.

Thank you,

*Todd McCormick*  
Curator/Director

## Upcoming Meetings

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### LCHC JUNE MEETING

**JUNE 28, 2023 | 7:00**

**MARK CURTIS HOME**  
9417 County Road 101 | Belle Center, OH 43310

Our June Society meeting will be held in the Belle Center home of Mark Curtis. Mr. Curtis was a Columbus school teacher for many years. About twenty years ago, he gave up the city lifestyle to join the Amish Community in Belle Center. He will be sharing how he made the decision to change his way of life, what it is like to be a member of the Amish community and the history of the Amish.

Mr. Curtis is also one of our newest Docents at the History Center. We look forward to hearing all of the interesting information and stories he has to share.

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

## December 2022

Carolyn M. Moyer  
Rosemary D. Levan  
Jim & Georgianna Jenkins  
Yvonne F. Smith  
Verna M. Barta  
Tony Ross  
James & Vicki Wolf  
Catalina Hagedorn  
Robert & Laura Bryant  
M Jean Griffith  
Joshua & Casey Varble  
Michael Brunner  
Madison Moore

## January 2023

Maurice & Cynthia Robins  
Larry & Julie Richardson  
Kevin & Kathi Taylor  
Thomas & Sandra Shoemaker  
Donna Reeves  
Mary Aparish  
Mike & Jane Major  
Jackson & Marilyn Springs

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## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

MONTHLY \$20  
GIFT CERTIFICATE  
DRAWING

*December*

Nancy Ledley

*January*

Tim McPherson

*February*  
Sandy Yoder

# 2023

## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING

2:00PM AcuSport Room

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> ROBERT KROEGER PROGRAM

6:00PM Transportation Museum

#### 15<sup>TH</sup> DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> DOCENT TRAINING - SCHOOL TOURS

10:00AM History Center

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> SALUTE TO SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

1:00-5:00PM History Center

#### 24<sup>TH</sup> YOUNG HISTORIANS

6:00PM History Center

#### 26<sup>TH</sup> DOCENT TRAINING

6:30PM History Center

### MAY

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> DAR MEETING

6:30PM AcuSport Room

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING

2:00PM AcuSport Room

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> BELLEFONTAINE 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE LOGAN COUNTY LANDMARK FIELD TRIP

#### 15<sup>TH</sup> LIMA TEMPLE CHRISTIAN LCHC TOUR

9:00AM History Center

#### 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> BLMS 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LCHC TOUR

Time TBD History Center

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> YOUNG HISTORIANS

6:00PM History Center

#### 24<sup>TH</sup> BELLEFONTAINE 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE LCHC TOUR & DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

### JUNE

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

#### 12<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

#### 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE SOCIETY MEETING

7:00PM Mark Curtis Home

### JULY

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

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DEGRAFF FOOTBALL TEAM CA 1951

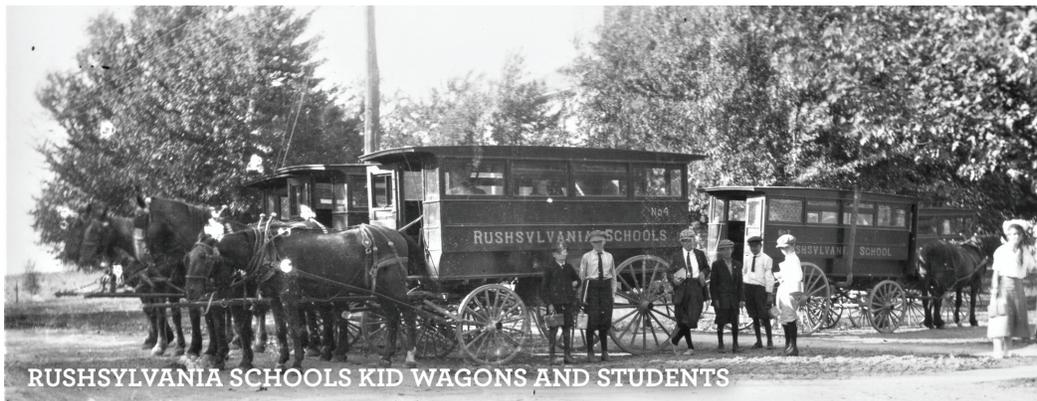


BELLE CENTER SCHOOL CA 1952

## A SALUTE TO LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

This year's spring open house will be a *Salute to Logan County Schools* on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The open house will feature artifacts from the museum's collection, along with class composites, photographs, yearbooks, and other school-related documents from the LCHS Archives.

You can also follow us on our Facebook page and check our website [www.loganhistory.org](http://www.loganhistory.org) for updates and previews of the exhibits and stories that will be featured in a Salute to Logan County Schools in the next few weeks.



RUSHSYLVANIA SCHOOLS KID WAGONS AND STUDENTS



QUINCY ELEMENTARY BAND CA 1955



BELLEFONTAINE HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS IN ACTION



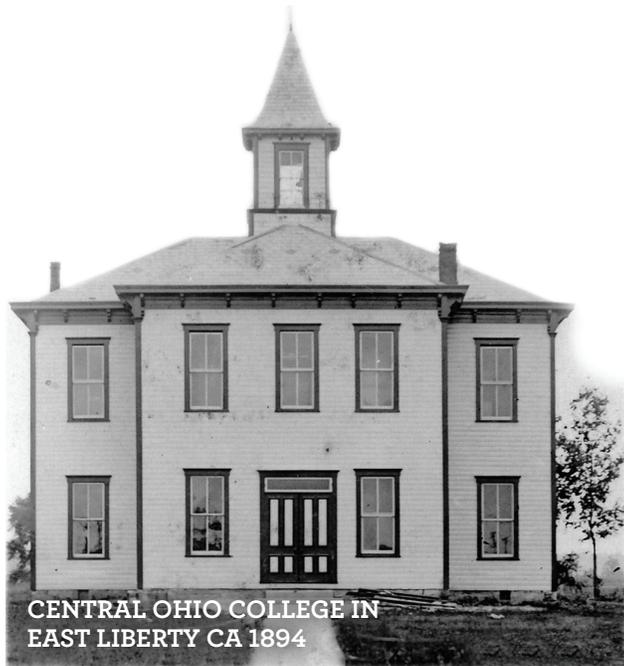
MIDDLEBURG SCHOOL LUNCHROOM, CA 1949



WEST LIBERTY SCHOOL TYPING CLASS



HUNTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 1946-47 BASKETBALL TEAM



CENTRAL OHIO COLLEGE IN EAST LIBERTY CA 1894



ZANESFIELD SCHOOL BAND



LEWISTOWN - WASHINGTON LOCAL PROM NIGHT CA 1959



LAKEVIEW HOME ECONOMICS CLASS CA 1955





Volunteers, Tam Van Ness, Leslie Warne, and Sally Stephan

## DOCENT TRAINING SESSIONS

It is that time of year again – SCHOOL TOURS! We are entering our busy time with the local schools. This includes the traveling programs we take into the schools, school field trips to the History Center and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Logan County Landmark Field Trip grant program. Most of the local schools, and some from out of the county, take advantage of one or more of these educational programs that we offer. We are very proud of our relationship with the local schools.

Since we have so many field trips to the History Center that means we depend on quite a few of our volunteers to be tour guides. In fact, we always need more and hope some of those reading this article will want to come help or may know someone who would like to be one our school tour docents. We will be having a SCHOOL GROUP DOCENT TRAINING SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00AM We need your help so please consider school group tour guide.

We will also be having our “REGULAR” DOCENT TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM for those interested in being docents during the History Center’s normal hours (Wednesday–Sunday, 1:00–4:00). We encourage our current and any potential docents to come to this training. We will go over the “nuts & bolts” of how to be docent and then we go on a “tour” of the History Center, so they can learn more about the artifacts and exhibits. It should be lots of fun and even educational!

Please RSVP to either or both docent trainings by calling the office at 937-593-7557 or email [tmccormick@loganhistory.org](mailto:tmccormick@loganhistory.org). We need more docents, especially for school groups, so please bring family and friends who you think would make great docents!

## *A Thank You to...*

Bill McCormick recently stepped down from his position as treasurer of the Logan County Historical Society Board. Bill has served as treasurer since 2009 and served as a trustee in 2008. Bill has provided steady guidance and important input with the Society’s budget and finances over the years. We truly appreciate the expertise and time Bill has given to the Society and the board for the last fifteen years. Fortunately, Bill is staying on as one of our monthly docents. Thanks Bill!

We are pleased to announce that Abby Wolf has agreed to take over Bill’s current term as Treasurer. Welcome to the Logan County Historical Society Abby!

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*Thank You!*

DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 – MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

# ARTIFACT DONATIONS

Thank You!

**Ralph Wood**

Indian Lake postcards & photographs

**Jerry & Darlene Forsythe**

Arral Cost's army garment & duffle bags

**David Lyons**

Ladies' clothing, Huber Buchenroth garment bag

**Shane W. Croston**

Book "The Society of Banana in Ohio: A History of the Black Hand" by the donor, a native of Bellefontaine

**Kyle Ann Kress VanOsdol**

Indian Lake amusement park photographs

**Paulette Rinehart**

1921 local newspaper

**Paul Benedetti**

Digital photographs on compact discs from Benedetti Photography

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Indian Lake postcard, 1942

**G. Bruce & Louise Norris**

Railroad booklets, WOHP/WTOO Radio posters, Scrapbook of LCHS move to Orr Mansion/Latham Nursing Home

**Philip S. Church**

Photographs from Miss Concrete Street Contest from donor's father Philip S. Church, Jr. who was WOHP Manager (1959-1965)

**Don & Susan Corwin**

Model train

**Robert J. Sterner**

"Immersed Magazine Fall 1998" with article/interview about Marie Tharp of Bellefontaine who helped map the oceans' floors. Mr. Sterner was editor of the magazine.

**Ron & Tonya Perry**

Baby bassinet from the Gatchel/Jackson families for several generations

**Melinda Snyder Blake**

1846 coverlet woven by William Buechel in Logan County

**Scott Hall**

Fred Hall's Korean War U.S. Army uniform, Phyllis (Marshall) Hall WWII ration books from the Marshall family of Huntsville

**Ron Irick**

Photographs of downtown Bellefontaine photos from the collection of Nick Johnson

**Larry Richardson**

Gavel from the Lakeview American Legion Post 752 - "J. Brentlinger CMDR"

**Anita Green**

Book "Stories & Myths of D.A.B.". DeLong's Appliance record album sleeves & records

**John & Toni McPherson**

Milk glass containers found on McPherson family land

**Derek Stonerock**

1968-1969 City of Bellefontaine issued bicycle license plates

**Mary Ann Ernst Yukanin**

Collection from donor's father Vic Ernst Programs & photographs from The Community Players/Theatre of Bellefontaine, Newspaper articles on Big Four Railroad, Mr. Ernst programs as a cartoonist/chalk artist

**Joyce Zilles**

Newspaper ad/article for the Kinsey Komedey Company week-long performance at Rutan Park, July 1926

**Marie's Candies**

Food coloring jars from Marie's ca. 1970s.

**Mary Wolf & Kyle Fort**

1<sup>st</sup> Edition copy of "Little Men" by Louisa M. Alcott that belonged to General Robert Patterson Kennedy of Bellefontaine. The donors own The Bookshelf book store in Kalispell, MT

**Dovetail Metal Sign & Design/**

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Section of Interurban rail from downtown Bellefontaine

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Jabob L. Hertenstein's WWII B-4 Bag and Bombardier Case

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