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Note from the President

Dear Members,

This year is fast coming to a close. However, I think it will go in our "History Books" as one of our very successful years.

First, we completed some necessary and badly needed repairs to the Starr and Darrow houses. They were completed in time to be seen at the Harvest Festival. These were completed through the efforts of our Trustees, and with financial support from the City of Stow.

Secondly, the Harvest Festival was the best attended, both by visitors and vendors, looking back over at least the last 5 years. A new vendor, a member of the Ohio Natural Fiber Network, showcased Ohio fiber producers and brought their animals. We again thank Houston Morgan's family, as they provide the traditional activity of making apple butter for us. My special thanks to our members who all went above and beyond to complete the preparations and make the Festival hum.

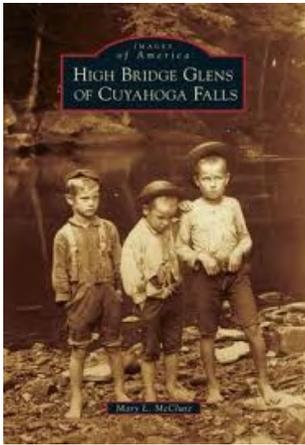
Thirdly, we acted to undertake a once in a lifetime opportunity. We have one chance to preserve the Stewart's Corners schoolhouse. The committee is moving forward with the Old School House Project planning. This was evidenced by the successful kickoff of the Fund Raising efforts during the Festival. Between the contributions of the Stow School students and other individual donations we have in the bank about one-third the required funds needed to move the OSH to Heritage Reserve Park. Please send your donation this month. We need to have the monies available by December first, or the Summit Metro Parks will proceed and demolish the building. The Construction Team is now actively planning and getting costs to make the move.

Finally, I personally thank all of you for supporting us this year. We need your continued presence and that of many others during 2013 and on. The opportunities to volunteer will be multiplying in 2013 as we complete the OSH move and begin the restoration.

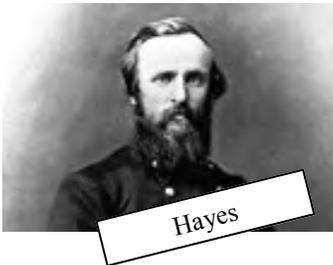
Bob Flower – SHS President
- Old Schoolhouse Project Committee Chair

2012 Fall Meetings

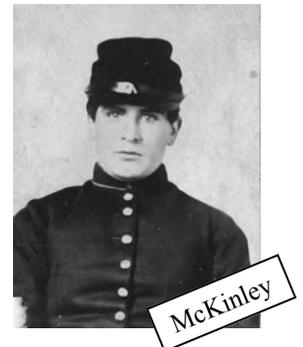
Members gathered for the annual picnic meeting at the home of Charles and Jean Call **August 27th**. Members and guests from Munroe Falls Historical enjoyed the delicious food and great company.



Our **September 24th** meeting featured a slide presentation by local historian Mary McClure, discussing the role that the High Bridge Glens and Caves park, which operated in Cuyahoga Falls in the late 1800s, played in the growth and development of Silver Lake Park. High Bridge Glens was once one of the leading tourist destinations in the state of Ohio and is rumored to have had one of the first roller coasters in this section of the country. Mary's book for Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series, *High Bridge Glens of Cuyahoga Falls*, was available for purchase after the meeting. If you are interested in purchasing a book please contact Mary at bluejay4064@aol.com.



Denny Reiser presented a program on "Presidents of the Civil War, Hayes and McKinley to Antietam" at the **October 22nd** meeting. Denny discussed the 23rd regiment OVI (Ohio Volunteer Infantry) in the battle of Antietam, and the part played by two future presidents.



Our **November 26th** members meeting will be "election night" to vote on Board members. Bring a dessert to share at 7:00 pm. The **December 1st** meeting will be the annual Installation luncheon at The Bistro on Main, 1313 West Main Street, Kent. Cost is \$15. Please make your check out to Stow Historical Society and send in with your membership renewal.

Houses update

The Starr House and the Darrow House have received some much needed maintenance and repair work. A big thank you to Bob Flower and Howard Corathers for overseeing this project and to John Daugherty and Rick Henkle for many hours of scraping, priming, and painting the front entrances. Thank you also to Karen DePalo, Laverne Corathers, and Beth Daugherty for cleaning windows to make the houses sparkle.



2012 Annual Harvest Festival

This year's annual Harvest Festival held October 5th and 6th was very successful, thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the many attendees who came to enjoy the crafts, food, historic homes, and entertainment. Over 25 vendors displayed and sold their products from jewelry to flower arrangements to re-caned chairs. A special participant this year was the Ohio Natural Fiber Network, showcasing Ohio fiber producers and artists. Houston Morgan's family oversaw the making of apple butter, producing 141 Pints. Children at the festival had fun decorating pumpkins, stirring apple butter, and petting the llamas. Visitors learned about the history of Stow and its early settlers by visiting the three historic homes. A display on Stow schools in the Heritage Museum was of special interest. Sona, a four-piece band specializing in Celtic and old-time music entertained with fiddle, guitar, vocals, and accordion.



Old Schoolhouse Bustles With Activity By Marilyn Lown

Saturday classes are certainly not the norm for Stow-Munroe Falls School District students, but school was definitely in session October 5th. A re-enactment performance by thirteen multi-age pupils, under the direction of Kimpton Middle School history teacher Susan Walker, took place at the old Stow Township schoolhouse on Young Road. Costumed participants demonstrated how lessons were taught a hundred years ago, in contrast with how education is conducted today.

The purpose of the student presentation was to introduce the public to the Society's current fundraising efforts to move the 19th century Stewart School building to Heritage Park. Fundraiser committee members John Pribonic and Annie Hanson were on hand to explain the financial needs associated with the campaign. Schoolhouse visitors had the option of being shuttled back and forth from Heritage Park to the schoolhouse in a tractor-drawn wagon. Before and after the student presentations, the public had the opportunity to view an exhibit of school memorabilia.

On display were early McGuffey readers and spellers, a ciphering textbook, a Spencerian penmanship display, antique lunch pails, and boys and girls clothing articles. Highlighting the exhibit was the original school desk from the Stewart Corner's Schoolhouse. In addition, was an explanation of the 1908 demise of the one-room schoolhouse, when Stow Township became a centralized school district.

The success of Stow Historical Society's *Save Our Schoolhouse* campaign is contingent upon whether the necessary funds to move the schoolhouse to Heritage Park can be raised. Your donation is needed! Please mail your check now to Old School House Fund, Stow Historical Society, P. O. Box 1425, Stow Ohio 44224.

More Harvest Festival Photos!



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Membership New or Renew

Now is a good time to renew your Stow Historical Society membership. We do urge you to return your membership form with the Luncheon Reservation form. Write one check and save on paper and postage. Checks should be made out to Stow Historical Society. Please copy the Membership application, and give them to your friends. *Please include your email address if you would like to be contacted by email. Your address will not be shared with any other organization.* Thank You.

December Luncheon Invitation

December 1, 2012 is the date for our annual December/Christmas Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held at The Bistro on Main, 1313 W. Main Street, Kent, beginning at Noon. Cost of \$15.00 includes soup or salad, entrée (beef short ribs, egg noodle & wild mushrooms, baked shrimp scampi, or salmon), soft drink and tip.

Following our lunch there will be a short business meeting to install the 2013 Officers and Trustees, and present awards. Please come and bring a friend or two.

Luncheon reservation and payment deadline is **Monday, November 26th.**

Please fill out this reservation form and return with your payment:

Name: _____ \$15.00

Friend: _____ \$15.00

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Luncheon Total Enclosed _____

2012 Membership Application

Please accept my membership fee for the following type:

Individual **\$7.50** _____

Family **\$10.00** _____

Contributing **\$15.00** _____

Sustaining **\$25.00** _____

Business **\$35.00** _____

Lifetime **\$100.00** _____

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2012 Stow Historical Society Meeting Calendar

Monday, November 26	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Building— Bring a desert to share
Saturday, December 1	12:00 Noon—Installation luncheon—Bistro on Main, 1313 W. Main Street, Kent

Board meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room at Stow City Hall

Membership meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month
There are no member meetings in January, February, May, July or December