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Deadlines:

Apr. 1 for May July 1 for Aug.
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Drive Thru Christmas

by **Natalie Pigman**
11th grade NHS student



Photos by Tammie Menke

The National Honor Society at Stow-Munroe Falls High School gives students many opportunities to help out their community. Being in NHS has helped me to engage in my community and make Stow a better place to live. I specifically volunteered for the Holiday Drive Through event at Heritage Barn as I was excited for the holidays to begin. The Stow Historical Society gives great ways to engage in the community, and does an excellent job at keeping the roots of Stow alive. Upon arrival many students volunteered to dress up in historical costumes for the drive through. Those who organize the Historical Society are always very kind and welcoming to students willing to help. Allowing the choice to either dress up or aid directing traffic, I chose to direct traffic into the lot. A few other NHS students and I made sure cars knew where to drive in, and then exit on their way out. Students with costumes also passed out programs to the cars upon entry. Volunteering with NHS is such a positive experience and truly reflects how community can come together to bring joy to others. ♦



Dick Baird - Traditional Saint Nick
with the Menkes
Photo by Jeanie Menke



Ammie Brigger, Tom Stephan,
& Kate Frickey



Tom Stephan, Jeanie Menke with her
great granddaughter Annalise

Hello everyone and welcome to our first newsletter of 2022.

I would like to welcome our newly elected Board members for the following year. Their names and contact information can be found on the front page. They have already begun to plan the monthly member meetings and the September Harvest Festival. Future topics include bee keeping and pollinators and the history of small town libraries. We can only hope this pandemic will fan out and return social activities back to what we remember as normal. If you have a topic or idea you would like to present or learn about for the monthly meetings, please contact our program director Tammie Menke.

For those who did not renew their membership this past fall, please send in your yearly dues or contact our treasurer Tim Burns for any questions.

Our primary goal for the Society this year is to increase the communities education on what we have to offer as a Historical Society. The vast majority of Stow and surrounding communities are not aware of our founding fathers and how our city was established from just few roads and early farming families. Our three historic houses and one room school house are filled with information for all ages to learn about our locations history. Special group or family tours can be arranged by emailing stowhistorical@gmail.com or calling 330-696-9286. Stop by in the afternoon for our open house events held the 2nd Sunday of the month from 2-4 pm beginning in April. Our website will mention which museum will have a special guest or activity each month for families.

So please join in obtaining our goals of education and growth this year.

Since January 30th, 1950 we remain strong in preserving the history of Stow's past, present and future.



Thank you
Bryan Menke ♦

Calendar

March 10, 2022,

Thursday ~ 7 pm

School House

Tom Stephan presents

Local Theater Groups

April 10, 2022

Sunday ~ 2-4 pm

Heritage Reserve

Museums Open for Tours

April 14, 2022,

Thursday ~ 7 pm

School House

Dave Gates presents

Local Canals



Monday, February 21

11 am to 4 pm

at the Akron Zoo

Free admission for all guests.

The Summit County Historical Society
will be on grounds with a fun activity.

Parking Rates apply.

akronzoo.org

*"We are not makers of history.
We are made by history."
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The Heritage Reserve In Silver Springs Park is located at 5238 Young Road, Stow, Ohio 44224

Stow-Aways: Memories of the Past

by Beth Daugherty

In 1978, the classes of Stow High School teacher Garnet Byrne, interviewed local residents and recorded their memories of growing up and living in Stow, as well as Darrowville, Metz, and Munroe Falls. The interviews were published, and Stow Historical Society continues to sell copies of *Stow-Aways*. These memories continue to enlighten us on life in early Stow from pioneer days to the early twentieth century. Some excerpts from the book include:

Sarah Amlung on social activities:

Spelling bees were held in the school or the church. They were a great attraction that young and old alike would walk for miles to attend the bees.... the spelling bees were not just for the children. Sometimes at the spelling bees, cakewalks and pie-guessing contests were held

as a school money-making project. At box socials ladies would prepare attractive boxes of delicious food to be auctioned off individually to the highest bidder. The fellow who won the bid claimed the box and also the lady's partnership for the evening.

Marybell Crist Poole on memories of her home:

The Heritage House Museum was Marybell's childhood home from 1916 to 1931. Its original location was at the intersection of Graham and Fishcreek Roads.

My folks wanted to get out of Akron and into the country. They bought the home, which had fifty-five acres; and at first they raised garden produce and operated a truck garden. Eventually, they had a little

homebuilt roadside stand, where Graham Road Plaza is. Marybell's parents were both musicians, and she remembered band concerts and ice cream socials on the front lawn.

Some of the other participants in this oral project were Helen Chandler Wright, Paul Coleman, Harry Olson, the Harley Lappins, and Floyd Darrow. Several long-time Stow Historical Society members, including Joanne Barker, Marylee Morgan, and Peggy Griffin were on the advisory committee. ♦

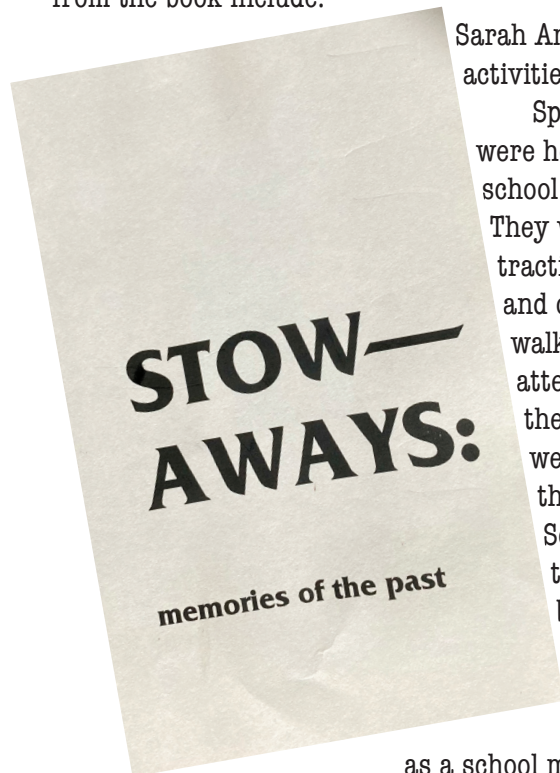


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Heritage Reserve Store

Stow Historical Society offers products for sale with proceeds going toward the maintenance and preservation of the collection. Contact a Board Member if interested. Items include:

Heritage Plates: \$4 each



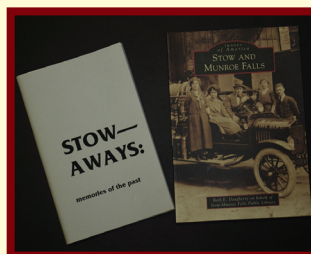
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Stow and Munroe Falls by Beth E. Daugherty: \$22.

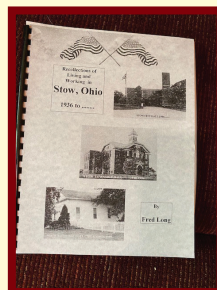
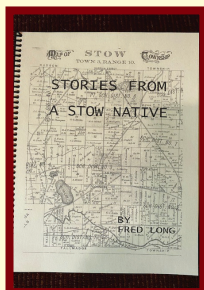
Stow-Aways:

Memories of the Past by Garnet Byrne: \$3.

*Recollections of Living and Working in Stow, Ohio
1936 to...* by Fred Long: \$15.



Stories of a Stow Native
by Fred Long: \$25.



Note Cards: 6/\$5

