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Members: there are still Board positions open for the 2019 year. If interested, please contact Board President Ron Piatt.

A Note from the President

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have lived in Stow most of my life. After a long career, I retired from the City of Kent. When I'm not volunteering for the Stow Historical Society, you can find me riding my bicycle all around the area. My wife, Tracy, who has lived in Stow her whole life, was a teacher at Fishcreek Elementary School. I was recruited by Bob Flower to work on the schoolhouse project in 2013 and worked on it through its completion.



I have learned through Beth Daugherty that this is the 70th anniversary of the SHS. For all these years, this society has accomplished much to preserve our city's history through the help and dedication of many volunteers. We now find ourselves in need of new volunteers to work along with us to continue to preserve our city's history, value the assets of the Heritage Museum, the Starr House, the Darrow House and the Old Schoolhouse.

Once we get back to warm weather I would like to organize some volunteer days to make some needed repairs and for cleaning our buildings and grounds. The only way the SHS survives is through volunteers! If you have an interest in helping, come join us, bring friends and family to help, too! We will put a notice in the Stow Sentry and also post it on our website and our Facebook page. All are welcome!

Ron Piatt, President

Festival Apple Butter

We have fresh made apple butter for sale at \$5.25 a pint. Contact one of the board members if interested.

Thank You!

We would like to thank Stow Mayor John Pribonic, Stow Finance Director John Baranek, and the staff at Stow City Hall for providing an office space for the Historical Society's archives. This space is very important for the security and maintenance of fragile and one-of-a-kind documents pertaining to Stow's history. The office is available for research by contacting Stow Finance Director John Baranek (330-689-2852) or Beth Daugherty (bdaughe@gmail.com) for an appointment.

70th Anniversary

One of the longest-running organizations in Stow, the Stow Historical Society was founded by a group of people interested in preserving the history and artifacts of Stow Township. Seven community members, including local historian Frank Green, gathered at the Town Hall November 15th, 1949 to discuss forming a historical society. The first meeting of Stow Historical Society was held January 30th, 1950 with 30 charter members. The objective of the society was "to gather and record all historical data pertaining to the development of Stow Township." Meetings were to be held once a month at Stow Town Hall. Elizabeth (Lib) Cowles was our first president.

Society members wasted no time in getting started with programming and events. Their first big event was an antiques show held the first weekend in June 1950 to help raise funds for the new organization. Residents of Darrovile and Hudson were invited to join Stow residents in displaying their antiques at Stow Town Hall. By 1951, membership was at 60 and the organization was looking for a permanent place to display the many artifacts and historic documents they

had collected. Among some of the items donated to the society during their first year were the original surveyor's chain used by Joseph Darrov to survey the township in 1804, a bear trap, and the deed to the property of the first settler in Stow Township – William Walker.



Heritage House Museum Update

The Heritage House Museum has been undergoing a much needed restoration project for the past several months. The Museum now has a new roof and siding, thanks to Bob Flower and crew.



West side tear off 11/7/2018



West side completed 11/14/2018



North side started 12/18/2018



North side completed 12/21/2018

Front completed 1/15/2019

Look for more photos on our website and Facebook page.



Upcoming Meetings

Watch for program updates on our website at stowhistory.org and on Facebook and in the Stow Sentry

Monday, March 25— 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Stow City Hall. Iris Bolar, Akron Summit County Public Library special collections librarian, will present a program on genealogy.

Monday, April 22— 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Stow City Hall.

Monday, June 24—7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Stow Hall.

Home Remedies



Helen Chandler Wright (long-time Stow resident), interviewed in 1978 for *Stow-Aways: Memories of the Past*, shared her parents' home remedies for illnesses:

For pneumonia and bronchitis, they used skunk grease. They caught the skunks, cooked them, and rendered the fat. Mrs. Wright's mother rubbed skunk grease (which resembled lard and was odorless) on a sick child, placing a flannel cloth over the grease.

For very sick patients, she would also apply a mustard plaster along with the skunk grease. A mustard plaster was made by preparing a paste of flour, dry mustard, and water. A proportion of one tablespoon of dry mustard to one cup of flour was used. Water was added to make it a paste-like consistency. The more mustard used, the hotter the plaster would get. The paste was then plastered on the patient's chest and covered with a soft cloth. The plaster would heat up and needed to be watched carefully, as bad burns could occur if the plaster was left on too long.

You can learn more about home remedies, bob sleds, popcorn, celery farming, and cutting ice on Silver Lake by buying your own copy of *Stow-Aways: Memories of the Past*. Only \$3.00! Ask a board member.

Membership New or Renew

Now is a good time to renew your Stow Historical Society membership. 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.

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2019 Membership Application

Individual	\$10.00	_____
Family	\$20.00	_____
Contributing	\$30.00	_____
Sustaining	\$50.00	_____
Business	\$100.00	_____
Lifetime	\$200.00	_____

Membership Total Enclosed _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone & Email: _____

Volunteer interests (circle) Archives Building & Grounds Festival School Tours

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



Stories of a Stow Native by Fred Long \$25



Recollections of Living and Working in Stow by Fred Long \$15

Apple Butter
\$5.25

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



Stow-Aways Memories of the Past by Garnet Byrne \$3.00

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Monday, March 25	7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Stow City Hall—Genealogy program
Monday, April 22	7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Stow City Hall
Monday, June 24	7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Stow City Hall
Monday, August 26	Time TBA—annual picnic at Heritage Barn
Monday, September 23	7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Stow City Hall
Monday, October 28	7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Stow City Hall
Monday, November 25	7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Stow City Hall

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The Current Resident or

Board meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. the on the fourth Monday of the month at Stow City Hall

Membership meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month at
Stow City Hall—3760 Darrow Rd., Stow, OH 44224

There are no member meetings in January, February, May, July or December