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# Heritage Reserve News

## Stow Historical Society

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### *A Note from the President*

As 2016 is coming to an end and we have had another successful Harvest Festival, I would like to thank all of the volunteers for their time and efforts to make the festival successful. All of the houses looked great along with their displays during the festival weekend. The Society's Third Grade tours were completed successfully in October which is a change from doing them in the spring. Thanks to all of the tour volunteers.

Again it is the time of the year to elect trustees and officers and at the date of this letter, the Society has two openings for the Board. If anyone is interested in any of the positions, please contact one of the board members listed on Page 1 of the newsletter for more information. Your participation is necessary for the Society to continue to operate.

The 2016 Installation Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm at On Tap Grille and Bar event room at the Stow location. The cost is \$20.00 per person. We will have a limited menu to choose from which includes food, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Anyone attending will need to fill out the form in the newsletter or on the website, and return it along with payment by Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the Historical Society's website at [www.stowhistory.org](http://www.stowhistory.org) to find out more information about upcoming events and Board contact information.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope to see everyone at our remaining monthly meeting on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and at the Installation Luncheon on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*John Baranek*

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped bring Stow's pioneer history to life for Stow's third graders during their tours of the Heritage House Museum this fall. The tour season has been switched from spring to fall. Here volunteer and former teacher, Lynn Bisesi, instructs a group of students during the spring 2016 tour.



## Fall Programs

All member meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Stow City Hall.



**September 26, 2016** - Speakers from the Summit County Court of Common Pleas – Probate Division, office of Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer presented information on probate services. From an historical perspective – types of records kept at Probate, unusual/oldest/interesting documents, process to access records. From a Probate perspective – Probate’s programs & services, how to protect one’s assets, information on Advance Directives, and handouts for all attendees.

**November 28, 2016**— Munroe Falls Paranormal Society, rescheduled from 10/24. SHS members and guests will learn about the history of the organization, the investigative process, and some local cases of paranormal activity. We will have Election of Board of Trustees and our annual dessert/hors d’oeuvres meeting. **Time is 6:30 pm. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share.**



### Stewart School Update

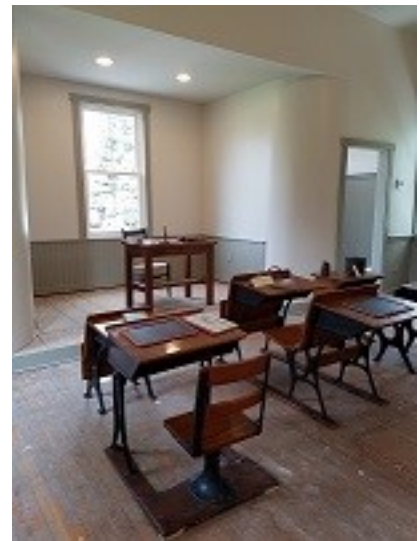
In August we selected the interior paint colors, and the vendor Sherman Williams to provide the material. The Manager of the Stow store also joined our Painting Team. The painting began with the priming of the wainscot, painting the ceiling, and painting the sidewalls with two coats. The window, door trim and baseboards were installed by the Construction Team in September then primed and painted. Brandon Heating returned and installed the heat pump. It is our primary source of heat and air conditioning.

The ADA ramp that was started in June continued construction in July and August and September. This Eagle Scout Project by Troop 273 is 95% completed. It looks great and reflects the meticulous workmanship of the scouts and their leaders. There are two items to be completed before we can get City approval of the ramp.

All these items above were completed prior to the festival, along with a complete inside and window cleaning, by volunteers. The outside of the OSH was also power washed by another volunteer. In September before the festival, Williams Flooring replaced and repaired the floor in the main room.

For the festival a display representing the teacher’s desk area was set up. Also an area of children’s desks and school items was created. The six OSH display panels were placed around the main room to remind visitors of the history of One Room Schoolhouses and the story of Stow’s Stewart Schoolhouse. We had many festival visitors and received many compliments on our restoration work.

In October after the festival, Williams Flooring returned to finish the flooring. We selected the stain, and elected to install flush wooden heating registers and a durable finish process. The floor was then sanded, stained, sealed and two coats of finish applied. We received the donation of the four outside lights and then scheduled Thompson Electric to complete the final electrical work. We also then obtained the final electrical inspection by the City. We (the OSH) look really good on the outside and the inside, but we still have some additional tasks. We need four School House type ceiling fixtures, and a small old coal stove, in the main room to provide that school house look. These would make nice year end donations for someone. We also need funds to complete the installation of the flooring in the coat rooms and on the teachers platform. Donor bricks are still available. The donor brick garden will be constructed sometime in the spring of 2017.



Bob F – OSH Committee Chair

## **Annual Picnic & Square Dance August 22nd**

Our annual picnic was held Monday, August 22nd at the Heritage Barn. The houses and school house were all open for visitors before the dinner, meeting, and square dance. Girl Scout Emily Wisniewski was recognized for her work on signage for the inside of the Darrow House, stone pavers for the outside of the Darrow House, and for repainting of the Cupola. Board member Jacinda Warman was recognized for undertaking the project of planting a tree at the Heritage House. Thank you Emily and Jacinda!

At right, members of the Circulators Square Dance Club demonstrate before members joined in the dancing.



## **Annual Harvest Festival—October 1st and 2nd**

Our 38th annual Harvest Festival was very successful and enjoyed by many. Everyone especially loved the hay wagon driven by Mr. Shuman from the parking area to the festival. Thank you to all who volunteered and to Stow Parks and Recreation for their sponsorship and to participating vendors.





*Stow Historical Society members decorating the Christmas Tree at Heritage House Museum circa 1970's.*

Our friends at Hower House, in partnership with The University of Akron School of Music, are presenting their second annual concert series. The next concert, Graduate String Quartet Concert, will be December 9th at 7:00 p.m. Contact Hower House Museum (330-927-6909) or [howerhouse@uakron.edu](mailto:howerhouse@uakron.edu) to reserve your spot. Visit [www.howerhouse.org](http://www.howerhouse.org) for updated information.



Donate

Don't forget we now have PayPal on our website! This is a safe, secure, and easy way to make your donation to the Old Schoolhouse fund or to make a donation to our general fund. All donations are used in the preservation of our historic buildings and archives.

Stow Historical Society now participates in Amazon Smile. Donate to Stow Historical Society with any eligible product purchase from Amazon! Just designate Stow Historical Society as your charitable organization at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com).



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

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

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

Notecards 6/\$5



Apple Butter  
\$5.25



## Membership New or Renew

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

**Saturday, December 3, 2016** is the date for our annual December/Christmas Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held at On Tap Grille and Bar, 4396 Kent Rd., Stow from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A short business meeting and installation of the 2017 Officers and Trustees will take place before lunch. Cost is \$20, which includes meal and beverage.

Luncheon reservation and payment deadline is **Monday, November 28, 2016.**

Please fill out this reservation form and return with your payment to:  
Stow Historical Society P.O. Box 1425 Stow, Ohio 44224

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

Friend: \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

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Luncheon Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2017 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

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Calendar and Meeting Information.

## **2016 Stow Historical Society Member Meeting Calendar**

Monday, November 28	6:30 p.m. at Stow City Hall (Council Chambers) - MF Paranormal Society; Board elections & desserts/appetizers
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The Current Resident or

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

Membership meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at  
Stow Safety Center—3800 Darrow Rd., Stow, OH 44224

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