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Note from the President

Dear Members,

As this year comes to a close, we have had one of the most productive years as a Society. It began by planning to move the Stewart's Corners schoolhouse and the fundraising involved and it will end with the schoolhouse now sitting on its permanent site in Silver Springs Park. But we are not done there yet because in the coming year, we will need to renovate the interior to get it ready for display and tours. I would like to thank all of the individuals involved in the move from the Fundraising Committee headed up by Annie Hanson and John Pribonic, and the Construction Committee led by Bob Flower which prepared the building for the move and were instrumental in getting it to its current location.

Again, this year's Harvest Festival was another great success. Many thanks go out to the Houston Morgan Family for another year of making the traditional apple butter for the weekend. The vendor attendance increased this year along with the entertainment due to the hard work of Beth and John Daugherty. The food continues to be a hit with all of the people that attend and much thanks goes out to all of the volunteer women led by Marcia Gilmore that worked tirelessly in the kitchen. With the hard work of LaVerne Corathers and Cathy Flower, we were able to keep all of the houses open for the festival weekend by using returning volunteers and some new volunteers. I know that I have probably left some people out that provided much needed help to make this a successful festival and I would like to extend the historical society's and my gratitude for taking time to volunteer.

Another project that was taken on this year was to do more to preserve our records for the Society and again Beth and John Daugherty stepped up to set up a template for continued preservation of the Society's records. They have attended a couple of seminars and have worked very hard to organize and protect many of our old records and pictures. With their suggestions that a controlled environment was needed, the Board approached the City and was allotted some space within City Hall to store some of our valuable items and have a small area to continue our preservation work.

As in the past, I would like to ask all members and friends of the Historical Society to consider volunteering a little time during any activities that we might have in the coming year such as Community Showcase, 3rd Grade School Tours, and Harvest Festival activities. Please feel free to let us know of your availability. Do not forget our installation luncheon on Saturday, December 7th at "Bistro on Main" beginning at 11:30am. See the form in this newsletter for membership renewal and luncheon reservation.

John Baranek, President

Member Request

Please send us your email address and take a look at our website (www.stowhistory.org) for updated information on our events and programs.

Upcoming Programs

Our next member meeting will take place Monday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Stow City Safety Center. We will be electing officers for 2014, and welcome nominations. If you are interested in being on our Board of Trustees, please contact President John Baranek at 330-688-9381. All those whose last name begins with A-L are asked to bring an appetizer to share; those whose last names begin with M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. 🍰

Our December meeting will be the annual installation luncheon which will be held at Bistro on Main, 1313 W Main Street, Kent, Saturday, December 7 at 11:30 a.m. Please send in your reservation, along with your annual membership dues by Monday, December 2nd.

Fall Programs



Over thirty members and guests enjoyed speaker Geoff Elliott at our September 23rd meeting. Lincoln expert and author of the [Abraham Lincoln Blog](#), Mr. Elliott discussed the many aspects of Lincoln's funeral, as well as the effect of Lincoln's death on his wife Mary.

Ohio Living History Society member Chandra Blazek presented a fascinating and unique look at common history myths with her program titled "Oh No They Didn't- Debunking Myths About History That Just Won't Die" at our October 28th meeting. Following Chandra's presentation, OLHS president Shelley Kamrowsky discussed the organizations' mission and interest in local history. The group's mission is to educate the community by preserving, developing, and interpreting local history. This enthusiastic group of historical re-enactors have hosted a series of dinners and programs at the Farnam Manor in Richfield, as well as a children's summer camp. They also participated in the recent Stow Historical Society Harvest Festival by greeting visitors at the Heritage House Museum and the Mary Starr house.



Landscaping Thank you

Many thanks to Julianne Stamer of Stow-Munroe Falls High School. Julie planted flowers and shrubbery around the Heritage House Museum and the Mary Starr House, meeting requirements for her Venturing Gold Award. Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women providing positive experiences to help prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

35th Annual Harvest Festival

The Stow Historical Society 35th annual Harvest Festival was held Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other than a few showers on Saturday and unusually warm temperatures, the weather cooperated for this exciting event. Attendance was very good this year as evidenced by the full parking lot and long food line. Thirty crafters/artisans set up booths, with 14 returning and 15 new vendors. Attendees enjoyed the Ohio Living History re-enactors, the apple butter stirring, blacksmith, chair caner, weaver, musical entertainment, pumpkin painting, live animals, and Stow schools exhibit in the Heritage House Museum. Kitchen sales were excellent, as were raffle ticket sales. Positive comments came from vendors and attendees. This huge event could not have occurred without the help of many dedicated volunteers. Kitchen helpers, raffle ticket sellers, and historic house tour guides, as well as those who set up and cleaned up, all contributed to the festival. Special thanks go to the Houston Morgan family for coordinating the apple butter, to Jean Call for her dedication to the Mary Starr House, to the Menke family for coordinating the animals, to Bob Flower for his contribution of two caned chairs for raffle, and to Stow Parks and Recreation for providing pumpkins for painting.



Old Schoolhouse Update

Our Old School House Project has successfully completed Phase One. On Oct 16h Wolfe HouseMovers relocated the building from 5090 Young Road, onto its new foundation in our Heritage Park Reserve. It was a very exciting move event in a very hard downpour. The event was well covered by the *Stow Sentry*. If you missed that in the paper, you can read about it and see the videos on their web site: www.stowsentry.com and look for Old School House move. Moving is amazing! All the preparations of the building by the Construction Team were completed before the move. All the site preparations and foundation walls were completed to allow the building to be located with less than one inch of alignment error. After the building was set, the other two foundation walls were built including the top 16" of facing with the original foundation stone. The foundation has been backfilled and graded, and the downspouts installed. We owe a big thank you to the contractors who accomplished their tasks in a timely manner and with quality workmanship. In July the SHS Board approved a budget for the Phase One move expenditures. We are pleased that we came in under that budget allowance.

We are now starting on Phase Two of the OSH Project that is to complete the restoration of the outside of the building. This means we have to make or buy 7 new "original" windows and 3 "original" doors. We have to reside the building to resemble the original, and replace the roof including new spouting. Fund raising is an ongoing effort, and we will need more contributions in the next few months to allow the restoration to continue moving forward. Look for announcements of fund raising events starting in January. The Construction Team will continue to have planning meetings and workdays through the winter season. You are invited to participate with your time and talents. We also have a "Building Use Team", that will be determining the interior configuration of the restored schoolhouse. Those meetings will begin in December. We have to plan for the interior restoration so it can continue during the summer and fall. We would like to have the OSH open for our Fall Harvest Festival in October 2014.

If you would like to contribute to the interior restoration activities or the Construction Team activities, please give us a call (Bob Flower at 330-688-5888) or email (shs@stow.oh.us). We must recognize the all-volunteer Construction Team members for their participation and hard work during the "Prep for the Move" tasks. Without YOU this would not have happened.

Thank YOU.

Bob Flower – OSH Committee Chair



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

Saturday, December 7, 2013 is the date for our annual December/Christmas Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held at Bistro on Main, 1313 West Main Street, Kent. **Time is 11:30 a.m.**

Following our lunch there will be a short business meeting to install the 2014 Officers and Trustees, and present awards. Please come and bring a friend or two.

Luncheon reservation and payment deadline is **Monday, December 2nd.**

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

Name: _____ \$15.00

Friend: _____ \$15.00

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Luncheon Total Enclosed _____

2014 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 _____

Membership Total Enclosed _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone & Email: _____

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2013 Stow Historical Society Member Meeting Calendar

Monday, November 25	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Center—election of officers. Bring an appetizer (last name A-L) or dessert (last name M-Z) to share
Saturday, December 7 11:30 a.m.	Installation luncheon—Bistro on Main, 1313 Main Street, Kent, Ohio

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The Current Resident or

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 at
Stow Safety Center—3800 Darrow Rd., Stow, OH 44224
There are no member meetings in January, February, May, July or December