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A Note from the President

Hello Stow Historical Society members,

I am Bryan Menke your current President of the Society. Due to the recent resignation of Ron Piatt, I have assumed the role of acting President. An election will be held after the March 23rd meeting to nominate and elect a new President and or Vice President

I have been behind the scenes helping the Society and working the Harvest Festival for the last 39 years. I hope to personally meet everyone and would like to thank you for your continued support with our society. I would also like to thank Ron Piatt, the immediate past President, for all his leadership and guidance throughout his tenure. Ron was instrumental in the success of our last Harvest Festival with record setting vendors and attendance.

Your current Board of Directors are Bob Flower – treasurer; Ammie Brigger – secretary; Houston Morgan – trustee; John Daugherty – trustee, and Tammie Menke – trustee. I would also like to recognize Beth Daugherty as our Communication and Facebook coordinator. She provides excellent marketing and newsletters for our society.

We have an exciting lineup of monthly meetings and programs throughout the year. Please note that the following program meetings will be held at Heritage Reserve Park, not at Stow City Hall. Member meetings follow the programs.

On Monday March 16th, 7pm in the Heritage Barn, we have Tom Stephan presenting the history of local theater. This date is the third Monday of March.

On Monday April 27th, 7pm in the Stewart School House, we have Denny Reiser presenting his Prehistoric Cultures in Ohio.

On Monday June 22nd, 7pm in the Darrow House, we will have Beth Daugherty with a presentation on the Minnie Darrow House.

I will update you on future meetings and programs soon. Please keep September 26-27 on your calendar to help at our yearly Harvest Festival. As you are aware, this festival is our main source of income to run the society and keep our historic buildings in shape.

Don't forget to help or stop by our Community Showcase booth March 14-15 in the Stow -Munroe Falls High School.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 330-342-9918 or blmrren-gine@aol.com. Thank you.

Bryan Menke

Fall and Winter Projects Completed

Stow Historical Society continues to work on projects and maintenance needs throughout the year. Thanks go to Bob Flower and Ed Bose for working on the latest two projects—loom restoration and installation of new windows.

The installation of new windows in the Starr and Darrow houses was completed in January. All the windows were replaced with vinyl double hung sash windows with insulated glass, resembling the originals. We now have windows that are more secure, can be easily opened and closed from the inside, keep moisture out and heat in. Funding is needed for the next major endeavor of replacing the siding and trim on both houses.



Upcoming plans include work on the Mary Starr porch to make it sturdier and safer.

Loom Restoration Project

Claire Bourguet and two other skilled weavers, along with Bob Flower and Ed Bose, recently restored an old loom belonging to Stow Historical Society. The large hand built loom, located in the small barn at Heritage Reserve Park, has been unused for many years. Thanks go to Claire, Jill, Jan, Ed, and Bob for ensuring the loom is once again ready for weaving!

See our Facebook page to see the whole photo album. https://www.facebook.com/pg/StowOHHistoricalSociety/photos/?tab=album&album_id=3350383004978490.



Upcoming Meetings

Watch for program updates on our website at www.stowhistory.org and on Facebook and in the Stow Sentry. Please note that the first three meetings of 2020 will take place at Heritage Reserve Park, 5120 Young Rd., Stow, OH 44224. AND the first meeting of 2020 will be held the third Monday (3/16/20) of the month, not the fourth Monday.

Maple Sugar Time

Sarah Amlung, long-time member of Stow Historical Society, recalled that at one time the Meadowbrook area was full of maple groves. Her father used to make gallons and gallons of maple syrup. *We had a special sugar house, which had pans of different levels in it. We would keep a fire going at all times and the maple sap would boil until it thickened into maple sugar. I can remember my mother making fresh home-made bread and fresh home-made butter, and you'd take a knife and spread the maple sugar on....There is nothing better in the whole world.*

The Call family also produced maple syrup. In 1884 an additional grove of 144 maple trees was planted to supplement the maples already on the farm property. The maple grove was considered just as valuable as any other part of the farm because it supplied maple syrup as well as wood. Pictures below were taken in 1926 on the Call Farm.



You can learn more about life in early Stow by buying your own copy of ***Stow-Aways: Memories of the Past***. Only \$3.00! Or a copy of ***Images of Stow and Munroe Falls***, \$22. 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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Membership Application

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

Membership Total Enclosed _____ Date _____

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

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



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Calendar and Meeting Information.

2020 Stow Historical Society Member Meeting Calendar

Monday, March 16	7:00 p.m. — <u>Heritage Barn</u> , Heritage Reserve Park, 5120 Young Rd., Stow, OH 44224 Tom Stephan—History of Stow's Local Theater
Monday, April 27	7:00 p.m. — <u>Stewart School</u> , Heritage Reserve Park, 5120 Young Rd., Stow, OH 44224 Denny Reiser—Prehistoric Cultures in Ohio
Monday, June 22	7:00 p.m. — <u>Darrow House</u> , Heritage Reserve Park, 5120 Young Rd., Stow, OH 44224 Beth Daugherty—History of Minnie Darrow House
Monday, August 24	7:00 p.m. — <u>Heritage Barn</u> at Heritage Reserve Park—potluck dinner
Monday, Sept. 28	7:00 p.m. TBA
Monday, October 26	7:00 p.m. TBA
Monday, November 23	7:00 p.m. TBA
December	TBA—installation of officers

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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

Membership/Program meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month

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