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A Note from the President

I would like to take this time to thank everyone that volunteered for this year's 3rd Grade School Tours to make it successful and a positive learning experience for the Stow-Munroe Falls students. We have continued to move forward on the Old Schoolhouse renovations and there is still much to do on this project. If you are interested in helping out with this project please contact Bob Flower, there is still some outside work to be completed along with the inside remodeling. Many people visited all of our historical houses along with our new School House that is still being renovated.

We are always in need of volunteers for our Fall Harvest Festival in October and to help maintain the historical houses (Heritage, Darrow, Starr) at the Heritage Lake Historical site. Over the next few general membership meetings, we will be discussing future changes to the Society's By-laws and update the membership on future events to help increase our membership and volunteers for the organization. Please consider attending these meetings with a friend not only to discuss the Society's future, but to enjoy our speakers and visit with other members and guests.

If anyone is interested in any of our activities or considering volunteering a little bit of time, please visit the Historical Society's website at www.stowhistory.org to find out more information and contact information. Thank you for your continued support.

John Baranek, 2015 President

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2015

October 3 & 4 11:00 a.m—4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the annual Harvest Festival, our main fundraiser. Please consider the following duties: parking coordinator, house greeter; sales table; set-up; clean-up. We will have a sign-up sheet at our Picnic meeting 8/24. If you are a crafter interested in a booth space you will find an application on our website at www.stowhistory.org or email shsfestival@gmail.com for more information. If you have suggestions for entertainment or craft demonstrators, please contact one of the Board members. Thank you!



Square Dance—August, 12th!

We are excited to announce that we will be sponsoring a square dance featuring the Circulators Square Dance Club of Ravenna on Wednesday, August 12th from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The dance will be held at the Heritage Barn. Instruction will be provided! This photo was taken at a square dance held when the Heritage Barn was new in the early 1980's.



Circa 1980

We plan to have the historic buildings open from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Please call one of the trustees if you would like to volunteer as a greeter in one of the buildings. We can use all the help we can get, and hope to make this a fun event for members, guests, and the community. For more information go to www.stowhistory.org or follow us on Facebook.

Annual Picnic—August, 24th!

Our annual picnic meeting will be held August 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Barn. Please bring a dish to share and your table service. Drinks will be provided. We will be discussing the Harvest Festival at this meeting.



2014 Picnic

Upcoming Fall Programs



Monday, Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m. - How to Be a Good Ancestor, Did you ever wonder what it takes to be a good ancestor? Join speaker Gretchen Quinn as she covers topics ranging from family trees, oral histories, and preparing your family heirlooms and collectibles to pass on to your descendants. The program will also provide tips and hints on gathering relevant information to accompany objects for future generations. Gretchen is a librarian at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library with a specialization in Museum Studies.

Monday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.— The Golden Age of Restaurants in Summit County. Take a walk down memory lane during the 50s, 60s and 70s when Akron was the place that out-of-towners came to eat! The days of Themely's, Yanko's, The Embers, Marcel's, Iacomini's and more! Sharon is President of the William Wetmore Chapter of the Daughters of 1812. Her father ran Marcel's, known for its prime rib, on State Road in Cuyahoga Falls.

Green Thumb Needed

Do you have a green thumb? We could sure use your help. The landscaping around our historic houses could use some sprucing up—clearing out weeds and tending to the plants. If you could spare a few hours, please contact SHS President John Baranek.

Old Schoolhouse Update



Thank you to Eagle Scout Tim Flower for the beautiful landscaping around the Stewart School.

It has been a long winter and a hard one from a weather standpoint. As a result no physical work has been accomplished on the OSH during the winter. The shrub gardens planted last fall have survived the winter and have been weeded. The top item on the January OSH Priority List was to get electricity into the OSH. In January the OSH Electrical Specs were revised. We solicited bids from three electrical contractors that do work for the City. All three responded and we selected a contractor to provide the electrical service to the OSH. We also selected a contractor to do the internal wiring of the OSH. The bids were presented to the SHS Board at the June 8th meeting, and two contracts were awarded. The City must now install the underground conduit for the service cable. This will be done soon, and then the contractor can install the cable and the circuit breaker box in the OSH. This will provide the power we need to have lights and run power tools.

The first work day plan has been made but remains to be scheduled. We are in need of additional funds to continue the interior restoration of the OSH. I have made an OSH presentation to a Stow Group considering giving us a donation. I also gave a tour to local people that have a foundation. The tour resulted in getting an application for a grant from the foundation. The Interior Restoration Team had a planning meeting and is perusing a grant from Ohio Humanities Council. Because we do not have individual estimates to finish all aspects of the interior, we are estimating that we will need at least \$40 to \$50 thousand additional funds. Please call me if you know of any additional sources for these funds. There will be many opportunities to volunteer your time and talents this summer, on both the Construction Team and the Internal Restoration Team, so do NOT hesitate to call me. Thank You.

Bob Flower – 330 688 5888 OSH Committee Chair

Darrowville Memories

(Taken from the "Stow -Aways" interview with Floyd Darrow, circa 1977)

Darrowville was first called Darrow Street. All the homes in the area faced the Cleveland-Pittsburgh Stage Road, which is now Rt. 91. Darrowville became the official name in 1890 when the area acquired its first post office. Darrowville was founded by Joseph Darrow, who first came to the area in 1799 with David Hudson. Joseph surveyed Stow Township in 1804. His surveying tools include a compass and a half-length Gunther's chain, measuring 33 feet long and having 50 links. 160 half chains make one mile. Consider that Stow Township was five miles east to west and about 4 1/2 miles north to south. Imagine the difficulties encountered in surveying a rugged territory before there were roads and settlements. Joseph married Sally Pryor in 1803 and became a landowner in 1806. He was a hunter and trapper and at one time followed two bears, eventually crawling into their cave with his rifle. He was rewarded with 300 pounds of bear meat! Joseph and Sally had thirteen children. Floyd Darrow was their great-great grandson. Floyd remembered the hardships of his ancestors: "My great-great-grandfather, Joseph Darrow, really had it rough. When he got ready to build his house, he found that the closest place he could buy nails was Pittsburgh. So he took two horses. He rode one; and on each side of the other horse he put a keg of nails and rode back with those nails. In those days there weren't any roads, just Indian trails. It is hard to imagine anyone going all the way from Darrowville to Pittsburgh just to purchase nails."

You can read more about Darrowville and other memories of Stow's past in the *Stow -Aways* book, for sale for \$3.00. You can also visit Floyd's home, which is open during the Harvest Festival or call President John Baranek to arrange a private tour of the Darrow House and the other historic buildings.



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.



Follow us on Facebook! Stow Historical Society now has its own Facebook page. Some of the posts so far include Throw Back Thursdays, Harvest Festival photos, Stewart School updates, and program information. Click the Facebook button on the www.stowhistory.org home page to connect. Continue to check our website for SHS updates on events and programs.

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



2015 Stow Historical Society Member Meeting Calendar

Monday, March 23	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Center — Vintage Jewelry History & Appraisal
Monday, April 27	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Center — Letters from a Civil War Soldier
Monday, June 22	7:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, Stow City Hall — Must See Places in Ohio
Monday, August 24	6:30 p.m. at Heritage Barn — annual picnic
Monday, September 28	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Center — How to be a Good Ancestor
Monday, October 26	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Center — The Golden Age of Restaurants in Summit County
Monday, November 23	6:30 p.m. at Stow Safety Center — Board of Trustees election
Saturday, December 5	TBA — annual installation luncheon

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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