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Hello everyone,

I hope you enjoy reading our Stow Historical Society newsletter. If you haven't noticed, our newsletter is completely revamped from the articles to the photographs thanks to our volunteer editor John Duckworth. John also is the editor of the **Bagpipe**, a nationally published journal of the Thistle sailboat class association.

With the highly anticipated slowing of the Covid 19 restrictions, volunteers from the Society and Stow Munroe Falls High Schools Interact Club and National Honor students have been preparing the grounds and the interiors of the museums to reopen. Tours will be available every second Sunday of the month from 2-4 pm or by reservation only.

On August 16th everyone is welcome to our Society picnic at the Heritage Barn starting at 6:30 pm. Details on logistics will be available soon. Please visit our website www.stowhistorical.org for more details.

Our largest event of the year, the Stow Harvest Festival, is set to take place September 25th-26th from 11-4. The festival team has planned another exciting weekend, and vendor applications continue to come in. If you would like to volunteer in the museums, please email us at stowhistorical@gmail.com.

This year with the cancellations of the 3rd Grade field trips to the museums, we enlisted one of our members, Tim Burns, to videotape all the tour presentations. Tim filmed, edited, and overlaid sound to produce a 1 hour and 10 minute presentation that was made available to all 3rd Grade Stow Munroe Falls students to watch in their classrooms in place of the on-site field trip. I want to personally thank Tim for all his volunteer hours and dedication to the Society. A job well done.

We hope to reinstate our monthly program meetings this fall and meet as a group again. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. If you know of someone who would like to join our Society, please fill out the application and mail it to our address located on the front page.

I hope to see everyone soon at the future events.

Thank you,

Bryan Menke ♦



The Darrow/ Starr House pictures were taken in late April when the helicopter was working on the pipeline behind the museums! It went on all day! ♦

THE STOW HARVEST FESTIVAL



The Stow Harvest Festival will be held Saturday September 25th - Sunday 26th from 11:00 - 4:00 both days! The four Museums will be open for tours. Craft vendors, kids activities, farm animals, food and entertainment, old-time demonstrations!

Admission by voluntary donations!

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Heritage Reserve Park
5120 Young Road
Stow, Ohio 44224

We welcome new artisan or craft vendors to the Festival. For more information about a booth space please visit our website. ♦

www.stowhistory.org
email shsfestival@gmail.com



Buttercup the Goat will be available to groom and pet!



The Model T Club will be part of the 2021 Harvest Festival!



Volunteers Bryan & Tammie Menke and Houston Morgan work at past SHS table together.



Mocha the Miniature Horse will be galloping back to the Festival!



Corvair Club is coming back to the Harvest Festival!

Calendar

Due to COVID recommendations, we are encouraging visitors to please email the Society at stowhistorical@gmail.com to reserve a tour time for the Sunday Museum Tours.

June 13, 2021

Sunday 2 -4 pm

**Historical Museums open
Please schedule a tour**

August 8, 2021

Sunday 2 -4 pm

**Historical Museums open
Please schedule a tour**

September 12, 2021

Sunday 2 -4 pm

**Historical Museums open
Please schedule a tour**

July 11, 2021

Sunday 2 -4 pm

**Historical Museums open
Please schedule a tour**

August 16, 2021,

Monday 6 pm

Society Picnic

Heritage Barn

All are welcome!

September 25-26, 2021,

Saturday & Sunday

11am- 4pm

Fall Harvest Festival

Heritage Reserve Park

Heritage Reserve Store

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 each



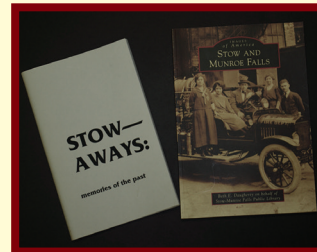
Apple Butter \$5.50 per jar



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

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

Note Cards 6/\$5





The Stow Historical Society is proud to have accomplished our first virtual tour of the Heritage House and Stewart School Museums this Spring!

These virtual tours were made available to our 3rd Grade Students studying Stow history!

Thank you to the many volunteers who worked together to make "Bringing History to Life" possible. ♦



Ted Root



Dave Gates



Laura Root



Pat Bilderback,



Lorelei & Laila Swihart, Logan & Mason Swan,
Rileigh, Cole & Landon Costello, Annalise Arther



John Duckworth



Tim Burns films Laura Root in Stewart School for the 3rd Grade virtual tour.



The Interact Club is volunteering their time at The Heritage House Museum!

Students along with their advisors will be assisting the Stow Historical Society by caring for the grounds outside our original Museum!



Members of SMF National Honor Society have helped tirelessly with many projects at the Heritage Reserve Park! They are always quick to lend a hand, whether it's raking, weeding, cleaning, decorating, or assisting at the Harvest Festival!

We are fortunate to have them partner with us on many projects! Thanks to them all! ♦



History Mystery

This device, though found in the kitchen, was not used in food preparation. So what was it used for?

Answer on Page 7

FLOYD DARROW, POPCORN KING OF STOW

BY BETH DAUGHERTY

The Minnie Darrow House, located at Heritage Reserve Park, was donated to SHS by Floyd Darrow in the 1980's. Floyd's ancestor, Joseph Darrow first arrived in Ohio with David Hudson in 1799. Joseph surveyed Stow in 1804, and in 1806 he purchased his



Floyd at Darrow House

own piece of property, which was located on the eastern intersection of Darrow (Rt. 91) and Norton Roads. This area between Hudson and Stow is still known as Darrowville.

Floyd grew up and lived his married life in the house, which was built in 1847. Once moved to Heritage Reserve Park, the house was named for Floyd's mother, Minnie.

In 1933 Floyd and his father, Fred, decided to get into popcorn after Fred lost his job in a machine shop in Cuyahoga Falls. Floyd stated: "My uncle told me that he never had enough popcorn. My Dad and I decided that if there was anything that there wasn't enough of and we could raise, well, that was for us. This fella came along who owned a chain of theaters and somebody had promised him corn and didn't come through. He said he could use all the corn we could give him."

The business eventually grew to the point where Floyd was selling as much as 80 tons of popcorn a year, husking, shelling, and bagging the corn with homemade machines in sheds near his house. According to Floyd, his first big customer owned a chain of cinemas; but he sold mostly to small local stores and organizations, such as churches and scouts. He also sold to individuals, with a "drive-up-window" on the side of the house. Floyd became known locally as the "Popcorn King." He continued to grow popcorn and other grain until 1978 when he retired from farming.

Visitors can see The Popcorn Room in the Minnie Darrow house when the house is open during the annual Harvest Festival. ♦



Membership

Thanks to our Membership chair Marcia Gilmore for her dedication in updating our mailing list! We were able to reach out to many members who were happy to hear from us. Along with the membership renewals, sometimes there would be a nice note about memories of Stow!

Our numbers are growing and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Heritage Reserve Park! ♦

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.

Stow Historical Society Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please accept my membership fee for the following type:

Individual	\$10	_____
Family	\$20	_____
Contributing	\$30	_____
Sustaining	\$50	_____
Business	\$100	_____
Lifetime	\$200	_____

Membership Total Enclosed _____ Date _____

Volunteer Interests (circle)

Archives Building & Grounds Festival School Tours

Other _____

Mail application and personal check to: Stow Historical Society
PO Box 1425
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History Mystery

This is a pleat iron. It was heated up on the stove and then used to make crisp pleats in clothing, aprons, and bonnets.

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