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## Heritage House Museum Update



The Stow Historical Society would like to update the community on the status of the Heritage House restoration efforts after the fire on the upper floor on October 15, 2023.

Immediately after the fire, the negotiations with the insurance provider, architectural firm, City of Stow officials and the Stow Historical Society Board of Directors were under way. We are happy to announce that dismantling of the museum and reusing the timbers and beams for rebuilding will start soon. The second-floor stairs, handrail, and banisters have been removed along with interior window trim and a large portion of the

hardwood flooring which is stored for reuse.

By rebuilding from the foundation up, the Heritage House will look the same and be ADA compliant with current building codes.

The restored museum will once again be furnished with furniture, artwork, tools, clothing, and other artifacts depicting life in Stow from the 1800's to the early 1900's.

Fundraising efforts continue as costs have risen over time.

We will keep the community updated as progress continues.

Thank you for your patience in restoring such an important historic museum for everyone to enjoy. ♦



Photos by Denny Reiser

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## Bryan Menke - President

**W**elcome to our spring Stow Historical Society newsletter.

The Board has a busy and exciting year planned for the 2026 season. Besides our regular program meetings, we will host our annual Joshua Stow Festival on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm with a little twist to help celebrate the U.S. 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Our annual Stow Historical Society Harvest Festival will take place on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. Vendor applications are being accepted for this festival. Planning details on live entertainment and programming are in the final stages. To help with the Festival, email shsfestival@gmail.com.

Museum Ground's days are coming with opportunity in assisting with the weeding, mulching, and museum maintenance at the Heritage Reserve. These are listed with dates and times in the calendar found in this newsletter. Your help is greatly appreciated.

By the time you read this newsletter, our first and oldest Heritage House Museum will be in the beginning of the dismantling stages. It has been a long process, but the Stow Historical Society, City of Stow, insurance company, and architect have a plan of action to restore/rebuild the 1838 historical museum. From a new foundation to the roof, we hope to see progress in the next few months.

I also wanted to revisit the Historical Properties of Stow. Back in 1992-1993, Benjamin D. Rickey & Co. and Judith B. Williams from Historic Preservation Consultants completed the city's comprehensive historic inventory by surveying approximately 50 more buildings bringing the Ohio Historic Inventory in Stow to 133 buildings. One property, the Stewart-Hanson Farm, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I have also attached our Society's historical museums record as it appears on file with the Ohio Historical Society on pages 9-11.

I hope you enjoy the warmer weather and I look forward to seeing you at a future event.

Thank you for your support in preserving Stow's history.

Bryan Menke ♦



*"History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are."*

*- David McCullough*

# Calendar & Volunteer Opportunities:

Please check the website ([stowhistory.org](http://stowhistory.org)) for up-to-date information.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Saturday 10:00-12:00  
Heritage Reserve Park  
Grounds / Museum Spring Clean-up Day  
Water and snacks provided

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Monday 6:00 p.m., -Stow Munroe Falls Library  
Larry Long presents: "Memories of Stow" Part 2

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Sunday 2:00-4:00  
Heritage Reserve Park  
Museum Open House and Grounds Clean-up Day  
Weeding outside and  
helping inside with museum tours  
Water and snacks provided

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Saturday 10:00-12:00  
Heritage Reserve Park  
Grounds and Museum Day  
Help outside as needed and inside with any tours  
Water and snacks provided

**June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Saturday 10:00-12:00  
Heritage Reserve Park  
Grounds preparation for the Joshua Stow Festival  
Water and snacks will be provided

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Saturday 10:00 - 4:00  
Heritage Reserve Park

**Joshua Stow Festival**

Set-up begins at 8:00am  
Help needed in the museums  
and outside with the historic games and activities!

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Monday 6:00  
Heritage Barn  
Stow Historical Society's Annual Picnic  
Please join us for an evening of food and friendship!  
We will feature a special guest or two to share some  
Stow memories with us.  
The Society will provide the meat and drinks, please  
bring a side dish to share.

**September 26-27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 - 4:00  
Heritage Reserve Park

**Harvest Festival**

**October 12<sup>th</sup> 2026**

Monday 6:00 -Stewart School House  
Fun Fall Bulb planting night

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Monday 6:00  
Stewart School House  
Who keeps us safe?  
History of Stow's original Safety Center!

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Monday 6:00  
Heritage Reserve  
Old Fashioned Holiday Sing Along  
Cookies will be served!  
Bring the whole family!

**We also need student photographers  
and journalists to document our  
meetings and events for volunteer  
hours.**

# Stow to demolish and rebuild historic Heritage House, gutted by 2023 fire

Story & photos by Jeremy Brown

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More than two years after a fire swept through the second floor of Stow's Heritage House, the historic building will be torn down and reconstructed.

"Nobody would go in there and just renovate it; they wanted to start from scratch. So, that's when they decided to go ahead and demolish it," Stow Historical Society President Bryan Menke said. "The contractor we're looking at now will dismantle it, set it aside, rebuild it and rebuild from the structure what we can save. What we're going to do is, we're going to gut it, and then save all the timbers we can, fix the foundation, fix the floor, and then put the timbers back up and do what we can and put it back up."



The Heritage House at Heritage Reserve Park

About a third of the building's roof was compromised, and the fire burned through the north gable end wall, leaving the upstairs susceptible to the weather. Menke tarped the roof, hoping to save the structure from weather damage, but the tarp blew off the following year, leaving the roof open. The weather caused further damage to the structure.

Menke said it's imperative to save the Heritage House, as it is the first and most historic building at Heritage Reserve Park. The Stow Historical Society previously used the house for several events and gatherings, including a Christmas party, weekly tours during a Sunday



Stow Historical Society President Bryan Menke.

Disassembly in preparation for the reconstruction will begin in March or April.

In the early morning hours of Oct. 15, 2023, a fire started on the second floor of the Heritage House at 5120 Young Rd., destroying most of the contents. That included a historic piano, antique tools, the contents of a bedroom and several historic artifacts, although some of the clothes in a closet were saved, as was a pump organ.

The cause of the fire is still undetermined. Stow Fire Chief Mark Stone said he's unsure how the fire started, but thinks it was likely started by electrical wires.



A third of the Heritage House roof is missing, along with a portion of wall on the eastern side.



The fire caused severe damage to some of the structure's framework, but many of the timbers in the building were unharmed and will be used to reconstruct the Heritage House.

open house and, in the fall, the society invited fourth graders from various schools to visit and learn about Stow's history. After the house is reconstructed, it will serve in its former capacity.

The Heritage House was built in 1838 as a stagecoach house and sat on the north east corner of Fish Creek Road and Graham Road. Back then, a traveller posted a sign at the intersection that said, "Oregon -- 1000 miles," and from then on, the intersection became known as Oregon Corners. (The sign was misleading, as the true mileage to Oregon is over 2,000 miles.)

Due to road development and other improvements at the intersection, the house was moved to its current location at Heritage Reserve Park in the 1970s.

Menke hopes the building will be completely reconstructed in time for the organization's September festival.

"Our goal is to have it done by this September for the Harvest Festival, the last weekend of September; that's our goal," Menke said.

The new building will be restored to its former state, but instead of baseboard electrical heating, it will be equipped with a furnace, and there will be air conditioning installed to help keep the contents temperature controlled.

The Stow Historical Society has raised about 90% of the funds needed to get the project finished, which came from insurance claim compensation and a GoFundMe page started by the historical society. The organization has also applied for state grants to finish the project.

Menke said the total final valuation is close to

the fire report quote, at or near \$300,000 for the total cost.

The fire report counts the total property and content loss at \$300,000; \$150,000 for building loss, \$50,000 for content loss and a \$100,000 valuation of the full contents of the structure. The final valuation was decided by the city's insurance company.

"In a building that is that old, it's really hard to give a good property value," Stone said. "When we do these valuations, they are just a gross, to get an idea of what it was, and then typically the insurance companies step in and they determine



A charred antique piano on the second floor.

the true value of a building. It was quite a loss."

The Heritage House is owned and insured through the city, as are all the buildings on the site, and the contents of the buildings are owned by the Stow Historical Society, which added an extra level of complexity and time to the insurance claim process.

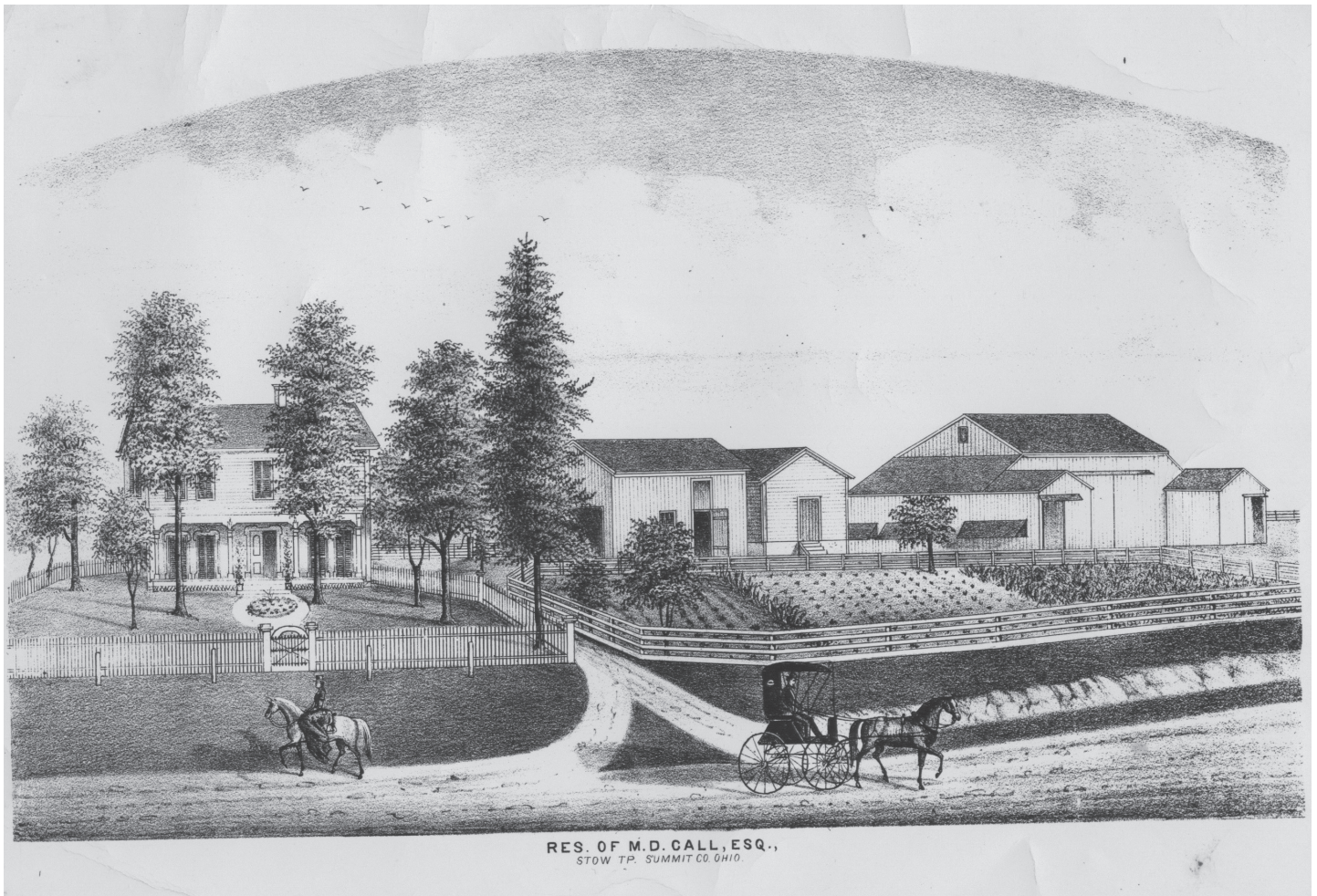
With the help of the fire department, the Stow Historical Society members plan to go into the Heritage House and extract any remaining relics, so they can begin the demolition and rebuild process.

Mayor John Pribonic said the Heritage House, along with the other structures at Heritage Reserve Park, represents an important detail about Stow's history.

"We have an excellent historical room at the library, but this [Heritage Reserve Park] is really cool, where you get to touch and feel what it was like back in those times," Pribonic said. "That's why it's important to get this rebuilt, so people can know what our history is." ♦

# Stow's Street Names

by Beth Daugherty



*Drawing of the Moses Call farm taken from the 1874 Combination Atlas map of Summit County.*

**W**hat's in a name? In Stow many of the street names reflect the names of early pioneers who owned or settled on the surrounding land. The northwest section of Stow is a great example of roads being named after local farm owners. This area, known as Little Ireland, was home to many Irish immigrants, including the Steels, Ellsworths, Hibbards, Housleys, Ritchies, and McCauleys (all familiar road names). William Hibbard came from Ireland to Stow in 1833 and soon married Catharine Sadler, whose family arrived in the early 1820's. Their son John married Nancy Barbara Housley, daughter of John and Nancy Housley, who arrived in Stow in 1871. The Hibbards had one of the finest farms in the area, and at one time also had stone quarries and lumber mills.



*John S. Hibbard and wife Nancy Barbara Housley  
1897*

Darrow Road is named for Joseph Darrow, who surveyed Stow Township in 1804. In 1806 he became an official landowner, purchasing 160 acres in Darrowville for \$480. The Darrow land remained in the family for several generations (and was known for its popcorn in the mid-twentieth century) until it was sold by descendent Floyd Darrow around 1978. The Darrow House where Floyd grew up was moved to Heritage Reserve Park in the 1980's and restored by the Stow Historical Society. You can visit the home to see how the Darrows lived in the 1930's when they were operating their popcorn business.

In 1804 Josiah Starr arrived in Stow Township with a party of settlers from Connecticut. Josiah was young (not yet eighteen years old), but he had plans for the property he bought from the Connecticut Land Company - 180 acres purchased for \$1.50 an acre. He began farming the land and in 1808 he married school teacher Mary Cannon Starr of Aurora, Ohio. They raised their family on the farm situated on what is now known as Call Road. Josiah and Mary's daughter Harriet Maria married Moses D. Call in 1842, thus the name of the road. Through the generations Call's farm has been known for using the most modern farming techniques in production of crops, maple syrup, eggs, and its dairy operation. In 1848, Mary Starr paid \$75 for a half acre lot at 5040 Darrow Road, and commissioned Lyman Darrow to build a house on the property. He finished it in 1849. Mary Starr never lived in the house herself, but it was home to members of her family. The house was restored by Stow Historical Society in the early 1990's and is now located in Heritage Reserve Park next to the Darrow house.

Further south, in Munroe Falls, Gaylord Drive is named after the Gaylord family. Jonathan and Elizabeth Goodwin Gaylord were among the first settlers in the area, arriving in 1809 with the William Stow party. The pioneers built their cabins on the banks of the Cuyahoga River. Jonathan was a Revolutionary War veteran, and he and Elizabeth brought with them their extended family to start a new life. Sadly, Elizabeth died the same year she arrived in Stow Township. She was the first burial in Stow Cemetery. Jonathan and Elizabeth's great-grandson, Howard (married to Florence in 1902), was the Munroe Falls constable and marshal for 36 years. He is remembered as also being in charge of security for Adell Durbin Park.

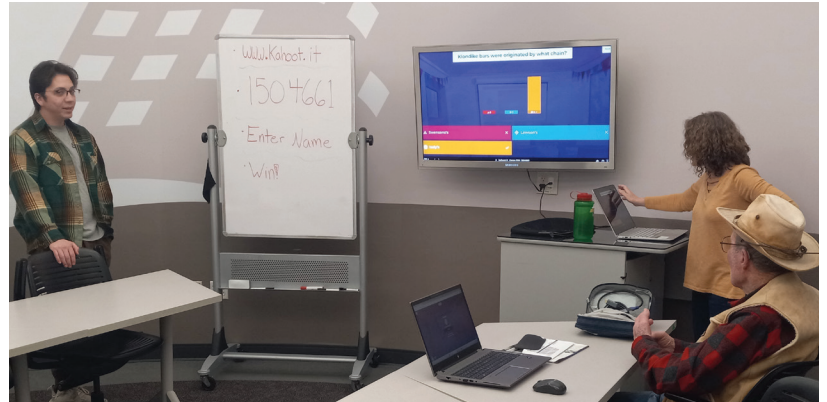


*Wedding photograph of Howard and Florence Gaylord  
1902*

Heritage Reserve Park is located at Silver Springs Park, 5120 Young Road, Stow, Ohio. Both the Darrow and Starr houses are open for visitors during the annual Stow Historical Society Harvest Festival. Please contact [stowhistory@gmail.com](mailto:stowhistory@gmail.com) if you have any questions regarding the homes. ♦

# MARCH PROGRAM MEETING: TRIVIA NIGHT

## BY TIM BURNS



The Stow Historical Society held a Trivia Night at the Library on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> with about 30 questions all related to our city's history, key dates from our Society, the local area, and even things from NE Ohio in general. Pretty impressive that Frank Wetmore and Suzanne Cryst were in attendance too, since their families were subjects from some of the questions.

Thanks to Ethan Nario-Redmond who set everything up and led the game night using an online trivia game called **Kahoot!** to keep track of the scores as we went! It was very fun!

Here are a few of the the questions that we will answer in the next Heritage Reserve News:

Summit County, Ohio is named "Summit" because it is the location of the highest elevation of SOMETHING at the time of the county being named. What is that something?

Stow, Ohio is home to how many public Elementary (K-4th grade) schools? Can you name them all?

What year did the new Stow High School officially change its name to Stow-Munroe Falls High School? ♦

## REBUILDING PROGRESS



The flagpole and time capsule were removed on April 4 to be out of the way of the contractors.

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Location of Negatives City of Stow		5. Historic or Other Name(s) "White Haven"								
Roll No. 2	Picture No.(s) 9	6. Specific Address or Location 5328 Young Road, west side, in Heritage Park		16. Thematic Association(s)						
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		17. Date(s) or Period 1838	17b. Alteration Date(s) 1972	28. No. of Stories two						
7. City or Village Stow		18. Style or Design Greek Revival		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>						
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material cinder block						
		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction wood frame						
		19a. Design Sources		32. Roof Type & Material gable, wood shingles						
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14. District Potential? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		26. Property Acreage		39. Endangered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		27. Other Surveys in Which Included		40. Chimney Placement center, left side						
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) An elaborate entranceway with pilasters and an entablature accents the front of this simple farmhouse and inn. A cornice forms returns on the gable sides. Tiny second floor windows are in front. The house was moved to this site in 1972 and is on a new foundation. The side chimney was also built at this time. The basement is exposed at the rear for exterior entry.		46. Prepared by Steven McQuillin								
43. History and Significance (Continue on reverse if necessary) This is a well-preserved example of Greek Revival farmhouse architecture. It originally stood on the northeast corner of Graham and Fishcreek roads, a settlement known as Oregon Corners. This house, known as "White Haven", was an early inn for travelers. It was donated to the Stow Historical Society in 1971 and moved here.		47. Organization Stow Hist. Review Comm.								
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) The house stands on a vast expanse of lawn set well back from the road. Nearby is a driveway and paved parking lot. North of here is a large barn which is used as a community and meeting center.		48. Date Recorded in Field May 1988		5328 Young Road						
45. Sources of Information Essay by Thomas A. Labbe and information taken from the Stow Public Library and the Stow Historical Society		49. Revised by								
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HERITAGE HOUSE

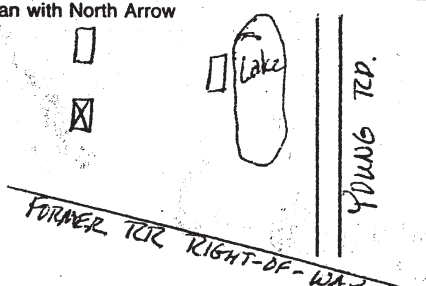
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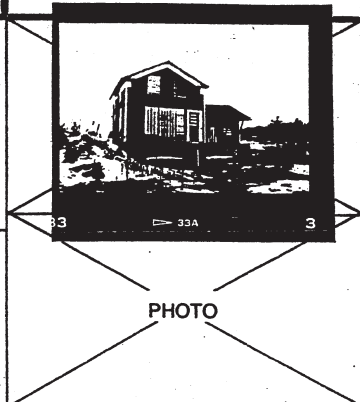
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<b>3. Location of Negatives</b> City of Stow		<b>5. Historic or Other Name(s)</b> Mary Starr House				
<b>6. Specific Address or Location</b> 5328 Heritage Park, Young Road		<b>16. Thematic Association(s)</b> 0100: Agriculture		<b>28. No. of Stories</b> 1 1/2		2. County Summit
<b>6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number</b> 3 33-A		<b>17. Date(s) or Period</b> C. 1850.		<b>29. Basement?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>7. City or Village</b> Stow		<b>18. Style or Design</b> Greek Revival		<b>30. Foundation Material</b> Sandstone block		4.5. Present or Historic Name Mary Starr House
<b>8. Site Plan with North Arrow</b> 		<b>19. Architect or Engineer</b>		<b>31. Wall Construction</b> Frame		
<b>9. U.T.M. Reference</b> Quadrangle Name HUDSON		<b>20. Contractor or Builder</b>		<b>32. Roof Type &amp; Material</b> Gable/asphalt		6. Specific Address or Location Heritage Park, Young Road
<b>10. Easting</b> 466020 <b>Northing</b> 4560100		<b>21. Building Type or Plan</b> Upright and wing		<b>33. No. of Bays</b> Front 2 Side 2		
<b>11. On National Register?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>22. Original Use, if apparent</b> Residence		<b>34. Exterior Wall Material(s)</b> Clapboard		
<b>12. N.R. Potential?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>23. Present Use</b> Vacant-being restored		<b>35. Plan Shape</b> L-plan		
<b>13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>24. Ownership</b> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>36. Changes</b> Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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		<b>27. Other Surveys in Which Included</b>		<b>39. Endangered? By What?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continue on reverse if necessary)</b> This frame cottage is an example of a Greek Revival Upright and Wing, a house type which was common in the mid-19th century Western Reserve of Ohio. The upright portion of the house features a two-bay gabled facade with cornice returns and sidehall entrance. The molded frieze board on front, rear and sides is wide, typical of the Greek Revival Style.				<b>40. Chimney Placement</b> no chimney observed		
<b>43. History and Significance (Continue on reverse if necessary)</b> This residence, built c.1850, is significant as one of only a few remaining examples of the Upright and Wing Greek Revival style farmhouse in the City of Stow.				<b>41. Distance from and Frontage on Road</b>		
<b>44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)</b> Located in Heritage Park along with 2 other relocated historic homes.				<b>46. Prepared by</b> Judy Williams for		
<b>45. Sources of Information</b> Summit County Courthouse, Tax Records for 5040 Darrow Rd. James, Peggie Seitz. Stow, Ohio - <u>Shadows of its Past</u> , 1972				<b>47. Organization</b> Stow HPRC		
				<b>48. Date Recorded in Field</b> 2/12/92		
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<p>25. Owner's Name &amp; Address, if known City of Stow 3760 Darrow Road, Stow</p>		<p>28. No. of Stories 1½</p>																																																			
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<p>27. Other Surveys in Which Included</p>		<p>30. Foundation Material masonry block</p>																																																			
<p>42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) This small simple house is plainly detailed. A small cornice accents the eaves, but does not have returns on the sides. Small windows with small-pane glazing are present. The front doorway, in the center of the facade, has broad wood boards accenting the sides and top. A projecting bay window on the south side is a turn-of-the-century addition.</p>		<p>31. Wall Construction wood frame</p>																																																			
<p>43. History and Significance (Continue on reverse if necessary) This house is a well-preserved and representative example of small-scale pre-Civil War domestic rural architecture in Ohio. This house was located in the old crossroads settlement of Darrowville. Joseph Darrow was hired by Joshua Stow and David Hudson to survey their two townships in 1804. This house was built by Lymon Darrow, (over</p>		<p>32. Roof Type &amp; Material gable, asphalt shingle</p>																																																			
<p>44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) Located in a spacious open park, this house is a short distance east of the Heritage House, another old residence moved to this park. No outbuildings are near this building.</p>		<p>33. No. of Bays Front 3 Side 1</p>																																																			
<p>45. Sources of Information research by Thomas A. Labbe</p>		<p>34. Exterior Wall Material(s) clapboard siding</p>																																																			
<p>46. Prepared by Steven McQuillin</p>		<p>35. Plan Shape rectangle</p>																																																			
<p>47. Organization Stow Hist. Review Comm.</p>		<p>36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>																																																			
<p>48. Date Recorded in Field May 1988</p>		<p>37. Window Type(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 over 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 over 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 over 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>																																																			
<p>49. Revised by</p>		<p>38. Building Dimensions 18x24</p>																																																			
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<p>41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 200 ft., 200 ft.</p>		<p>PHOTO</p>																																																			

Stow Historical Society  
PO Box 1425 Stow, Ohio 44224 [shsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:shsfestival@gmail.com)  
2026 Harvest Festival

Dear Artisan or Craft Person,

This year the Stow Historical Society will hold our annual Harvest Festival on Saturday September 26th and Sunday September 27th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 2026! The Stow Historical Society Harvest Festival is held at Heritage Reserve Park at Silver Springs Park located at 5120 Young Road in Stow, Ohio. Our three furnished Historical Houses and one room Schoolhouse will be open to all guests to tour. There will be other activities and events on the grounds as well as food for sale by our members! All Festival profits are used to preserve the history of Stow in the Heritage Reserve!

We do accept food vendors for outdoor spaces if the offerings do not compete with our kitchen. We have two areas for vendors:

1. **Inside Spaces** are 10 x 7/8 foot deep. Includes an 8 foot table and two folding chairs. Cost is \$75.00 for both dates.
2. **Outside in your own tent** – Spaces are 12 x 14 foot. Bring your own table, chairs, and display setups. Cost is \$55.00 for both dates. There is no water or electric hookup.

Food vendors (not trucks, carts, or trailers) can be located: Outside your own tent – spaces are 12 x 14 foot. Bring your own table, chairs, and display setups. Cost is \$70.00 for both dates. There is no water or electric hookup.

We have a limited number of pre-set up canopies available for a small fee in addition to the outside space reservation. If you are interested in this option please contact us with questions.

All reservations are payable in advance and enclosed with the application form below. All fees are payable with a check or money order. Please make your check payable to “Stow Historical Society” and mail to **PO Box 1425, Stow Ohio 44224**. Keep this page for your information.

By applying, vendor agrees to the following: **VENDOR AGREEMENT**

- Reservations with payment must be received by September 18, 2026.
- This is a rain or shine event. No refunds will be given.
- All items must be hand crafted\_ no commercial products.
- Vendor agrees to accept the space assigned. Spaces are assigned at the discretion of the vendor coordinator.
- Displays and set-ups should have a professional appearance.
- We kindly ask that you leave your pets at home.
- Vendors must park in designated area after drop-off.
- Set-up is between 8:00 - 10:00 am. No early tear down permitted.
- Thank you for your interest in our Harvest Festival. Please email [shsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:shsfestival@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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2026 Harvest Festival  
SHS Harvest Festival Arts and Craft Show Application

Contact Name

Vendor Business Name

Mailing Address :

Phone :

Email:

Website:

Publicity: Please describe your artisan work so that we may understand and relay it to everyone before the Festival.

Additional Publicity: Please include 2 to 3 more detailed sentences of what you will be presenting in your Vendor Space, including 1-2 pictures sent to our Vendor Coordinator at shsfestival@gmail.com and the Festival Coordinator and our Media Publicist will help promote you and the Festival leading up to our event! This is new for us in 2026 and we hope it will help all of us promote you and our event! Thank you!

Please circle one:

- I was / was not at last Year's festival.
- 
- I have been to the Festival in the past

Comments or Suggestions:

How did you hear about us?

Inside Barn space \$75 per space ..... Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Food Vendors \$70 per space ..... Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Outside space \$55 per space \_\_\_\_\_ Number of spaces \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Pre-set up canopy \$30. In addition to outside space. \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

## Stow Historical Society Membership Application

Please accept my membership fee for the following type:

Individual - \$10    Family - \$20    Contributing - \$30    Sustaining - \$50  
Business - \$100    Lifetime - \$200    Membership Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Interests (circle)

Archives    Building & Grounds    Festival    School Tours

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application and personal check to:

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