

President's Remarks – Jenny Quigney 937-459-8090

Hello everyone and welcome Spring. Spring is one of my favorite times of the year, it is a new beginning and refreshing for the soul. With the new beginning we elected the officers for the new year at the January membership meeting. The one new board member that was brought on is Cary Wogomon, everyone else stayed in their current roles. You will find this information referenced in this newsletter. As with all the board members I value their input in the operations of this organization.

As many of you may know we are in a joint membership drive with the Arcanum Preservation Society so please take advantage of this opportunity and help out both organizations with your membership dues. This will only last until June so please contact myself or a board member if you are interested.

There are a lot of activities coming up in the next several months and they will be referenced in other parts of the newsletter. Please be sure to check out all the activities as it looks to be a fun filled summer. Many members have contributed time and effort for these events and their efforts are greatly appreciated as we strive to keep the history of Arcanum alive for future generations.

A couple of things coming up is our trash bash which is a fund raiser for AWTHS. Thanks to Jim Deis for his time in organizing this, it is greatly appreciated. Todd Clemmons will present a program on the Dayton & Union Railroad at the May 12 membership meeting. These are just a few events coming up, so again please be sure to check out the rest of the newsletter for dates and times.

At this time we have \$22,433.20 in our checking account. Thanks to David Kepler for keeping us straight.

May 12 7:00 p.m. Dayton & Union Railroad Presenter - Todd Clemmons

Our guest, Todd Clemmons, realizes the era of people remembering the importance trains were to the prosperity of their villages is ending. With that in mind Todd is compiling information about the Dayton and Union Railroad line which came through Arcanum and neighboring communities. Todd will share his vision for the book, and will give a historical overview of D&U.

The program then will open up for those in attendance to tell their memories and stories. **First person stories are always the most interesting and will add human interest to the book. Bring photos, newspaper articles and memorabilia for viewing, and perhaps scanning for the book .**

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Rentals Carolyn Furlong 937-548-6556

Please pass the word- AWTHS is available to rent for the day. The fee is \$100, no matter what time you start or what time you say good-bye to your last guest. The use of the kitchen and Veterans Park is included in the fee.

In 2022, we have 13 rentals scheduled so far! Encourage your friends and family to plan their parties and events at AWTHS.

Aluminum Can Recycle Thank You to all who are donating aluminum cans. Designated containers are on the back porch. Cans can also be secured in plastic bags and left on top the containers. Aluminum cans convert into \$ which help pay the bills. If you have not be saving cans for AWTHS now is the time to start. **Remember Aluminum Cans Only.**

Visit the Arcanum Public Library during the month of May to see the AWTHS display near the circulation desk with more information regarding the summer AWTHS events.

Preserving The History Of Arcanum And Surrounding Area Through The Memories You Share

As with many of our programs presented to our members and the community we rely on your memories, photos and memorabilia to tell the whole story – the best we know it.

June 11 10:00 a.m. Donne Hayden

Donne Hayden discusses Preble County Quaker and Darke County families helping runaway slaves through the underground railroad.

While attending Earlham School of Religion, a Quaker seminary, Donne Hayden began research for her book, *A Sense of the Meeting: A History of Elk Monthly Meeting, 1805-2005* which was published in 2005 in time for the West Elkton Friends Meeting's 200th anniversary. Over the next 15 years, she continued research and revision of the book and in 2020, self-published a revised, expanded version.

The program at Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society will give Donne an opportunity to talk about materials collected in her research for *A Sense of the Meeting* which didn't make it into that book.

Specifically, she will address abolitionist / antislavery activities and relationships of Quakers and free black communities in Darke County, Ohio and Randolph County, Indiana (Cabin Creek, Snow Hill, Greenville, and the fully-integrated union Literary Institute).

Through Donne's presentation we will be able to have more of an understanding of those earlier days when these communities offered a safe place to live in harmony.

July 9 9:00 a.m. Ithaca Cemetery Walk - "If These Stones Could Talk"

Ithaca Cemetery Walk, July 9, at 9 am at Ithaca Cemetery on Rt 503. Introducing our early settlers and residents of Ithaca, Arcanum and Twin Township.

Meet a Justice of the Peace, Ithaca's Founder, a wood worker, Revolutionary War soldier and wife, early settler's wife and shop keeper and the local doctor.

16 Rain Date

Annette Stewart -contact

Plus you never know who might pop in for a stroll! Learn how early life was in the area and their life story.

Bring a lawn chair and we will be moving stone to stone to hear first hand accounts.

Rain date scheduled for July 16.

August 13 10:00 a.m. 1959 Fire of the Weisenbarger Building -

A total Loss of the Arcanum Public Library, Post Office, Arcanum Lockers and Clark Hardware.

Do you know what building stood where the downtown parking lot is now? How old were you and where did you live when fire consumed the huge two storied Weisenbarger building? Did your folks have meat stored in the lockers? Did you know that more than 8000 books went up in flames? You may know as a result of the fire our current Post Office was built.

Join us to learn more about that day and to share your memories. The conversation will start with when the first fire siren sounded. **We hope you bring photos, newspaper articles and any memorabilia for viewing which help tell the story of the fire and what followed.** Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society is preserving the history of Arcanum and surrounding area through the memories you share.

Looking Farther Ahead

September 8th and November 10th Programs

When Autumn arrival we seem to slow down from busy summer activities. That isn't so with our board members and committees. They have planned two very interesting programs: one about a success business and the other a Civil War Veteran.

September 8 *A reunion of those who worked at the Dayton Racquet Company and also those whose families worked for one of the three generations of the Munday family, who brought the Company from Dayton to Arcanum.*

November 10 *We will be learning about the life of an Arcanum Civil War soldier, George Sprecher, though the words he wrote to his wife. Letters he sent home to his wife also tell of local men he served with.*

Updates - Sharon Troutwine 937-692-5128

Thank you to all who have paid their **2022 membership dues**. At this time we have received ? regular dues. We are happy to welcome our new members: Ken & Holly Daugherty, Tim & Angela Herron, David & Chris Kessler, Thomas Kessler, Linda & Mike Schwieterman, Brad & Dee Troutwine, tom & Traci Besecker, and Gregg Brown

Farewell - We sadly report the passing of two members; Joe Bailey and Mary Ann Mehaffie. We send our sympathy to the Bailey and Mehaffie families. Evelyn Heindl, a long time card player at AWTHS' Friday community card parties also passed away. We thank her family for using AWTHS as a memorial tribute to Evelyn.

Garage Sale Mark your calendar for Wed. June 15, 5- 8 p.m.;

Thursday June 16 & Friday June 17 9 am. - 4 p.m.

It is Spring House Cleaning time! Will you help us with this fundraiser? Please look through your closets, drawers and storage areas for treasures and share them with us for the sale.

All donations may be left on our back porch. Please encourage everyone to shop with us.

The village is planning a food truck rally at this time. Plan to shop & enjoy some good food too.

2022 Christmas Bazaar Save these dates: Friday Nov. 25 and Saturday Nov. 26.

It is never too soon to think about Christmas. First, a big Thank You to the community for their wonderful donations and to the shoppers for their support over the years. The 2022 Bazaar will continue to include the Christmas Bake Shoppe and back by popular demand, "like new" Christmasy sweaters, sweatshirts, and winter accessories.

Veteran Park Farmers Market

121 West George St. 9:00 a.m. Saturday June - September

Saturday, June 4th, will begin another Summer of buying and selling produce, plants, and crafts. Both vendors and buyers are needed. Be sure to come and support the market. Remember, there is no fee for selling and no registration is needed. If you have questions call Sharon Troutwine.

Southern Darke County History - Annette Stewart 937-417-3746

There are opportunities to help preserve our history:

1. Help in the library with organizing binders and miscellaneous responsibilities. So again just come in and assist when you can. We are needing to catalog microfiche as well.
2. Video-audio volunteer needed. AWTHS is in need of a volunteer to video or tape our programs and events. Preferably someone with editing experience who is able to download to the computer, on line or the Historical Society Network.
3. We still need host during open hours on first Saturday mornings of the month from 9 to noon. Come and learn by volunteer shadowing.

Historical Society Network from Preble County - AWTHS joined HSN to be able to network with other likeminded historical societies to share, help and learn from each other. The HSN is creating a website to showcase each historical society along with photos, interviews & oral histories. The group offers learning tours as well. Watch here for updates.

Arcanum Preservation Society Update Angela Herron 937-621-3236

APS has been working on several events for 2022. We have a couple of fundraisers planned for June and August. July will see our 3rd annual 4th of July Picnic & Children's Parade. In September we'll be participating in Ohio Open Doors and in December we'll be hosting Caroling at the Opera House.

In between we'll be scheduling tours of sister opera houses, participating in area and statewide history, genealogy and preservation meetings and working on the continuing restoration of the Opera House. Follow us on our website (www.arcanumpreservationsociety.com), Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter for upcoming events.

2022 Board members: Jim Piel, President; Brad Troutwine, VP and Planning Committee Chair; Chris Kessler, Secretary; Holly Daugherty, Co-Treasurer; Bev Rench, Co-Treasurer; Cole Morrie, Finance Committee Chair; Annette Stewart, Heritage Committee Chair; Angela Herron, Communications, Events & Social Presence Committee Chair.

2022 The Great Darke County Fair Schedule Friday, August 19 through Saturday August 27

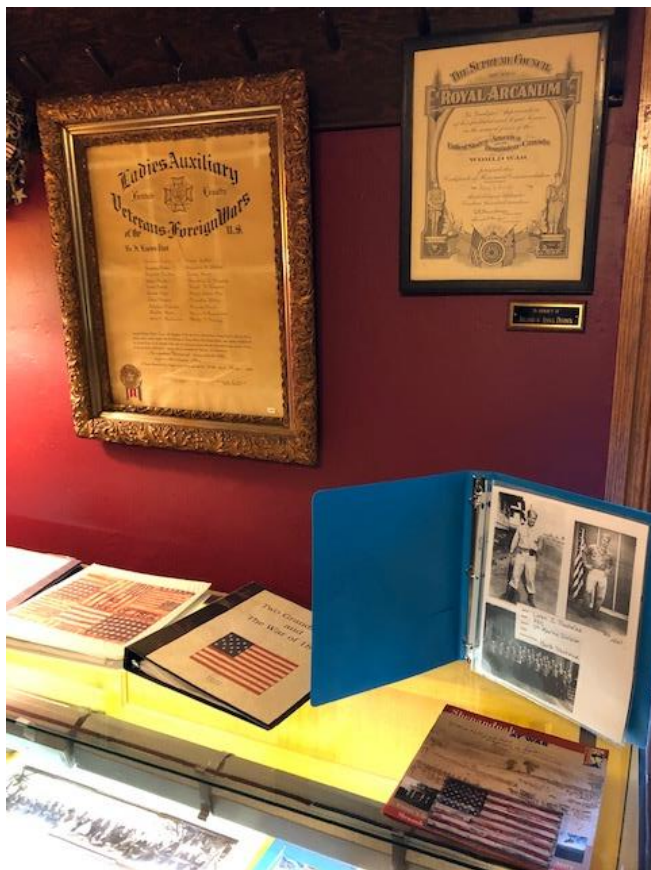
Are you ready for lemonade shakeups, midway sights, animal smells and the roar of diesel tractors? The GREAT Darke County Fair will be held this year August 19-27. This is one of the larger fundraisers for the Society. As scheduling coordinator, I look forward to working with the volunteer gate attendants. If you have not volunteered before, please contact me and we will get you added. Working the gate is a GREAT opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. Beginning August 1, I will be contacting everyone that worked in 2021 per the attached schedule. Feel free to contact me before that to confirm your scheduled time. Thank you in advance for your participation!

	7 am -12 noon	12 noon - 5 pm	5 pm -10 pm
Fri 19	Dave Flora 692-8413* Jody Flora Fair	Deo Miltenberger 547-8000 Sally Sharritt 692-5245 Jenny Quigney 459-8090 Fred Troutwine (1-3) 692-8939	Connie & Mike Wells 692-8085 Tasha Anderson 621-4569
Sat 20	Bruce Shank 564-2891* Jana Deeter 547-0705 Sue Besecker (10-12) 417-6038	Wallace & Trump 620-2800 548-6116	Carol & Earl Hightower 692-8875 Bev Kramer 513-379-6792
Sun 21	Denice & Jason Trimble 416-7178 Mike Fout 467-6534*	Sally Sharritt 692-5245 Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119	Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 HELP WANTED
Mon 22	Dave & Ardis Hamlin 623-8963* Sue Besecker (10-12) 417-6038	Jenny Quigney 459-8090 Liz Stephens 459-0884 Bruce Shank 564-2891	Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Linda Newbauer 417-1166
Tues 23	Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119*	HELP WANTED Joyce Colville 417-3344 Linda Riley 564-5023	Bev & Kirk Honeyman 623-0468 Monty & Ty Clark 692-5155
Wed 24	Lynn* & Carolyn Trump 548-6116 Carolyn Furlong 417-2966	Daivid Kepler 423-1067 Linda Riley 564-5023 Linda Brown 266-2598	Rose & Curt Lambert 623-7333 Mike Schwieterman 417-0985
Thurs 25	Fred Troutwine 692-8939* Alan Fourman 692-8635	Claire Wilt 546-5082 Linda Newbauer 417-1166	Cary & Teresa Wogoman 692-5877
Fri 26	Gene & Nelda Morris 423-5347 Fred Troutwine 692-8939*	Shirley Winger 678-7864 Dave & Ardis Hamlin 623-8963	Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Cheryl Gray 423-1549
Sat 27	Annette & Rex Stewart 417-3746*	Carolyn Trump 548-6116 Carolyn Furlong 414-2966	Kenny & Holly Daugherty 564-0589
	<i>* Will pick-up cash box at Grandstand.</i>		On Call: Bev Rench 937-623-0468

AWTHS Displays

Military Room Check out our Military Room. You'll see some different uniforms and new displays. The Marj Heyduck Collection was boxed up and given a rest. A light has been installed in that case. In the conference room, the Garden Club tribute was replaced by family pictures and acquisitions that tied in with the theme – **“Home is Where the Heart Is”**.

In May a new display - **The Great Darke County Fair-** will be showcased. If you have any fair momentous that you are willing to loan us, please contact any Board member.



Acquisitions Carolyn Troutwine 937-548-6556 Sharon Troutwine 937-692-5128

- 20089 Advertisement yardsticks; ruler; National Bank driveway market; Anderson Auto Supply magnet; RJ Warner ice scraper; Troutwine Gold Key; homemade orange AHS neck tie; Clark’s Restaurant book for bowling scores; Rosser Lumber tool apron; Casual Beauty rain gauge; Quality Hardware sewing set; 1st National Bank account book; Lions 1963 baseball badge; 2nd National Bank tape measure; Hency’s coin purse; 1934-51 Arcanum National Bank program; R.J. Warner letter opener; Federal Savings Mirrors & holders; 1st National Bank Ruler; Arcanum Aluminum Foundry thermometer; Arcanum National Bank list of bank employers 1934; 1992 Troutwine Calendar; Six pages about Arcanum tornado; Article about Smith’s- oldest family owned store; 4 ticket stubs for Little League prize drawing 1954; basketball schedule 1969 Junior & Betty Wade
- 20090 5 photos- Mt. Castle Family; Home; Geeting covered bridge Preble County; 1 room #9 school house Ginny Krickenbarger Darland
- 20091 1974-75 Alumni Banquet program; 12 old deeds of house additions 1872- 1885; Old Masters of Richmond pictures with Dave Hill; 2 class photos; Old Fashion Recipes booklet from Bears Mills; 2 flyers for Smith’s Old General Store Marilyn Strickler
- 20092 Miller’s “tiny” beer mug, plastic Joan Rench
- 20093 Arcanum National Bank Deposit Book Joan Rench
- 20094 Troutwine Auto Service “Lucky Penny” 1948; Arcanum Bronze Sesquicentennial Medal; Arcanum Times 1951&1955; 1948 Musical Score of Hansel & Gretel; 2008 program of Arcanum Alumni Banquet; Centennial 1950 handbill; Arcanum Class of 1953 Senior Edition; History of Arcanum Public Library building 1974-84; Library locations & important dates; 4 pictures of band, basketball; 5th-6th class; 1958 High School Booklet; 1958 year book Arcette; 1959 Arcette Esther Lenhert
- 20095 2 black granite pictures of town of Arcanum Gregg Brown

Calendar

Open House Hours First Saturday of the Month 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 To make an appointment – email awths@awths.org

Euchre Parties 1st and 3rd Friday of each month 1:00 p.m.
Board Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.

- May AWTHS Display in the Arcanum Public Library during the month of May
- May 12 Program: Todd Clemmons, Dayton and Union Railroad 7:00 p.m.
- June 11 Program: Donne Hayden, Preble and Darke Counties Quakers and the Underground Railroad 10:00 a.m.
- July 9 Ithaca Cemetery Walk Rain date June 16th Meet at the cemetery 9:00 a.m.
- August 13 Remembering the 1959 Fire - Library, Post Office, Meat Locker, Hardware Store\ 10:00 a.m.
- September 8 Dayton Racquet Company Reunion 7:00 p.m.
- November 10 Arcanum Civil war Soldier -George Sprecher 7:00 p.m.

2022 Membership Form **Clip and Mail to** **AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304**

Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Phone Number _____ Receive Newsletter by Email? Add email _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Annual Fees ___\$15 Single ___\$25 Family ___\$50 Sponsorship ___\$150 Corporate ___\$1000 Lifetime

Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____

Please check the area where you would like to help.

- Acquisitions Newsletter Membership Programs Ways & Means Historic Sites Education
- Flower Garden Care Yard Care Publicity Publications Adopt A Highway Displays
- Help Reference Librarian Genealogy Type Research Papers Serve as Host/Hostess during Open Hours
- Christmas Bazaar Organize Refreshments for Membership Meetings Monthly Keeper of the House

