

## Sharing the Secret

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**President** - Lynn Trump 548-6116

As I end my first year as President I want to thank all the officers, directors, committee chairpersons and the entire membership for their help.

It is great to see interest in our historical society grow. The reference library is expanding, bringing folks in to research their family history. Also we have received family histories which are included in the research materials.

Research papers by the late Anita Short are being digitized. Lynn Jay is now helping with that project. Consideration is being given as to the best way to make these works available to the public.

Generous residents continue donating items making it possible to change displays through out the year telling the history of Arcanum and Southwest Darke County

We welcome our new members who want to be a part of preserving the past for future generations. And it is great to see people from the community enjoy our programs which take place in Sept. Nov. March and May.

Fundraisers have been supported by the community, generating monies needed for improvements and maintenance. The Christmas Bazaar was a huge success. This year a Wine/ Beer Tasting & Auction event added needed funds. To date a total of \$10,188.46 was made through the various 2011 fundraisers. A special thanks to Dick and Sharon Troutwine for serving as Ways and Means Chairperson for the last couple years.

Ongoing projects brought in \$2,129.16. Membership dues generated \$1,990 and donations \$350.

**January 12, 2012**  
**Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers**  
**Annual Carry-in Dinner**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The dinner has been organized in the following manner; your last name will indicate which food dish to bring.

A-F \* Salad or Vegetable

G-P \* Meat or Meat Dish

Q-Z \* Dessert

Coffee and punch will be provided along with plates, cups and silverware

**AWTHS Officers and Directors**

President	Lynn Trump	548-6116
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**March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Program and Membership Meeting**  
**Program Rescheduled**

**Local Resident Rita Arnold - Ghost Stories**

Due to illness Rita Arnold was not able to present her program in November. We are happy to be able to reschedule this program.

Rita Arnold has been investigating the presence of Ghosts in Darke County for several years. You can hear her "Ghost Stories" March 8<sup>th</sup> at the AWTHS membership meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Rita is a resident of Arcanum and employed at Wayne Hospital. Rita has compiled these stories into several books. She has also conducted tours of "haunted" buildings in Greenville. Have you seen the ghost at the Arcanum library? Is there a ghost in the historical society building?

**Acquisitions** -Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 and Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

Thank you for donating to our archives. These pieces of local history are important, and appreciated.

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|-------|---|--------------------------------|
| 10216 | Photos of 1999 Sesquicentennial Volunteers  | Carolyn Furlong                |
| 10217 | (2) Wooden nickels with ad - Greenville, OH   |                                |
| 10218 | Small leather Tee-Pee for display use   |                                |
| 10219 | Refrigerator magnet advertising, Dr. Dan Collins, family dentist  |                                |
| 10220 | Refrigerator magnet advertising Christine's Pizzeria  |                                |
| 10221 | (8) Arcanum sport and band letters  |                                |
| 10222 | The Arc-Hi Annual 1937 - orange   |                                |
| 10223 | The Arc-Hi School Annual 1936 orange  |                                |
| 10224 | Senior Edition - Arc-Hi News 1935 - orange  |                                |
| 10225 | Arcana School Annual - 1926 - brown worn cover  |                                |
| 10226 | 1926 Girl's Basketball team - Arcanum High Champions  |                                |
| 10227 | 1916 Play Book - "Christmas at Pumpkin Holler"  |                                |
| 10228 | (2) advertisings - Delisle Elevator & Gettysburg Equity First Aid Kit and<br>Arcanum Federal Savings and Loan check book cover  |                                |
| 10229 | 1908 Arcanum Times  |                                |
| 10230 | Several items of advertising: Arcanum Federal Savings & Loan bottle opener,<br>Gower Plumbing key chain, Paul Clark Reality, Angel Flight pencil  |                                |
| 10231 | Arcanum Centennial parking lot ticket - Boy Scouts Troop #86  |                                |
| 10232 | Dayton Area T. V. Guide (partial book) circa 50s  |                                |
| 10233 | Photo of Easter Egg Hunt - Ivester Park, Arcanum, Oh.   | Harold Rosser Collection       |
| 10234 | Arcanum Garden Club Books (1978-2009)   | Betty Sease                    |
| 10235 | Side chair - dark leather seat  | Richard Troutwine              |
| 10236 | Pease Implement Store tractor umbrella (1935-36)  | Richard Swank                  |
| 10237 | Arcanum Girls Athletic Association letter   | Rose Ellison Hein              |
| 10238 | Faith United Methodist Church basketball picture, 1967 Ohio State Basketball<br>Brochure, 1969 Ohio State Basketball Brochure, Great Dayton Flood,<br>1966-67 "This is Trojan Country" brochure | Dave Flora                     |
| 10239 | An example of turn of the century post card   |                                |
| 10240 | Ink blotter election advertising - Chas. A. Longfellow, State Representative of Darke Co.   |                                |
| 10241 | Periodicals - The Freedom Collection, 1906 Youth Companion magazine, and<br>The Grit - 1937 Bicentennial Edition  |                                |
| 10242 | Photo of Memorial Day celebration, Abbottsville - late 1950s<br>In photo, Southeastern school bus   | Alan Fourman                   |
| 10243 | Photo of Arcanum Garden Club Members summer meeting 2006<br>at the home of Carolyn Furlong  | Carolyn Furlong                |
| 10244 | Letterhead paper, D. E. Etzler's Tonsorial Parlor   |                                |
| 10245 | Photo of 1929 Graduating Class  | Mid Hoover                     |
| 10246 | Microfiche and films  | Dr. Wayne Fisher               |
| 10247 | Lloyd Hunt WWII story and photo with gas truck  | Fred Troutwine                 |
| 10248 | 1974(?) 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arcanum Founding   | Marilyn Graeff via JoAnne Hill |
| 10249 | Butler 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade graduation picture   | Bruce Swank                    |
| 10250 | Granite bowl and plate  | Carolyn Furlong                |

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**WISH LIST**

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| Paper Towels and Bathroom Tissue   | Contact Carolyn Furlong - 548-6556 |
| Copy Paper and Card Stock - Standard size (8 1/2 x 11)   |                                    |
| Acid Free Plastic Protective Sheets - Standard size and Legal size                                       |                                    |
| New or gently used Christmas decorations and Christmas motif clear plastic bags for cookies, bread, etc. |                                    |

**Membership** - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

Below is the membership list of 2011. New memberships received after October 2011 will also be included on the 2012 roster. AWTHS appreciates and thanks you for your support with your membership dues and additional donations.

Now another year is upon us. If you have not yet renewed your 2012 membership please do so using the form on page 7. Be sure to mark the area where you are willing to help. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to contact me, 548-6556 or [furpatt@voyager.net](mailto:furpatt@voyager.net).

**2011 Membership List** Ed & Janice Armacost, Brenda Arnett, Jean Aukerman

Joe & Wanda Bailey, Sue Besecker, Lawrence Boyd, Permilla Brawley, Edgar & Lova Brown, Ivan & Geraldine Brown, Ned & Marian Brown, Rodman & Phyllis Brown, Brenda Bryson, Phyllis Bunger  
 Miriam Clark, Robert & Joyce Colville, Ernest & Marion Cooper  
 Richard & Carolyn Davison, Robert & Marian Davison, Jim & Barbara Deis, Norman Dohner, Ryan & Rebecca Dynes  
 Mark & Lois Eilerman  
 David & Beth Flora, Alan & Judy Fourman, Bev & Janet Fourman, Michael & Kathy Fout, Martin & Eleanor Freese, Keith & Carolyn Furlong  
 Connie Garber, Harold & Mary Goubeaux, Richard & Marilyn Graeff, Cheryl Gray, William Gunder  
 Tom & Jean Hanes, Glenna Hayes, JoAnne Hill, Mildred Hoover, Marc Hughes, Dick & Cheryl Hunt, Lloyd Hunt

Bev & Lynn Jay, Charlene Jeong, Thomas & Patricia Jones  
 Sharon Karns, Jerry & Bev Kramer, Eldene & Phyllis Lambert, Esther Lenhert, Philip & Miriam Lockman,  
 Doug & Nora Mahoney, Dick & Dee Mathais, Bill & Gayla Metzcar, Wendell & Jean Miller, Terry & Judy Mills,  
 Yula Jean Munn-Hillis, Betty Murphy, Ted & Mary Murphy  
 Michael & Linda Newbauer, Carol Null, Howard O'Dell  
 Paul & Linda Pease, Dean & Marcia Sue Pitzer, Jeff & Susan Puterbaugh, Jewell Puterbaugh  
 Jenny Quigney  
 Beverly Rench, Gene & Joan Rench, Duane & Joan Reynolds, Linda Riley, Richard & Marilyn Rinehart,  
 Roberts Agency  
 Tim & Peggy Sanders, Helena Schlafman, Dale & Betty Sease, Staley's Antiques, Sue Stammen, Tom & Liz  
 Stephens, Annette & Rex Stewart, Marilyn Strickler, Gary & Denise Swabb  
 John Trigg, Anita Troutwine, Fred & Carolyn Troutwine, Jim & Susan Troutwine, John & Angie Troutwine,  
 Phyllis Troutwine, Richard & Sharon Troutwine, Lynn & Carolyn Trump  
 Josh & Shala Urlage  
 Franklin & Judy Van Scoyk  
 Larry & Annabelle Wallace, Robert & Susan Weisenbarger, Curt & Sue Westfall, Tom & Denise Wetzel, Kerlin  
 Wilt, Wayne & Claire Wilt, Cary & Teresa Wogoman,  
 Larry Zeller

**Lifetime members:** Samuel & Lucy Brubaker, Galen & Sara Lenhert, Samuel R. Lenhert, Harry & Hana Hanes,  
 Phyllis Hahn

**Honorary members:** Phil Garbig, Lew Williams

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**Growing Tobacco at AWTHS This Summer** - Tobacco farming was an important part of Arcanum's history. Tobacco was a cash crop which brought wealth into our community from the 1890s into the 1980s. Seeing a few tobacco plants growing in the AWTHS flower bed along the back fence this summer was a great reminder of the business tobacco farming brought into our community. Lumber was needed for tobacco beds, boxes and lath. Yards of canvas were sown to cover seedling beds; huge warehouses were built to process and press the tobacco. Blacksmiths were kept busy making spears. Tobacco buyers and seed dealers found lodging in hotels and rooming houses and their meals at restaurants. Trains brought seeds and canvas then carried away the tobacco to be made into chewing tobacco, cigars or cigarettes.

**Ways and Means** Dick and Sharon Troutwine

*A Taste of Autumn*, the 2nd Wine, Ale & Lager Tasting Party, was held October 8<sup>th</sup>. Fifty-six tickets were sold at \$22, with 46 people in attendance. Our profit from the ticket sales and auction was \$1520. An appetizer and dessert buffet was served while guests enjoyed sampling various wines, ales & lagers. We want to thank Dayton Heidelberg Distributing for supplying the wine and beer.

Door prizes were awarded to 12 lucky guests throughout the evening. The event concluded with Jeff Puterbaugh auctioning 29 donated art and collectible items. A highlight of the auction was the "Taste of Arcanum Basket" donated by Jerry Kramer of Roth & Company.

Others who donated items were Brumbaugh Fruit Farm, Staley Antiques, Carolyn Furlong and Joan Rench.

*Christmas Bazaar 2011* was a near sell out! Total amount taken in was approximately \$3,300, as not all money has been collected. Main items sold were doll clothes made and donated by Carolyn Trump; decorated trees and wreaths created by Carolyn Troutwine; homemade soaps made by Annette Stewart; wood snowmen and stars constructed by Dick Troutwine with some woodworking assistance from Dave Flora; lath Christmas Trees with grapevines were made by Joan Rench; Barb Deis designed and made decorations for the Buckeye Shoppe and Carolyn Furlong single handed planned and organized this year's mini-boutique. Grandma's Kitchen helped boost our sales. Thanks to everyone who donated delicious baked items, frozen foods, specialty items, and donated cash. A very special thank to Jeannie Miller for all her effort and hard work of advertising the Christmas Bazaar.

The "In-House" raffle added \$90 to our profit. Winners were Peg Ferguson-Decorated Christmas Tree; Tammy Meyer-Father Christmas; Decorated Wreath- Katrina Loxley; Linda Snyder-Goody Basket; Ardis Trigg - Poinsettia Tree which was donated by the Rose Post.

The 50/50 Raffle awarded \$125 to 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner Connie Payne; \$100 to Janet Johns for 2<sup>nd</sup> prize; \$65 to Todd Troutwine for 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Our share was \$290. Thank You for selling & buying 50-50 tickets.

This year we awarded a Christmas Cookie Jar filled with cookies as a fun door prize to Dinah Weaver.

A big thank you to all who helped make our bazaar a huge success for AWTHS and a fun event for the community. Remember to save your Christmas items and please donate them at any time throughout the year.

*Up-coming Event* this spring we will be working together weekly to design & construct fun projects to sell at Arcanum Old Fashioned Days in May as well as during the Farmers Market. You are all invited to come every Wednesday to AWTHS at 9:00 a.m. April 4<sup>th</sup> to May 16th. We will be making Spring Garden Ladies, our version of Fall Scarecrows; Butterfly Puddles, a neat idea from Nora Mahoney; Tea Cup Bird Feeders, an idea shared by Cheryl Gray, and Spring Wreaths. Please plan to come and help when you can.

**Capital Improvements** Keith Furlong 548-6556

**New Doors**-Several months ago, the board of directors approved the replacement of the exterior doors on the east side of the building and the north door of the kitchen. This project is nearly complete. It will basically conclude the exterior improvements.

**Storage Room**-The wood floor has deteriorated. We will be working with a contractor to determine whether just a few boards need to be replaced or the whole floor. It will depend on the condition of the floor joists.

**Air Conditioning**-It has been suggested that we install air conditioning for the first floor. This is a BIG project encompassing over 2000 square feet, tall ceilings and un-insulated brick walls. This project will require careful and thoughtful consideration of not only the initial equipment but also the ongoing monthly utility costs and maintenance. Lynn Trump, Fred Troutwine and I met with a dealer to learn more about this endeavor. He will get back to us with information on the size of the unit, any duct work changes and estimated monthly utility costs based on current utility rates. More information to follow as it becomes available.

**It Happened In 1967 - Trojan Pizza** 1967 was the year Chet Wirrig & Ronald Rogers opened the first pizza place in Arcanum on S. Main Street. Starting with pizza they soon added tacos and soft pretzels. A new building was erected in 1972 on Woodside Drive in the north end of town. Today it is Picnic's Pizza and Grille. In the location where Trojan Pizza began you can again buy pizza at Arcanum Southtown Carry-out. Pizza is also available at Farmer Brown Restaurant and Miller's Tavern.

**Quote by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis** - Old buildings are a precious part of our heritage, and we cripple ourselves if we destroy them. Great civilizations of the past recognized that their citizens had aesthetic needs, that great architecture gave nobility and respite to their daily lives. From the book *Reading Jackie* by William Kuhn 2010

**Arcanum Village-Township Hall & Arcanum Opera House**

One hundred and twenty-four years ago the Arcanum Village Council and the Trustees of Twin Township purchased lot 65 in Houk's addition for the purpose of constructing a building to serve as the Town Hall and Township House. The second and third floors were to contain an Opera House, which any fine community would want to have in that era.

Village Council and Township Trustees wanted to keep the cost down to \$12,500. The actual cost including tax totaled \$13,072.35. *"However, the original contract was for the construction of the building only and did not include the finishing of the interior. Thus, while the building itself was constructed in 1889, it was not finished for complete use, until early 1891. Many of the village residents did not realize this, so there was much grumbling by the citizens about why the various offices and fire department were not immediately moved to the new building."*

*A special Act of the Legislature of Ohio passed in March 1888 authorized "Purchasing of a site and the erection of A Town Hall thereon in connection with the Trustees of Twin Township Darke County, Ohio".*

*The Village of Arcanum was granted authority to issue Bonds not exceeding \$10,000,*

*An Ordinance dated March 1890 read, the Village of Arcanum was granted authority to issue Bonds not exceeding \$3000, for the purpose of completing and furnishing a Town Hall in connection with the Trustees of Twin Township Darke County, Ohio. These bonds could bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6 percent payable semi-annually.*

**Opera House --** The interior of the Opera House was the last part of the building to be finished. "At last the long talked of hall dedication and carnival did come off and was well patronized, had a full house each night--". (Arcanum Items, February 9, 1891) The high school commencement became the second recorded formal social event held in the new Arcanum Opera House on April 29, 1891.

The plight of the Opera House began when it was built. There was never enough money to maintain the entire building. The Opera House was the last area of the beautiful building to be allotted funds for the upkeep.

Little by little the Opera House was made more comfortable for guests and entertainers. But it was a struggle.

Like most villages the Opera House was the heart of the community. Live performances were given, with performers arriving by train car or cars, which were backed up on a track next to the city building or Opera House. During the earlier years no arrangements were made for dressing rooms, thus the train car was used for that purpose as well as storage of the various scenery which was used in the show. Many times on the day prior to their first evening performance, the performers would parade around the streets of the town advertising their show.

During the 1910's and early 1920's most of the village's funds were being used to install curbs, gutters, sidewalks and streets. Thus it seems that very little was spent on the Opera House other than what was absolutely necessary. Over the years that did not change.

Following the construction of the new Arcanum Public School on North Main Street, school programs and community social activities were no longer held at the Opera House. As times changed, vaudeville and entertainment troupes found it to expensive to travel to small communities. Automobiles provided opportunities to travel outside the village for entertainment.

The last recorded group to entertain at the Opera House was Otto Gray's Cowboy Band, on December 7, 1927. For all practical purposes, the Opera House's days of glory were over.

Civic groups, while using the second floor for meetings and activities, invested time and money in the upkeep. With little monies allocated by the Village Council the Opera House suffered and eventually slipped into a comatose state where it remains today.

Except for the removal of the towers and a few other minor changes the exterior of the building looks as it did in December of 1890.

What will be the future of this piece of Arcanum's history?

Excerpts were taken from Arcanum Chronicles written by Anita Short and Bill Gunder

**Sunshine Law 1911-1920**

During the period of 1911 and early part of 1912, the Council did not operate under what we now know as the "the sunshine law". Frequently, if they did not like what "The Arcanum Times Man" stated about their sessions, he would be excluded from the sessions.

**Southern Darke County History** - submitted by Annette Stewart 692-6462

In the last newsletter information about Pitsburg, Monroe Township, Franklin Township and Delisle was shared. We continue with more information about that area.

**Painter Creek** was established about 1865 and so named because of the many panthers that roamed the nearby stream. Ten businesses were established here as the center of Franklin Township. The post office was located in the general store and in 1902 or 1903 public delivery was started from the Arcanum Post Office. Dr. Myers was the first doctor followed by Drs. Bears, Fry, Buell, and Dr. Puterbaugh. The John Swinger tile mill was first located in 1862 along Swinger Road and moved in 1875 to Painter Creek. Wood from the land was first used for firing tile. The tiles were used to drain the surrounding swamp lands.

**Van Buren Township** was named after President Martin Van Buren and was created in 1838. First settlers were James Gregory who came in 1816. Later were Christopher Martin, the Walkers, Robinsons, Routzongs and the Recks.

In 1850 there was 55 miles of road and 32 were pikes. At the intersection of Milton Pike and Arcanum Road, (St. Rt. 571 and Arcanum Bears Mill?) the Poplar Ridge settlement was established. Basil Meadow's father was the blacksmith. The Hathaway saw mill was located on the northeast corner. The John Heller saw mill was located about one mile east of Poplar Ridge.

The first school was built on the William Townsend farm near Jaysville.

**Landis** is located on the north side of St. Rt. 571 and Hahn Road. A two story saw mill was erected by Urias Weaver and James Heck. An early blacksmith was Earl Meadows. Chuck Cain operated the cider mill.

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### **From the Autobiography of John Cornor Jones 1894 - 1976**

Father of Marilyn Graeff

The autobiography of John C. Jones was compiled in 1991 by Gretchen Graeff Hawk, daughter of Dick and Marilyn Graeff. After Johnny's death numerous notes were found among his belongs. Scrapes of paper of all sizes, envelopes, anything available at the time when Johnny felt like writing down a memory was used.

County life near Laura would not have been much different than life in Southwestern Darke County. With that in mind excerpts have been included here to give you a glimpse of daily life in the late 1890s and early 1900s..

*I had two older brothers, Ward and Orville. My father and mother lived on the Alvin Jones farm in the old log cabin. Grandfather lived in the newer house. When I was 2 years old my father and grandfather bought 30 acres of land one mile north of Laura on the Horseshoe Bend Road, my father giving his father 1/5 of all he produced until Grandfather said, "That is enough!"*

*Next I remember I started to school and I got Lung Fever or Pneumonia, I don't know which. I was so sick I did not know what was going on. My school teacher, Lucy Farris came. I remember my mother told her she didn't know if I would make it or not. One other thing, I did not break out with measles, so my father went to Lewis Weeks, got some sheep manure and made tea out of it and had me drink it. They told me about all this afterwards. I don't know if it helped me or not. All us kids had mumps but me.*

*(At school) we played Dare Base, Andy Over the Wood Shed, boxing and wrestling. We pumped our own water and all the children drank out of the same tin cup or dipper. We would bring buckets of water inside to drink in the winter, but no drain for the water you did not drink.*

*I do remember our drinking water at our home had hair in it. My father went down into the well and found a dead rat. He cleaned the well out. I remember the well was 20 to 30 feet deep. It was laid up with flat stones, and when finished it was about 3 feet wide. That way a person could walk down and up, stepping on wall stones and have his back for support. Grandfather had an all wood pump.*

*I remember when I was a small boy my father had a telegraph machine. (Johnny's father and others in the area) had put up the line themselves. And they talked to one another by dots and dashes. They talked mostly when we were eating our meals. I remember we had to keep quiet, as Father wanted to listen.*

*My first bicycle cost \$1.50. At that age I made a wagon and sled, using things I could find around home.*

*We (also) grew hops. My mother used part of it to make bread rise. Later, she bought yeast.*

*My father always raised enough hogs for winter meat and to pay taxes too. We kept sweet potatoes in a barrel with lime on them, stored in a closet.*

Autobiography of Johnny C. Jones continues:

*We kept 4 or 5 cows, when I became old enough; my work was to do the milking. In the morning and evening, I put the milk in gallon crocks in the cellar, and then cream would come to the top in 12 hours. Then we would skim the cream off and churn it for our butter. The surplus butter would be sold or traded for groceries. The skim milk would make cottage cheese or smearcase. The milk which was left would be fed to the pigs or hogs.*

*I remember my father and us kids were out in the field working next to the road. The date was December 17, 1903. Ped Mote, our mailman, driving a horse and wagon, stopped and told us a flying machine was invented.*

*One thing I remember about 1909 or 1910. I was out in the field where my father was spring plowing. One of the horses wanted to lie down. My father unhitched it from the plow, took the harness off, and in a little while Maud (the horse's name) had a colt. We named it Charley. The next few years we had a lot of fun with Charley. We took him upstairs in the old house, and drove him around home before he was a year old - not hitched to anything. When he was little older, I rode him without a bridle, just a little whip, trying to make a show horse.*

Johnny's writes of his life up to 1967. It was that year that he was presented the Silver Beaver Award by the Miami Valley Boy Scouts.

Marilyn was born when her parents lived near Painter Creek. She attended Franklin School all 12 years.

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**Publications** Barbara Deis 678-7832 Bill Gunder 692-8000

Learn the history of Arcanum through books written by our local historians. Share the history of Arcanum with your family and friends.

Books available for Purchase

Title	Author	Price
<i>The Secret Town</i> - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio	1999 Bill Gunder	\$20.00 __
<i>Arcanum, Ohio Business History 1852-1968</i>	2003 Anita Short	\$25.00 __
<i>Arcanum Chronicles</i>	2008 Anita & Bill Gunder	\$20.00 __
Index: Opera House/Town Hall, Chautauqua, Sports, Christmas in the Village, Grassville Quartet, Brig. Gen. E. Sigerfoos, Fast Horses, Parades & Celebrations and Ithaca School		
<i>Arcanum Chronicles Vol. 2</i> - Two smaller books in one	2008 Bill Gunder	\$18.00__
Book 1 Arcanum Fire Department (1877-1970)		
Book 2 Arcanum Public Library & Historic Ivester House		

Mail orders to: AWTHS, Attn: Publications Chairman, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

Books are also available at the Historical Society House and Garst Museum.

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**2012 Membership Form - Due January 1, 2012**  
**Clip and Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum OH 45304**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Fees

\_\_\_ \$50.00 Sponsorship                      \_\_\_ \$15.00 Single                      \_\_\_ \$25.00 Family  
 \_\_\_ \$150.00 Corporate                      \_\_\_ \$1000.00 Lifetime

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

Your participation is needed for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you are willing to serve.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisitions              | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter             | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Sites            | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Garden Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Care       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity              | <input type="checkbox"/> Design/Displays                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications       | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt A Highway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oral History Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> AWTHS Open Hours Hosts | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up For Hall Rentals/Meetings |   |  |

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**Calendar of Events**

**All Membership Renewals Due January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

January 3, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 6 & 20, 2012	Euchre Card Party	1:00- 3:30 p.m.
January 12, 2012	<b>Annual Membership Meeting</b>	7:00 p.m.
	<b>Election of Officers and Carry-in Dinner</b>	
February 3 & 17, 2012	Euchre Card Party	1:00- 3:30 p.m.
February 7, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 2 & 16, 2012	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
March 6, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 8, 2012	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Program Rescheduled	
	Rita Arnold - Ghost of Darke County	

**Wednesdays - April 4<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. - Workshop for Old Fashioned Days Sale**

**On Going Projects**

Euchre Parties -First and Third Friday of each month Sept. through May	Dave and Beth Flora 692-8413
Hall Rental Carolyn Furlong 548-6556	Aluminum Recycling - Lynn Trump 548-6116
For Sale - Historic Arcanum Books, Christmas Cards and Note Cards	Bill Gunder 692-8000
Donation of Appreciated stocks - Richard Troutwine 692-5128 and Todd Durham, 2 <sup>nd</sup> National Bank, 548-2206	

**Newsletter** is edited by Barb Deis. Contact Barb at 678-7832 or [bdeis08@centurylink.com](mailto:bdeis08@centurylink.com) with information for the newsletter.

We would love to hear from you. Share your memories of life in Arcanum.