

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

Hello all. It is once again time to report what has been happening with the Historical Society and I am happy to say that we were able to hold a membership meeting in November. Winston Brumbaugh talked to the attendees about how the fruit farm came about. As all of you know Brumbaugh's is a valuable part of our community and I am grateful to have it. After the meeting many members helped to bring all the Christmas items down from upstairs in order to prepare for our bazaar.

The bazaar was a little different this year but at least we were able to have it, and by all reports was a success. A huge thanks goes out to Sharon and Dick Troutwine for all their efforts in putting the bazaar together. We would be lost without their help. I would also like to thank all the crafters for putting together the beautiful wreaths, garlands and other decorations. Their help was appreciated very much. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped the days of the bazaar.

We also want to thank Rose Lambert for once again providing pine roping for the stage. It looks so nice with the Christmas tree.

In other news, we were able to participate in the Trash Bash this year with 5 teams helping to clean up areas around our town. I would like to thank all that helped with this fund raiser and Jim Deis for heading it up. This enabled us to purchase the new benches in front of the stage. Again, thank you to Jim Deis for arranging the purchase and also thank you to Jim Hill for the cement slabs for the benches. They will make it much easier to mow around.

The date for the 2021 Trash Bash is April 17th. The deadline for team registrations is March 7th. I mention it now because the teams will have to be organized and forms returned before you receive the April newsletter.

Also, the landscaping in front of the stage has been updated, the old plant material was pulled out and new materials installed. Again, thanks to Dick Troutwine and Dick Mathias for pulling out the old and Connie Wells for her help in purchasing the new plants and planting them. This was made possible by the Arcanum Garden Club, who generously donated \$500 to the Historical Society for the purpose of updating the landscaping. There are also plans in the works regarding the trees in front of the stage next spring.

As the year 2020 comes to a close I would like to remember all the different things we have had to deal with over this past year. A lot of members have seen sickness and their holidays were a bit different than they would have liked. So please say a prayer for them and remember that the new year brings a fresh promise that we will eventually heal from all the struggles of the past year and return to normal. God bless each of you and we will see you in the New Year.

Ted Martin, Painter * Martin's Lemonade Shakeups Business** as told by Carol Martin Price to Annette Stewart

My Dad, Ted Martin, was a watch, clock and jewelry maker by trade. He was also an inventor, carpenter, concessionaire and a jack of all trades so to speak.

Dad first started at the Darke County fair in 1958 in a tent where he engraved aluminum jewelry which was popular at the time. Later in 1964 he had a booth under the grandstand where he sold his paintings and also painted landscapes for fairgoers while you waited.

He painted with oils on upson board. He made the frames which my Mom, Helen (Henninger), stained then finished them with polyurethane. My sister Diane and I would also help in any way we could.

Carol recalls her Dad taking seven lessons from a man who also painted pictures at fairs. He went to Portsmouth, Ohio and stayed with this man for a week. Dad had a shop in the upstairs of our house which was across the alley from the laundromat.

Dad had several jewelry stores, the last one in Versailles in the 70s.

In 1981 he hadn't been feeling well in the spring and summer so he wasn't able to get any pictures painted up for the fair. He wanted one of us kids to put something in the booth at the fair to hold the spot for him until the next year. My sister Diane and Terry and I decided to put in a lemonade shakeup stand since none of us could paint. In the meantime Dad was diagnosed with lung cancer and passed away on the first Friday night of the fair.

The rest is history. That's how my family started the lemonade business.

My Mom's name was Helen Henninger, she graduated from Arcanum in 1940. Dad was from Bradford.

Read more about Martin's Lemonade Shakeup Stands at martinsconcession.com

Membership

It's January and time to renew your dues for 2021. It is \$25 for a family membership or \$15 for a single membership. You may drop off your money and form to treasurer, Jerry Kramer or mail it to AWTHS, PO Box 4 or give it to a board member. Use the form on page 3. Several people renewed their memberships during the bazaar. Thank You.

2020 Christmas Bazaar Report – Chairmen Dick and Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

Thank you for supporting our 2020 Christmas Bazaar and for helping to provide a bright fun "Christmasy" shopping spot for our community.

At last count our profit was \$2,594. This was not our most profitable year but it was certainly our most challenging!

The 50-50 Raffle awarded 1st prize of \$170 to Tom Stanley; 2nd prize of \$120 to Dixie Kepler, and 3rd prize of \$100 to Roberta Zimmer. Congratulations to our winners and thank you for a terrific job of buying and selling raffle tickets.

A thank you to so many: Bev Rench for designing Beck's Boutique; Annette Stewart for promoting the bazaar on social media; Barb & Jim Deis for being available and helping in countless ways; Jean Auckerman for her special handmade sewn items; Lynn Trump for making the high chairs; Jenny Quigney, Connie Wells, Carolyn Furlong, Judy Shroyer, Barb Deis and Sally Sharitts for designing our new creations; Sandy Stewart former owner of the Iron Key Shop for her countless donations of wonderful decorations; and to You for your encouragement, donations, and support. THANK YOU.

Even though we sold items Saturday at 50% off we still have many unsold items so we anticipate a new look and a different style for next year's bazaar. Please help on this big project.

Acquisitions

20026	Calendar American Farm Store/Adv. 1977	Unknown
20027	Photo of unknow at Funeral Home with Massive Floral Tributes	Unknown
20028A	Wooden Cut-Out of Gate #2 entrance into Fair	Richard Troutwine
20028B	Wooden Cut-Out of Fair Grandstand 150 th yr.	Richard Troutwine
20029	Boy Scout & Cub Scout Badges & Awards in old leather box (belonging to Todd Troutwine)	Richard Troutwine
20030	Medal – Great Darke Count Fair/ 2005/ 149 th year Commemorative	Richard Troutwine
20031	1995 Medal given out for Annie Oakley Parade	Marilyn Graeff
20032	Arithmetic Book/ Inscription/ History Booklet EUB Castine Church/ Picture of Church Ladies, Picture of Charles Krickenbarger Family	Ginny Krickenbarger Darland
20033	Commemorative Fair Ed 2020 Darke County. The year there was only a 4-H Fair due to Corona 19 Virus	Richard Troutwine
20034	1964 Junior High Basketball League Champs Arcanum-Butler Trophy	LaJeann Riegler
20035	Old Wooden Ballot Box from Old City Building	Village of Arcanum

What To Do!!!

During the Covid 19 pandemic we have more time at home and sometimes we wonder *what to do*. One suggestion is to read the AWTHS blog on our website at AWTHS.org. Annette Stewart and Pam Loxley Drake have written about several subjects which will either bring back memories or tell some interesting facts about Arcanum and the surrounding area which are sure to entertain you. Enjoy!

Arcanum Horse Racing, Horse Tracks, and Darke County Fair

Rhubarb Patch

History of Bears Mill and Stoltz owners

Arcanum Library Locations

The Old Mantel

Mildred Elizabeth Laird Maddock

Women's Work on the farm

Depression Cooking

Arcanum Preservation Society Update – Angela Herron

Arcanum Preservation Society is a standalone, non-profit group organized by community members with the initial intent to restore the old Arcanum Town Hall and eventually other historic buildings in the area. We have no connection to AWTHS other than mutual respect and a shared love of history. We are grateful to AWTHS for the opportunity to keep the community updated through their newsletter since we do not have a regular newsletter ourselves yet. Our relationship with the Village of Arcanum and Twin Township is based on a common goal to protect the old Town Hall for future generations. The building is owned jointly by the Village and Township. By allowing **APS** to spearhead the restoration of the building it opens the venture to funding possibilities that would not be available to government agencies. A recent news article misinterpreted Council’s Resolution 2020-39 “A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to gift certain property to the **Arcanum Preservation Society**”. The resolution was not to gift the building but rather old artifacts found in the building such as signage.

APS recently participated in a successful **Ohio History Connection** event, *Ohio Open Doors*, where we offered free in-person and virtual tours (www.arcanumpreservationsociety.com). We also connected with **Preservation Ohio** when members of their Board came to tour later that day. Both organizations, as well as **Heritage Ohio**, are wonderful resources that we will be able to tap into. Each of them has offered mentoring on a variety of topics including funding. As of yet that guidance has not resulted in any grant money being awarded to us but 2020 has been a difficult year for grant funding. We hope to have more success in 2021. In the meantime we will be focusing on fundraising.

APS’ monthly member meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Old Town Hall. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter. You can contact us at arcanumpreservationsociety@gmail.com.

AWTHS Officers

President Jenny Quigney 459-8090
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History of Arcanum Books * Share the Stories – Learn about the People

- The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio and William Gunder Family* \$20
 - Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)* \$25
 - Arcanum Chronicles Includes - Opera House, Sports, Parades & Celebrations, Brig. Gen. Ed Sigerfoos, Grassville Quartette, Christmas, Chautauqua, Fast Horses, District 7 Ithaca School* \$20
 - Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2 - History of Fire Department and Arcanum Public Library* \$18
- Purchase books at: AWTHS during open hours, website, or contact board members

2021 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 Beds Care Yard Care Publicity Publications Adopt A Highway Displays
- Help Reference Librarian Genealogy Type Research Papers Christmas Bazaar
- Serve as Host/Hostess during Open Hours Provide Refreshments for Membership Meetings Trash Bash

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Calendar of Events

<u>Open House Hours</u>	First Saturday of the Month To make an appointment – email awths@awths.org	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Euchre Parties	1 st and 3 rd Friday of each month (canceled until further notice)	1:00 p.m.
Board Meetings	1 st Tuesday of the month	7:00 p.m.
January 14, 2021	Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers	Postponed
March 11, 2021	Meeting and Program	To Be Announced
April 17 & 18, 2021	Trash Bash	7:00 p.m.
April 22, 2021	Darke County Center for the Arts presents: Jamie Marvin	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Just A Reminder

- Save Aluminum cans for AWTHS recycling project
- Pay your 2021 dues
- Read some of the books written about Arcanum which are available at the Arcanum library or purchase one. (see page 3)
- Invite someone to join AWTHS. It is important to increase our membership to continue our viability. We need younger minds and backs, we need more members to help preserve the history of southern Darke County.
- Come to first Saturday open hours to read the old Arcanum Times dating back to the late 1800s through the 1960s. This is just an example; there is a lot of information about the Vietnam War, names of those who served and much more.