

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

As the year 2021 comes to a close I look back at where we were a year ago. We were unable to have the house opened and all of our clubs along with businesses were also shut down due to Covid. It was a winter filled with staying at home and trying to stay healthy. However, due to the perseverance of many we have been able to return to somewhat of a normal life. While I am aware that we have lost many loved ones over the past year it is with God's grace that we are here to find the silver lining in all of the strangeness of the past year. So, I would like to take this time to congratulate everyone for their strength and commitment to getting through this trying time.

I would like to encourage everyone to check out the rest of the newsletter for all the new and exciting events that are coming up in the year 2022. I have no doubt that it will be an entirely different year than the last one and I'm sure that there will be something of interest for everyone.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that our Christmas Bazaar was another success and a huge thank you to everyone that helped in any way. I would also like to offer my thanks to Jody Stockton, who after the passing of Jerry Kramer, kept our finances in line and is working with us to ensure that the transition to a new treasurer goes smoothly.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President this past year and I am looking forward to what the new year brings our way. Many blessings on each of you and I'll see you in the new year.

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**January 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers**

Join us for pizza and salads provided by the board members at 6:30 p.m. A brief meeting will be held to recap the past year. We have extended an invitation to those nonmembers who have helped at the fair gate, trash bash and the Christmas Bazaar.

**March 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Gregg Brown \* Abbottsville Monuments**

Gregg Brown will give us a historical overview of how materials, technic, styles and personal interest have changed over the years. From wooden markers to marble to granite and from large angels to favorite sports and solar lighting. Abbottsville Monuments has been a family business since 1973. Join us to learn why granite is better than marble and much more.

**April 21st 7:00 DCCA Featuring Jaime Marvin here at AWTHS**

Purchase tickets from Darke County Center for the Arts or Fourman's Variety Store

**April 23rd Darke County Solid Waste District Trash Bash**

Sign up to help! Contact Jim Deis 937-662-0119

**Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society & Arcanum Preservation Society Joint Membership Campaign**

APS and AWTHS are happy to announce that they will be working together on a joint membership campaign in 2022. Join both organizations at the special discounted price of \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family. This special pricing expires June 1st. Those that have already renewed may pay the difference in price to get the second membership. Payments may be made to either organization. Please contact Angela Herron (937-459-1157) or Sharon Troutwine (937-692-5128) if you have any questions. Attached is a joint membership form.

**Rack Cards** We want to thank the Arcanum High School computer class and instructor Mr. Grote for designing our new rack card. The card promotes the AWTHS mission and events. They are placed in racks or holders at businesses as well as historical societies and museums. The students in the research library workshop did a great job with design and color. Thank you all so much.

**Membership** Sharon Troutwine 937-692-5128

We are happy to announce new members: Phill & Carolyn Hollinger, Dr. Dave & Kristine Hayes, and Bill & Johanna Hill. Welcome to AWTHS.

**Farewell** It is with sadness that we report the passing of two long time members: Dick Davidson and Beth Flora.

**Christmas Bazaar 2021**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our recent Bazaar. Our profit was \$3,059.90.

The 50-50 Raffle Winners were Linda Schwieterman- \$200; Bill Campbell - \$125; and Tom Ording - \$100. The Friday Door Prize awarded a surprise box of goodies, donated by Carolyn Furlong, to Dawn Knepshield. A beautiful handmade wooden platter, crafted by Lynn Trump, was won by Shelly Byers for the Saturday Door prize.

Thanks to all of our “bakers” and “makers”, our Bake Shoppe was filled with wonderful treats. A special thanks to Sally Sharritts and Carolyn Hollinger for organizing and pricing our goodies.

Mike Wells was a new and special addition to our Friday Preview Night. His music and songs were the highlight of the evening and we thank him for sharing his talents.

A thank you to our members and the community for their help, support, and great donations.

**Summer Rummage Sale**

This summer we are participating in the town-wide Rummage Sale. It will be held the end of June. Be on the lookout for exact dates. When you do your Spring cleaning be sure to think of AWTHS. We cannot take Adult clothing, but will be happy to accept anything else, especially old tools and items that are of interest to men. Donations are welcome at anytime for both the June Rummage Sale and the Christmas Bazaar.

**Acquisitions** Carolyn Furlong 937-548-6556 and Sharon Troutwine 937-692-5128

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| 20070 | “The Christmas Story” booklet given out at Christmas to customers at Arcanum Federal Savings in the 50s.   | Janet Johns        |
| 20071 | Publication of 2021 Darke County Fair Schedule of events.  | Dick Troutwine     |
| 20072 | 2 Pgs of copied newspaper account of 1956 Trojans State Basketball Championship.   | Dick Mathias       |
| 20073 | Collection (On Loan) Many duplicates – pictures, post cards; Barrel Bank/ 2 ck book covers; 3 Band programs; Basketball Programs; 1904 Traction Line Schedule Booklet; 1984 old Fashioned Days Adv; 1901 Daily Advocate.   | Junior Wade        |
| 20074 | 1938 Arnold & Cook Calendar, Dayton Tennis Racquet, Ladies High Button Shoes with a button tool, 5 Wooden Cutouts- 1 Library, 1 Old Arcanum School, 1 Deport, 2 Wayne Hospital.  | Sam Brubaker       |
| 20075 | 1998 Troutwine Car Calendar; 70 Needle Pkg. (gift from Jack’s Cleaners)  | Angela Herron      |
| 20076 | Framed Troutwine Auto Mirror   | Sue Besecker       |
| 20077 | Lyle Bixler Glass hand painted Christmas ornament  | Lyle Bixler        |
| 20078 | 4 Adv. Pens & Vintage print of Arcanum Historical Buildings by Jo Dunlap 1985  |                    |
| 20079 | Large Framed Print of Historical Arcanum Buildings by Jo Dunlap  | Alan Fourman       |
| 20080 | Arcanum Bicentennial Medal; 1934 Basketball medal issued to Eldean Shelly Director of Darke County 1910; 1937 & 1938 Arcanum annuals; Farmer’s Pocket Ledger 1937-1938; Arcanum Times April 13, 1944; 1910 Darke County Directory; 1937 Invitation to Commencement; Pictures of Shelly family; 1937, 1938, 1934 class pictures; big photo of Mary Catharine & Amzi Reichard with their obituaries. | Joy & Dale McNelly |
| 20081 | Old newspapers: 1912 Chicago Record; Jan. 1978 Journal Herald; 1975, 1976. 1977 Early Bird   | Carla & Larry Wade |
| 20082 | Greenville Advocate July 21, 1969 “Walking on Moon”  | Nick & Sally Rader |
| 20083 | 1933-34 Monroe High School Basketball Photo; Copy of Bryon Young WWII letter   | Sharon Karns       |
| 20084 | Sanborn Village Maps (Various years)   | Village of Arcanum |
| 20085 | Cream Separator- display piece   | Jerrilynn Hart     |
| 20086 | Arcanum High School Yearbook 1938  | Dale Clark         |
| 20087 | 1959 Kreitzers membership certificate; 1944 – 1963 Coates Standard Funeral Abbottsville Cemetery (6 pictures in 1 frame).  | ?                  |
| 20088 | 1970-71 Band & Trojannaires music Record; 1940-42 DVD of Arcanum Events filmed by Dr. Paul Lenhart; RJ Warner Filleting Board; Arcanum Federal Saving & Loan 4 ft. yard stick.   | Esther Lenhart     |

**Researching Your Home**

This past fall has been busy with researchers, helping the Arcanum Village office with finding Purple Hearts and information, and focusing on our research workshop held December. We dove into the area of researching your home and found some tips from talking to the village office and the Darke Genealogical Society at Garst Museum.

From the findings we put a blog together for our web site and FB page which is pretty detailed about where to look and the procedure. This is a common question asked by researchers and unfortunately AWTHS library doesn't have deed records unless donated by other researchers. We encourage you to read this blog on-line. If your property is outside the village limits the Darke Genealogical Society might be able to help you. If in the village it's a little more complicated because of the numerous changing of the lot numbers for your property.

For additional information we recommend reading William Gunder's book "The Secret Town" as it talks about the plat maps for Arcanum and lot numbers. Lots numbers and maps need to be compared year by year. We have copies of the Sanborn maps in the AWTHS library. Also you may try the recorder's office for deeds at the Darke County courthouse if you're familiar with their system. Most importantly please read this latest blog regarding the subject: <http://awths.org/2021/10/researching-your-home/> "Secret Town" can be purchased on line or at AWTHS.

**Volunteer Needed to Clip News**

We are in need of a volunteer to cut articles (obits, anniversary announcements, community events for Arcanum-Pittsburg, and families) starting in January, 2022. They are then put in a binder. No experience needed-just a few hours of your time and to be able to have access to the Early Bird paper. Please contact Annette Stewart if you can help. These records are valuable for helping to preserve future history.

**January and April Open Hours Change**

<i>Closed New Year's Day</i>	<i>Open January 8th</i>	<i>9:00 to noon</i>	
<i>Closed April 2nd</i>	<i>Open April 9th</i>	<i>2:00 to 4:00</i>	<i>Arcanum Alumni Weekend</i>

**Hosts, Writers and Research Library Volunteer Opportunities**

We are looking for host for open hours as well as volunteers for the research library. What better way to learn than to come in during open hours and help our current volunteers. There are always items to catalog into the library, make new binders, reorganize and we need volunteers to go thru the micro fiche files and catalog the contents. If interested please come in or contact Annette Stewart. If you would like to research or write some blogs or FB posts, we would love to hear from you.

**Arcanum Preservation Society Update**

APS wound down a busy 2021 with fun events for its members such as Trick or Treating in front of the Opera House for the local ghouls and goblins, a Fall Member Only Get Together at Rex and Annette Stewart's farm, and an exclusive tour of the Baum Opera House in Miamisburg with Arcanum native Joshua Fox, President of the Baum Opera House Association.

But it hasn't been all fun and games. Crews have been working on removing the false ceiling in the Opera House as well as continuing restoration work on the windows.

Beginning in January the window workshop will open back up to 3 days a week (Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm-9pm and Saturday from 9am-Noon). Other upcoming approved construction plans include removal of the drop ceilings and paneling on the first floor. The Communications, Events & Social Presence Committee took a much-needed break in December and will reconvene to start planning the 2022 schedule January 10th. You are encouraged to watch our Facebook page or website for upcoming events. Our 2022 window cling will be available soon. If you are interested in purchasing one to show your support, please contact Angela Herron at 937-459-1157. They are \$20 each.

**APS'** monthly member meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Opera House. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter. You can contact us at [arcanumpreservationsociety@gmail.com](mailto:arcanumpreservationsociety@gmail.com).

<b><u>Open House Hours</u></b>	First Saturday of the Month –changes see page one To make an appointment – email <a href="mailto:awths@awths.org">awths@awths.org</a>	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
	<b>Euchre Parties</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month	1:00 p.m.
	<b>Board Meetings</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month	7:00 p.m.
January 13, 2022	Annual Membership Meeting with Election of Officers Pizza and Salad dinner	6:30 p.m.
March 10, 2022	Program: Gregg Brown, Abbottsville Monuments	7:00 p.m.
April 21, 2022	Music by Jaime Marvin, Darke County Center for the Arts	7:00 p.m.
April 23, 2022	Annual Trash Bash 8:30 a.m.	
	<b><u>AWTHS Officers</u></b>	<b><u>Directors</u></b>
President	Jenny Quigney 459-8090	Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 Joyce Colville 692-8685
Vice President	Dick Troutwine 692-5128	Dave Flora 692-8413 Jim Deis 662-0119
Treasurer		David Kepler 692-5903 Fred Troutwine 692-8939
Secretary	Connie Wells 692-8085	

<b>2022 Membership Form</b>	<b>Clip and Mail to</b>	<b>AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304</b>
Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____		
Phone Number _____ Receive Newsletter by Email? Add email _____		
Address _____		
City, State and Zip Code _____		
Annual Fees <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Single <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Sponsorship <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Corporate <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Lifetime		
Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____		
Please check the area where you would like to help.		
<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"/> Flower Garden Care <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Care <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Publications <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt A Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Displays <input type="checkbox"/> Help Reference Librarian <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy <input type="checkbox"/> Type Research Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as Host/Hostess during Open Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Bazaar <input type="checkbox"/> Organize Refreshments for Membership Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Keeper of the House		