

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

Well according to the calendar we are starting the beginning of spring, although it seems that old man winter wants to hang on for a while. However, I'm sure eventually spring will be here in full force and along with that many upcoming events for the AWTHS.

First of all, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of one of our founders, JoAnne Hill. A vast amount of knowledge about the history of our community goes along with her. If any of you had a conversation with her, be it brief or extended you will know of what I am speaking. She made many contributions to our historical society and to this community. From my conversations with her I feel that she lived a full and satisfying life with a great regard for other people. She will be greatly missed.

Upcoming Events:

Serve Arcanum in May is an event that helps our community along with us here at the historical house.

Our May membership meeting will take place May 8<sup>th</sup>. Scott Baker will be doing the program and will talk about some of the area vintage items in his store the S&S Vintage Warehouse. Please come and enjoy the evening with us.

Arcanum Butler 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will visit the historical society as part of the curriculum which focuses on learning about their community.

Please read over the remainder of the newsletter for information on upcoming events. I look forward to seeing everyone during the upcoming year.

We also want to note the passing of members Marilyn Reinhart and Susie Weisenbarger. Our sympathy is extended to their families.

**May 8                      7:00 p.m.                      Presenter: Scott Baker**

Local resident Scott Baker will give a peek inside ***S&S Vintage Warehouse***. Although the S&S Vintage Warehouse in downtown Arcanum has only been open four years Scott Baker has been buying and selling antiques and vintage pieces for over 25 years. Scott will share with us how they found Arcanum area items from distance places that reminds them of growing up in Arcanum, and items which help tell our local history. Join us to learn the journey of a treasured piece finding its' way back home *or* to a new home.

**September 11 \* Village of Arcanum Purple Heart Ceremony**

Veterans Park and Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

*Watch for details provided by the Village Administration.*

**NOV 13                      Meeting/Program                      6:30**

***America 250-Ohio – America Semi-quincentennial 2026***

**Presenters: Linda Riley and Deb Nisonger, Members of Fort Greenville Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.**

DAR will give an overview of how Ohio, Darke County, Greenville, Arcanum are planning to commemorate United States adoption of Declaration of Independence 1776.

**Southern Darke County History**

Annette Stewart 937-417-3746

**New Library Acquisitions**

Recently we received some new acquisitions for our research library:

McGriff Family History

Martin Cemetery Book

Otterbein Chapel documents

United Brethren history and deeds to church

**New Displays**

Our focus has been agriculture and farmers. We've been running blogs and posts about farm implements, canneries, elevators, flour mills, farm services, dairies, tobacco farming, and poultry houses from stories from readers and newspaper articles from Rich Emery, we were able to obtain histories on Delisle and Savona Elevator.

We also have a nice display on Franklin-Monroe School.

Several brought in items on loan: David Kepler about Pitsburg and Monroe School; Ron Scammerhorn on the S & L Farm Service which was Rogers Grain located in Franklin Township and now Scoular. Toy implements were brought in to be enjoyed by Carole Fourman, the Hency's were highlighted as well from a donation and farm items and advertisement articles from Angela Blocher Hart, Annette Stewart family had F-M and Monroe School items, on loan, as well.

These on loan displays will be on display through July open hours so enjoy then as well as during our programs or open hours on Saturday mornings while visiting the Arcanum Farmers Market this summer at Veterans Park on George Street. Watch for their ads on the Friends of Arcanum Facebook page.

**Guests Visit**

We had two different college students visit to interview us and check out our research library. Cary Wogoman and Annette Stewart showed the students around and answered their questions.

**Open Hours and Hosts**

Hosts are always needed for Open Hours which are usually First Saturday morning of each month. It just takes a smiling face. No, you don't need to know all the answers and we have training to help with the process. Come and observe or volunteer!

**Article Arcanum Greenhouse**

With spring in the air, we wish to remind our readers and members about the Arcanum Greenhouse which sat north of Kreitzers -Fellers Funeral Home, behind the Arcanum Public Library, near the bridge. For those of you on Facebook, there are posted or photos of Hary Wogoman and some inside shots of the greenhouse.

Thanks to Rich Emery for these wonderful newspaper articles and photos from the Arcanum Greenhouse which was used for this article, along with information from the Arcanum Business book by Anita Short. In 1936 the Arcanum Greenhouse was bought from Arcanum Bldg and Loan by B. B. Beck of Dayton. The greenhouse was 11.3 acres. In 1938 we see the ad for Easter: hydrangeas, Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths and cut flowers. Harvey Wogoman will continue to operate the greenhouse and Florence Mary Beck, florist, will arrange cut flowers as well as funeral sprays, baskets and center pieces. And don't forget your Easter corsage. In 1940 an addition was added to the location. The owners were the Becks and the Wogoman's were employed there to manage the business. In 1944 it was known as the Arcanum Greenhouse and Green Thumb Gardens. In 1952 Mr. and Mrs. H D Wogoman operated the greenhouse selling vegetable plants, potted plants and cut flowers. In 1961 Raymond Petry of Franklin Twp became the new owners of the greenhouse. We are still looking for an outside photo of the buildings.

Harvey was Cary Wogoman's grandfather's cousin. We are still looking for the closing date of the greenhouse and when the buildings were taken down. If you have information, please contact Annette Stewart.

**Thank you to John and Kathy Daugherty**

John helped with our new AWTHS laptop purchase and program installation from grant money from Darke Foundation. Wife Kathy keeps the website updated and assisted Carol Fourman with acquisitions, displays and hosting during open hours. The library also acquired a new projector and printer as well.

**Acquisitions**    Annette Stewart & Carole Fourman

Carole and I have been busy numbering acquisitions and putting new displays in the cases. We plan to do some reorganization of inventory this summer.

Again, we remind our donors to please contact Annette or Carole **before** donating items. Any On-Loan items need to be specificized items we've requested as well as for a specific time frame.

**On-Loan Items Needs**

We are asking our readers and the community for donation of items pertaining to the 1950 Centennial for Arcanum as well as the 1999 Sesquicentennial Celebration. We are gearing up for America-Ohio 250 next year. So basically, anything pertaining to Arcanum's history, Darke County (last celebrated 1976) or the state of Ohio.

On Loan items can be brought in during July open hours or August. They will be in place until end of the year. Contact Annette at 937-417-3746 or awthsinfo@gmail.com.

We ask that anything "on loan" be clearly marked with your name. And special acquisition cards need to be completed as well as a pick-up date.

FYI we already have several of the Arcanum Centennial books and the black Sesquicentennial book arcenum...a secret place so those are not needed.

**2024 Acquisitions**

# 2024	Item	Donor
24037	Newspaper clippings of former businesses	Ted Hickman
24038	Hency's John Deere business plaque	Phyllis Corbin
	Photographs of Gerald and Margaret Hency	Phyllis Corbin
24039	Dayton Journal Herald article," Christmas on the Farm"	Cheryl Gray
	Moyers	
24040	McGriff Family History	Troy Historical Library
24041	John Deis Civil War information	Barb Deis
24042	Rogers, Crawford History, 1850 Darke Postmasters	Jane Overly
	Martin Cemetery Book	
24043	Arcanum National Bank Coin Bag	Joan Rench
24044	Plat Book of Ohio, 1950, Northern Ohio	Bill Young
24045	Arcanum National Bank pencils	JoAnne Hill
	Darke County Directory, 1936	
	John Smith Recipe Booklet	
	Lucky Strike match book	
24046	1999 Sesquicentennial binder	Alan & Judy Fourman

**Acquisitions continue**

24047	Bottle opener	Mildred Hoover
	Arcanum Federal pencils	
	Arcanum National Bank pencils	
	Arcanum High School, 3 seat cushions	
24048	Arcanum Train Derailment photos	Denise Fourman &
	Newspaper clippings	Dawn Arnett
	Sesquicentennial materials	
24049	Fourman Genealogy materials, Henry & Catherine Ryder	Greenville Public Library
24050	Arcanum Police Badge, Darke County Deputy Badge	Joy Dixon
24051	M L Weisenburger Company, garment label	Betty Weisenburger
24052	Darke County Fair Brochure, advertisement	Dick Troutwine
25001	Otterbein Chapel documents	Connie Miller
	United Brethren history and deeds to church	
25002	Union Grain company, Pittsburg	Annette Stewart
25003	Sutton Card	Anonymous donor
	WK pencil	
25004	Class photos Franklin Monroe High School -1953 – 1961	Martha Brown
25005	Draft Papers for Charles Larch, Marine, 1954- 1957	Brenna Moler
25006	Fox Pharmacy medicine dispenser	Mildred Hoover
	WWII Mother's Army Pin	
25007	Arcanum Business Assoc., plaques from Car Show	Dick Troutwine
25008	Monroe School Pirate Band Letter 1942	Zane Baker
	Franklin Flyers basketball letters	
	Franklin Sports Men's Cheer Vest	
25009	Pittsburg School and Village items as listed on attached list	Dave Kepler
25010	Franklin Monroe School State boys' basketball ticket, 1974	Lori Henderson
25011	First National Bank, Pittsburg, money folder	Ron Scammahorn

**The Beck's Greenhouse and Green Thumb Gardens.**

*The Arcanum Times – Centennial Edition – Thursday, July 6, 1950*

Beck's Arcanum Greenhouse and Green Thumb Gardens, operated at 212 North Main Street in Arcanum have reached statewide and national prominence. The firm was started in 1936 By B.B. Beck, who at that time was working for the Ohio Department of Agriculture as state nursery and seed inspector. For five years previous to that he was connected with the U.S. Department Agriculture. His experience in gardening and flower growing is very extensive due to his previous jobs and his florist work in Arcanum. This establishment is a member of R.T.D., and is capable of wiring flowers all over the nation. They handle the original Aunt Mary variety of Indian corn and specialize in gorgeous colorful Mums. The Beck's patented the "Green Thumb" glove which is now nationally advertised and distributed all over the nation. A Coshocton, Ohio firm manufactures this glove now, but the patent is still held locally, a fact few Arcanians know. Since 1936 the Becks have added two greenhouses to the one existing when they purchased the business. Now it is one of the most up-to-date greenhouse businesses in Ohio. Employed at the firm are Earl "Jake" Wead, son-in-law of the Beck's, Junior Wead and Milford Stein. Mr. and Mrs. Beck's daughter, Dorothy is accomplished flower designer, having studied this art extensively.

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<b><u>AWTHS Officers</u></b>			<b><u>Directors</u></b>		
President	Jenny Quigney	459-8090	Carolyn Furlong	417-2966	Joyce Colville 692-8685
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The GREAT Darke County Fair      Bev Rench 937-623-0468    bkraz85@gmail.com

AWTHS volunteers will soon be welcoming fairgoers, 4-H members, animals and vendors at The GREAT Darke County Fair Gate #3. The Fair will be held this year August 15-23. This is one of the larger fundraisers for the Society. As scheduling coordinator, I look forward to working with the AWTHS Gate 3 volunteer attendants. If you have not volunteered before, please contact me and I 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 2024 per the attached schedule. Feel free to contact me before that to confirm your scheduled time. Thank you in advance for your participation!

### **2024 Darke County Fair Gate #3 Schedule Friday August 16 thru Saturday August 24**

**7 am -12 noon**

**12 noon - 5 pm**

**5 pm -10 pm**

<b>Fri 16</b>	Mike Fout 937-459-6201* Charlie Harris 417-9607 Cary Wogoman 937-623-5857	Sally Sharritt 692-5245 Jenny Quigney 459-8090 2-5 Fred Troutwine 692-8939 gone 2-3 Carol Fourman 937-671-7070	Connie & Mike Wells 692-8085 Joyce Colville 417-3344
<b>Sat 17</b>	Bruce Shank 564-2891* Jana Deeter 547-0705 Sue Besecker (10-12) 417-6038	Wallace & family 620-2800	Carol & Earl Hightower 692-8875 Jody Flora 336-978-7886
<b>Sun 18</b>	Denice & Jason Trimble 416-7178* Johanna & Bill Hill 530-0744	Sally Sharritt 692-5245 Pegi & Craig Grimm 937-499-0058 Jana Deeter 937-5470705	Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Bev Kramer & friend 513-379-6792
<b>Mon 19</b>	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 Vicki Rhodehamel 423-3763
<b>Tues 20</b>	Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119* Pegi Deeter	Jana Deeter 547-0705 Joyce Colville 417-3344 Linda Riley 564-5023	Bev & Kirk Honeyman 623-0468 Ty Clark 692-5155
<b>Wed 21</b>	Lynn* & Carolyn Trump 548-6116 Vicki Rhodehamel 423-3763	Daivid Kepler 423-1067 Glen Moore 937-564-7927 Jeremy Moore 937-423-0264	Bev & Kirk Honeyman 623-0468 Mike & Linda Schwieterman 417-098
<b>Thurs 22</b>	Fred Troutwine 692-8939* Kevin Bolyard 765-437-6625	Marilyn Krinker 262-496-4101 Linda Riley 564-5023 Linda Pease Brown 266-2598	Cary & Teresa Wogoman 623-5857
<b>fri 23</b>	Gene & Nelda Morris 423-5347 Fred Troutwine 692-8939*	Noah 423-5755 Dave & Ardis Hamlin 623-8963	Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Cheryl Gray 423-1549
<b>Sat</b>	Annette & Rex Stewart 417-3746*	Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119	Kenny & Holly Daugherty 564-0589

2025

Membership Dues

January 1<sup>st</sup>

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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

**Calendar of Events**

AWTHS Events are free and everyone is welcome.

Saturday Open House Hours First Saturday of each month. 9:00 – Noon

Euchre Party \* 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday \* 1:00

May 8 Program \* Scott Baker

Sept 11 Village of Arcanum Purple Heart Ceremony

Support Local Vendors \*Community Farmers Market \* Veterans Park, George Street \*June, July, August 9 am – Noon

***Arcanum Preservation Society*** is excited to announce that we have been approached by an***anonymous donor who has offered to match all donations***made to **APS** in 2025, up to \$50,000! This generous offer will allow **APS** to pay for 3D scanning of the building to begin the process of laying out things such as electric and HVAC.**Restoration** Donors for the Ticket Booth will be happy to see that work has begun on removing the old restroom under the stairs so that we can restore the ticket booth using the antique Post Office panels purchased.

The East side door into the conference room was on hold pending structural work that needed to be completed as well as warmer weather. The final installation will be scheduled as soon as volunteers are available.

With the weather warming up the window crew which has been working on cleaning up the panels for the ticket booth will be switching their focus back to the windows. They've done such a beautiful job on the completed windows including the stained glass windows on the 3rd floor that we don't want to delay their progress on this multi-year project. If you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering for any of these projects please contact us.

**Our event calendar** is filling up. This year we'll have a Mother's Day Tea Party in May, July will be our 6th annual 4th of July Picnic & Children's Parade, August will see two events at the Brick Street Block Party, we're working on an Open Mic Night for September, the fun continues in October with a painting event and our "Carnevil" Halloween party, we'll be making Thanksgiving centerpieces in November, and December we'll finish off the year with a Christmas themed painting event.**American 250** 2026 is shaping up to be just as busy with events as well as our regular events. The concert with Joseph Rubin, Executive Director at **American Musical Productions**, has been scheduled for May 2nd, 2026. The 2026 show is based on music performed by Benjamin F. Fulton, the founder of the Fulton Boys Band and director of the Opera House Orchestra.This will not be our only America250 event next year. Events are already being planned to include an expanded 4th of July Picnic & Children's Parade, a possible partnership with *Ohio Goes to the Movies* and joining the *Ohio Open Doors* celebration.**The APS monthly member meetings** will be temporarily held on the 2nd THURSDAY of each month at 7pm at the Opera House from April until September 2025. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and/or X. You can contact us at [arcanumpreservationsociety@gmail.com](mailto:arcanumpreservationsociety@gmail.com) or 937-459-1157.