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Note from the President

Dear Members,

A Happy New Year greeting to all, from your President and all the Board Members. The 2012 Board was elected at the November meeting and installed at the December Luncheon. We are pleased to have two new members of the Board this year, John and Beth Daugherty. The Events for 2012 have been planned, and the dates can be found on page 4. We will have 6 Members Meetings with programs to be announced. In addition we will participate in the SMF Chamber of Commerce Community Showcase on March 31st and April 1st. Also in March and April we will conduct our annual School Tours for the Stow 3rd Grade children. Next our annual picnic is planned for August at the Call Farm. This year our Harvest Festival will be held on the FIRST weekend of October, the same as last year.

Our 2011 Harvest Festival was a better than average weekend. There were a barn and tent full of vendors, and a big group of the Morgan Family making apple butter. This is our main fund raiser of the year, and we would like to make it even better in 2012. It will take the support of 25 volunteers to make it happen. Please mark your calendars with our meeting dates and you will be in the swing of things come festival time.

All of our Members Meetings will be on the 4th Monday of the month. All the announcements of the meeting dates, times and programs being presented will be in the Stow Sentry, on the City TV channel 15 and on the City Web site. Please look for them. The main goal for our society this year is the addition of at least 4 active members. Bring your neighbors and friends to our meetings, and tell them that we do indeed have an agenda and a goal.



2012 Board of Trustees

Bob Flower



2011 Fall Meeting Recap

Featured speaker at the October 24th meeting was Denny “the traveler” Reiser, who presented a slide show spotlighting many of the beautiful historical sites around Ohio. He also discussed techniques and tips for editing photos using PhotoShop software. Judy James, head of the Special Collections Department at Akron Summit County Public Library, spoke at the November 28th meeting about many of the new and innovative services for genealogists offered by the library. Two of the databases mentioned, Ancestry library edition, and Heritage Quest, are also available through the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library website at www.smfpl.org —> Adults —> Databases/Resources —> Genealogy. Ancestry library edition must be used inside the library. Members also enjoyed dessert at the November 28th meeting and elected the new 2012 slate of officers.

December Luncheon and Installation of Officers

The Stow Historical Society held their annual Installation luncheon December 3rd at On Tap Restaurant in Stow. The 2012 officers are Bob Flower, President; John Daugherty, vice president; Marcia Gilmore, treasurer; Howard Corathers, recording secretary; Beth Daugherty, corresponding secretary; and trustees LaVerne Corathers, Carolyn Wright, and John Baranek.

Beth Daugherty received the group’s President’s Award for her dedication and preservation of the historical society’s work through her efforts in the Local History area of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and for her work on *Images of America, Stow and Munroe Falls*. This book, published by Arcadia, features vintage photos of Stow and Munroe Falls and is for sale from the historical society.

2012 Upcoming Programs and Events

You will not want to miss local resident and historian Sharon Myers’ presentation at the March 26th meeting. Sharon, president of William Wetmore Chapter Daughters of 1812, will be speaking on *Summit County’s Role in the War of 1812*. She will be discussing many of our local veterans, such as George Darrow who served as a quartermaster and paymaster during the war.

Stow Historical Society will have a booth at the Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce Community Showcase to be held March 31st and April 1st at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. This is a great way to get the word out about our organization. If you are interested in manning the booth for a shift, please contact Marcia Gilmore at 330-688-3735 (mgilmore1@neo.rr.com) or Bob Flower at 330-688-5888 (flowerrd@neo.rr.com).

The April 23rd meeting will feature Dr. Kelly D. Selby, assistant professor at Walsh University, presenting *Ohio Women and the Civil War Home Front*. This presentation demonstrates the importance of Ohio’s women by exploring their activities on the home front.

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Local History News

Community Church News (CCN)

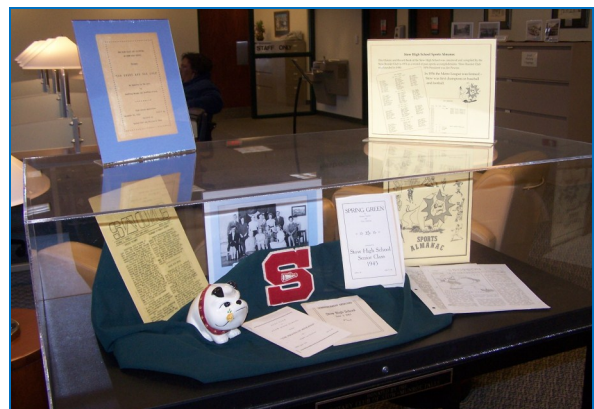
The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has recently released an electronic database containing local news from 1934 – 1948, a time that saw members of our community weather both the Great Depression and World War II. The *Community Church News*, a 15 volume set of newsletters originally published by Stow Community Church, was previously only available in print form. Now researchers, family historians and students will be able to search the collection of articles and essays concerning local people and events, including letters home from WWII soldiers and historic photographs.

The *CCN* is a cultural spotlight on the daily life of Stow and Munroe Falls residents during the middle of the twentieth century. The one-of-a-kind set is part of the Local History Collection at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Because the condition of the newsletters is very poor, with fragile, brittle pages, access to the physical volumes has been limited to in-library use only, and no photocopying permitted. Now that the *Community Church News* has been digitized, it is accessible to anyone with an internet connection, through the library's website at www.smfpl.org/ccn.

Local History Librarian Beth Daugherty worked with The HF Group & Etherington Conservation Services to have this unique collection digitized. Jorge de Cardenas, the library's Systems Administrator, created the database and made it available to the public through the library's website at www.smfpl.org/ccn. Local historian and library volunteer Fred Long created the index. The project was funded with the help of an Institute of Museum and Library Services LSTA grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio. Local funding was generously provided by the *Friends of the Library*, a group of volunteers dedicated to enhancing services and functions of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Displays

The Local History area of the library is currently displaying pictures, artifacts, and documents about life in 1930's and 1940's Stow and Munroe Falls. Local History is located behind the Information Desk on the first floor of the library.



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2012 Stow Historical Society Meeting Calendar

Monday, March 26	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Building Presenter Sharon Myers will speak on Summit County and the War of 1812
Saturday, March 31 Sunday, April 1	10:00-5:00 10:00-4:00 Community Showcase at Stow-Munroe Falls High School
Monday, April 23	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Building Presenter Kelly D. Selby will speak on Ohio Women and the Civil War Home Front
Monday, June 25	7:00 p.m. at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Learn about the library's Local History collection
Monday, August 27	6:00 p.m.—picnic at Call's Farm
Monday, September 24	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Building
Saturday, October 6 Sunday, October 7	10:00-4:00—Harvest Festival
Monday, October 22	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Building
Monday, November 26	7:00 p.m. at Stow Safety Building
Saturday, December 1	12:00 Noon—Installation luncheon—location to be determined

Board meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room at Stow City Hall

There are no member meetings in May or July