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A Note from the President

John Baranek, 2015 President

I would like to take this time to thank everyone that volunteered for this year's Harvest Festival to make it successful. The festival was very successful even with a slow start on Saturday with the bad weather. There were many people who spent a lot of time volunteering to cover three historical houses and the Old Schoolhouse. This year's festival was probably the most attended festival that we have had in many years. In the upcoming year, I would like to challenge all of our members to consider attending at least two general meetings and volunteering for at least two hours at the festival.

We have continued to move forward on the Old Schoolhouse renovations and there is still much to do on this project. If you are interested in helping out with this project please contact Bob Flower. There is still some outside work to be completed along with the inside remodeling. Many people visited all of our historical houses along with our new School House that is still being renovated.

As another year is coming to a close, the Society is still in need of someone to come forward at our "Officers' Election Night" to participate on the board as the Secretary or Trustee for the Board on Monday, November 23rd at 6:30pm in the Community Room of Stow Safety Center. Nominations will be taken from the floor that night to fill these positions. Without these positions being filled, the Board will not be able to function properly. Please consider attending these meetings with a friend not only to discuss the Society's future, but to enjoy appetizers/desserts and visit with other members and guests.

If anyone is interested in any of our activities or considering volunteering a little bit of time, please visit the Historical Society's website at www.stowhistory.org to find out more information and contact information. Thank you for your continued support.

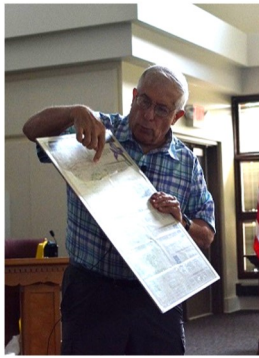
John Baranek

November 23, 2015 6:30 p.m. Stow City Hall

We will be voting on Board members for 2016 at our November meeting. If you have an interest in serving on the Board please contact SHS President John Baranek. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Membership renewals and December luncheon reservations will be accepted at this meeting. Apple butter will be for sale also!



Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor—June 22, 2015



Speaker Denny Reiser, at left, points out a location on a map of the Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor. Members learned some Northeast Ohio history and got some great ideas for a road trip at our June meeting.

Square Dance—August, 12, 2015

The Circulators Square Dance Club of Portage County entertained SHS members and guests at a square dance August 12th. The historic buildings were also open before the dance. Thank you to Jacinda Warman for arranging this fun event!



Annual Picnic—August, 24, 2015

Thank you to all who participated in our annual picnic held at the Heritage Barn. Special welcome was extended to the Munroe Falls Historical Society members.



How to Be a Good Ancestor—Sept. 28, 2015

Members and guests learned “How to Be a Good Ancestor” at our September 28th meeting featuring librarian Gretchen Quinn.





37th Annual Harvest Festival



The 37th annual Harvest Festival was held October 3rd and 4th at Heritage Reserve Park, with a total of 30 vendors participating this year. A special note of thanks goes to Mrs. Phyllis Knepper of Munroe Falls who donated the proceeds of her sales to the Historical Society. Old time craft demonstrations included chair caning, wood carving, and blacksmithing. Children had a chance to make their own butter on the porch of the Starr House, paint their own pumpkins, and of course, help stir the apple butter. Visitors toured the historic houses and viewed the interior of Stewart School. A special exhibit on the History of Education in Stow and Munroe Falls was made available through a grant from the Ohio Humanities Council. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this year's Harvest Festival possible. Pumpkins provided by Stow Parks and Recreation. Musical entertainment provided by Sona (Saturday) and Gene Kaczmariski (Sunday).



Sunbonnet Girls Quilt

This Sunbonnet Girls Quilt, part of the Stow Historical Society archives collection, was entered in the Mutton Hill Quilt Show, sponsored by the Summit County Historical Society, held at the J.S. Knight Center Oct. 16-18. A Girl Scout troop from Holy Family Church began the quilt in 1960 using fabric from the 1920's & '30's for the sunbonnet girls' dresses, but the quilt was not completed. In 1980 the quilt was rediscovered and the various pieces were laundered, ironed and individually placed on white muslin squares ready for embroidery. A material expert was consulted who provided information about the material and suggested how it should be finished to look like the time of the 1930's. All the hand quilting was done by ladies from the Stow Historical Society. Assembled and redone by Carol and Ruth Kuhlke and hand quilted by Dorthea Troyer and Dorothy Schmiedel longtime members of the Society.



Old School House Committee Report 10/26/2015 Update

There has been great progress in several areas of the OSH restoration. It was really nice when all these items came to completion in time for the Harvest Festival. In July we made our second revision to the drawings for the ADA ramp. The original design could not be constructed because of interference by a nearby tree. The second design has a turn platform and meets nicely with the east side sidewalk. The drawings were submitted to the City on the 10th and we received a building permit on the 13th. The monies for the materials have been budgeted and are available. An Eagle Scout from Troupe 273 is working to make the construction of the ramp his eagle project, with work expected to start in the spring.

Also in July, we received approval of a grant request from Ohio Humanities Council to prepare 6 interpretive panels for display in the OSH. They tell the history of the OSH, the history of Stow's early educational system, and the story of one room school houses. The completed panels, graphically designed by Anna Bose, and produced by TKM Print Solutions, were delivered and set up the day before the Harvest Festival. They will be a permanent display in the restored OSH, when it is completed. In August we submitted a grant application to The Peoples Bank Foundation. We did not get an award, however we can reapply next year. This application was prepared by Annie Hanson.

Our efforts to get electricity into the OSH made progress on July 23rd and 24th when the City of Stow workers dug a trench and installed over 300 feet of underground conduit. We had previously entered into a contract with an electrical contractor to install the service cable and connect it to the transformer. They pulled the cable on Aug 18th, and installed the breaker box. Then on the 25th they pulled the second section of the cable and connected it to the transformer. This allowed us to install 4 temporary lights, where the original ceiling lights were, just in time for the Harvest Festival. On the 25th of September the construction of the sidewalks began with installation of the front yard drain and excavation for the walks. On the 29th the gravel base was put in place, and the forms were installed. Then on Sept 30th the concrete was poured for all the sidewalks, both in front and on the east side. The next day the forms were removed and the lawn was graded, topsoil was put in place and then hydro seeded. We extend our thanks to the City crew and the Parks crew for their fine work. It looks great, and we have grass. In spite of the bad weather on Saturday of the Festival, 70 people visited the OSH. With the good weather on Sunday over 330 people saw the interpretive display panels in the OSH. Again we give our heartfelt appreciation to Lisa and her crew that gave us these museum quality displays for our OSH. Our attention in October is turning to interior repairs and reconstruction of the coat room walls and the teacher's platform.

Bob Flower – OSH Committee Chair

Stewart School Exhibit Panels

This past summer, Stow Historical Society received a grant of nearly \$1000 from the Ohio Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, for the purpose of researching, writing, designing, and producing six exhibit panels for Stewart School. The panels discuss the history of education in Stow and the history of the community project to save and restore Stewart School. They also explore the experience of going to a one-room school in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Finally, they discuss historical memory and the myths associated with the idea of the one-room school. Over 370 visitors to Stewart School during the Harvest Festival were among the first to view them. Visitors were invited to use Post-It notes to share their memories of going to school in Stow or Munroe Falls, as well as their thoughts regarding what the one-room school meant to them. When the interior restoration of the schoolhouse is finished, the panels will be installed on the walls of Stewart School for many more future visitors to view and enjoy.

Lisa Zevorich Susner, Stewart School Exhibit Panels Project Director



Marilyn Lown &
Lisa Susner
Stewart School

Membership New or Renew

Now is a good time to renew your Stow Historical Society membership. We do urge you to return your membership form with the Luncheon Reservation form. Write one check and save on paper and postage. Checks should be made out to Stow Historical Society. Please copy the Membership application, and give them to your friends. *Please include your email address if you would like to be contacted by email. Your address will not be shared with any other organization.* Thank You.

December Luncheon Invitation

Saturday, December 5, 2015 is the date for our annual December/Christmas Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held at Beef O'Brady's, 3732 Darrow Road, Stow. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. A short business meeting and installation of the 2016 Officers and Trustees will take place before lunch. Please come and bring a friend or two.

Luncheon reservation and payment deadline is **Wednesday, December 2, 2015.**

Please fill out this reservation form and return with your payment to:
Stow Historical Society P.O. Box 1425 Stow, Ohio 44224

Name: _____ \$15.00

Friend: _____ \$15.00

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Luncheon Total Enclosed _____

2016 Membership Application

Individual \$10.00 _____

Family \$20.00 _____

Contributing \$30.00 _____

Sustaining \$50.00 _____

Business \$100.00 _____

Lifetime \$200.00 _____

Membership Total Enclosed _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone & Email: _____

Volunteer interests (circle) Archives Building & Grounds Festival School Tours

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Calendar and Meeting Information.

2015 Stow Historical Society Member Meeting Calendar

Monday, November 23	6:30 p.m. at Stow Safety Center—Board of Trustees election. Bring dessert or appetizer.
Saturday, December 5	Installation luncheon—Beef O’Brady’s 3732 Darrow Rd., Stow. 10:45 a.m.

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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

Membership meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at
Stow Safety Center—3800 Darrow Rd., Stow, OH 44224
There are no member meetings in January, February, May, July or December