

# Heritage Reserve News

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Deadlines:

July 1 for Aug.      Oct. 1 for Nov

Jan. 1 for Feb.      Apr. 1 for May

**H**ello Everyone,

By the time you read this newsletter, spring should be well settled in and another winter behind us. Spring is the time the Stow Historical Society volunteers ramp up their hours preparing the inside and outside of the museums for another season. Volunteers are always welcome in any capacity in which you can help.

The Society is seeking crafters and artisans for its 2023 annual Harvest Festival. This year's festival will be held September 31<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Featuring three historical houses and a one-room schoolhouse, the festival has been held in the same location, 5120 Young Rd (Heritage Park Reserve at Silver Springs Park) for 45 years. This is the main fundraiser of the year for the Society with proceeds being used to support and maintain the historical buildings and archives related to the history of Stow. Craft vendors, refreshments, old-time historical demonstrations, apple butter, children's activities, live farm animals, and tours of the historical buildings are part of this special weekend. If you are a crafter or artisan interested in participating in the festival with your handcrafted items, outdoor spaces are available and applications are being accepted. Please visit our website [www.stowhistory.org](http://www.stowhistory.org) or email [shsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:shsfestival@gmail.com) for further information.

Stow Historical Society is run by volunteers and funded through donations and festival income. The Society welcomes community involvement and personal or corporate sponsorships. In this newsletter you can find the vendor and sponsorship applications that can be completed and returned to us.

Whenever our newsletter is published, I am amazed at the layout and quality of the publication. This is due in a large part to our editor John Duckworth who not only volunteers his time to our Society, but also edits and produces a very large newsletter for a national sailing organization. Thanks to John for his expertise in producing a superb Stow Historical Society newsletter. If you have articles you may want to submit for printing, please forward to [johnduc@icloud.com](mailto:johnduc@icloud.com).

Thank you for your continued support to your Historical Society.

Bryan Menke ♦



**If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten.**

**- Rudyard Kipling**



# Calendar

**May 7, 2023,**  
Heritage House Museum  
Sunday ~ 12-2 pm  
Work Day

**June 8, 2023**  
Stewart School House  
Thursday ~ 4:00 pm  
Meeting

**Stow was a farming community!  
Stories from growing up on a Stow Farm!**

**June 10, 2023,**  
Heritage House Museum  
Saturday ~ 12-2 pm  
Work Day

**June 11, 2023,**  
Heritage House Museum  
Sunday ~ 2-4 pm  
Open House

**July 9, 2023,**  
Heritage House Museum  
Sunday ~ 12-2 pm  
Work Day  
Sunday ~ 2-4 pm  
Open House

**August 5, 2023,**  
Heritage House Museum  
Saturday ~ 12-2 pm  
Work Day

**August 10, 2023**  
Heritage House Museum  
Thursday ~ 6:00 pm.  
Annual Potluck Picnic

**August 13, 2023,**  
Heritage House Museum  
Sunday ~ 2-4 pm  
Open House

**September 9, 2023,**  
Heritage House Museum  
Saturday ~ 12-2 pm  
Work Day

**September 23, 2023,**  
Heritage House Museum  
Saturday ~ 12-2 pm  
Work Day

**September 30-October 1, 2023**  
Heritage House Museum  
Harvest Festival

**Autumn and Holiday**  
event dates and details will be released in  
the August newsletter!



# Shop Local! by Beth Daugherty

Stow Corners was the heart of the shopping district back in the 1800's and well into the Twentieth Century. Shopping was not only a way to acquire what you might need, but was also a chance to catch up with your neighbors. Because all of the businesses were owned by local citizens, shoppers most likely knew the shopkeepers and their families, as well as the other customers. Besides shops there were also service businesses and rural businesses.

The center of Stow at the intersections of Kent (Rt. 59) and Darrow (Rt. 91) Roads was the site of one of Stow's first businesses – a tavern at the northeast corner of the intersection. This building is still standing, by the way, and moved to Elm Road around 1920. There was also a stagecoach stop, and the first post office was in the home of Titus Wetmore (current location of Dunn Quigley Funeral Home). A sawmill was nearby, and a



MARHOFER GARAGE  
whiskey distillery,  
owned by Judge

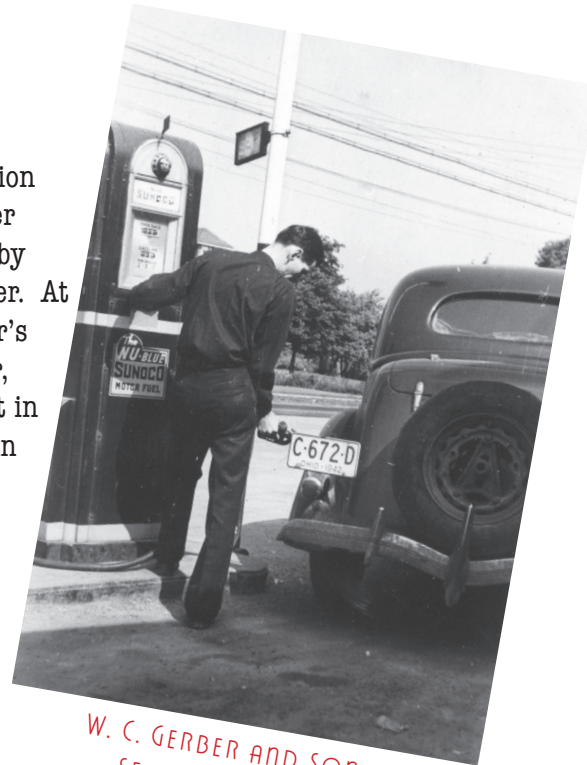
William Wetmore, was on the east side of Silver Lake. Scotsman John Graham was employed as the distiller.

By the early Twentieth Century Stow was known as a dairy township, with several dairy operations delivering milk and cream by horse and wagon. Stow Dairy, started in 1920 by Al Stein, processed milk provided by local farmers and also sold directly to the consumer. Lawson Milk Company purchased Stein's Dairy in 1953. The Stow Dairy building was at Stow Corners and still exists in the form of Citizen's Bank at 3323 Kent Road. A business founded in 1919

is still in operation today - Marhofer Garage, opened by Chester Marhofer. At the time Chester's younger brother, John, helped out in the garage. John eventually took over the shop and it became Marhofer Chevrolet sometime in the 1930's. Thirty-six new cars were delivered in 1936.

Automobile use also made way for the opening of several gas stations in Stow. William C. Gerber owned a station at 201 Hudson Road (now Darrow Road), offering Sunoco gas and auto repairs. Another station was on the southeast corner of Darrow and Kent Roads and owned by Eddie Parsons. The BP station on the northwest corner of the intersection has been at the same location since the early 1930's.

Stow's first funeral home was opened by Leo Gregory in 1952 at 3333 Kent Road. The building was purchased by Dunn, Quigley, and Cirello in the mid-1960's and operates today as Dunn-Quigley Funeral



W. C. GERBER AND SON  
SERVICE STATION



HOLT PHARMACY



Home. A portion of the building is the original Titus Wetmore home, built circa 1830. Titus was Stow's first postmaster.

The late 1920's was a special time in Stow as many improvements, such as street lights, paved streets, and new retail buildings, were implemented. One of the retail buildings was the 3390 Kent Road Marhofer Building (often referred to by locals as the "blue building") built in 1927 by John William Marhofer. Over the years, people shopped at Fisher's Grocery, Eddie Ruggles' Grocery, Pimlott &

Striver Five and Ten Cent Store, Mault Furniture, and Mac's Shoe Repair Shop. During the 1930's, two of the businesses occupying the upstairs of the building included a dance hall with a live orchestra and a roller skating rink. The building was razed in 2003 due to flooding issues. The only surviving business from the blue building is Isaly's, now at its third Stow



STOW SMORGASBORD

Pharmacy for 34 years. The Colonnade building was also home to one of Stow's very favorite shops – Mrs. Osman's Pies. Operated by Lena Osman, followed by her daughter-in-law Ethel, the pie shop served the people of Stow for several decades, finally closing in 2007. The Spaght / Dubetz Building was erected on the northeast corner of Stow Corners in 1928 and was the home of Braunlich's

Drug Store and Acme Grocery, followed by Marty's Bike shop.

As you can see, there were many businesses over the years in just the small intersection known as Stow Corners. Rural businesses outside the Corners were just as important to Stow shoppers. Floyd Darrow and his father operated Darrow Popcorn for nearly 40 years; Ritchie's Turkey Farm provided turkeys and feathers for generations of local customers – from 1935 to 1986; Call's Farm operated a successful dairy farm and at one time sold maple syrup and eggs. Let's not forget Parasson's Restaurant, the Smorgasbord, and Tip Top – all long-running and well-loved local eateries. A shop across from Workman High School at the intersection of Graham

and Darrow Roads was the original Eddie's bike shop, also providing the community with cheeses, pickles, deli meats, and groceries. How many big box stores and chain restaurants can compete with these memories? ♦



OSMAN'S PIES LOGO

location, 3310 Kent Road in the Colonnade Building. The Colonnade building was originally known as the Holt Building and housed Holt's Pharmacy and the post office. Holt's Pharmacy was eventually purchased by Harold and Jacqueline Winkler in 1958 and operated as Stow

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2023 Harvest Festival

Dear Artisan or Craft Person,

This year the Stow Historical Society will hold our annual Harvest Festival on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 2023! The Stow Historical Society Harvest Festival is held at Heritage Reserve Park at Silver Springs Park located at 5120 Young Road in Stow, Ohio. Our three furnished Historical Houses, one-room Schoolhouse, and Antique Tool Barn will be open to all guests to tour. There will be other activities and events on the grounds as well as food for sale by our members in the Heritage Barn. All of our Festival profits are used to preserve the history of Stow at our Heritage Reserve Park.

We accept food vendors for outdoor spaces, if the offerings do not compete with our kitchen.  
We have two areas for vendors:

1. Inside the Heritage Barn – Spaces are 10 x 7/8 foot deep. They include an 8 foot table and two folding chairs. Cost is \$60.00 for both dates.
2. **Outside in your own tent** –spaces are 12 x 14 foot. Bring your own table, chairs, and display setups. Cost is \$45.00 for both dates. There are no water or electric hookups.

Food vendors (not trucks, carts, or trailers) can be located: Outside your own tent –spaces are 12 x 14 foot. Bring your own table, chairs, and display setups. Cost is \$50.00 for both dates.  
There are no water or electric hookups.

We have a limited number of pre-set up canopies available for a small fee in addition to the outside space reservation. If you are interested in this option please contact us with questions.

All reservations are payable in advance and enclosed with the application form. All fees are payable with a check or money order. Please make your check payable to “Stow Historical Society” and mail to **PO Box 1425, Stow, Ohio 44224**. Keep this page for your information.

By applying, vendor agrees to the following:

**VENDOR AGREEMENT**

- Reservations with payment must be received by September 15, 2023. We will email your reservation confirmation.
- This is a rain or shine event. No refunds will be given.
- All items must be hand crafted- no commercial products.
- Vendor agrees to accept the space assigned. Spaces are assigned at the discretion of the vendor coordinator.
- Displays and set-ups should have a professional appearance.
- We kindly ask that you leave your pets at home.
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Vendors must park in designated area after drop off. Set-up is between 8:00-10:00, No early tear-down is permitted. Thank you for your interest in our Harvest Festival. We are looking forward to your participation. Please email [shsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:shsfestival@gmail.com) with questions.

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2023 Harvest Festival

**SHS Harvest Festival Arts and Craft Show Application**

Contact Name	
Vendor Business Name	
Mailing Address	
Phone	
Email	
Website	
I was / was not at last Year's festival. (Circle one)	Comments or Suggestions:  How did you hear about us?

Inside Barn space \$60 per space \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Food Vendors \$50 per space \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Outside space \$45 per space \_\_\_\_\_ Number of spaces \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-set up canopy \$20. In addition to outside space. \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Office use only: Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Space \_\_\_\_\_

Date Confirmation email/letter sent \_\_\_\_\_ Date added to vendor contact list \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

## STOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Heritage Reserve Park- Silver Springs Park  
5120 Young Rd.  
Stow, Ohio

September 30th and October 1, 2023

### About the Festival

The Harvest Festival, started in 1978, brings artisans, crafters, musicians, families, and the community together. Festival attendees get the opportunity to experience everyday life as it happened when Stow was first settled. All four of the historic buildings at the Heritage Reserve park will be open for tours. There will be a family area with games, activities, and animals to pet. Arts and crafts vendors will have booths throughout the park and traditional music will be performed. Hundreds of visitors come through the festival each day.

### Your Help is Needed!

The Harvest Festival is our main fundraising event every year. SHS uses the funds we earn from the festival to preserve, repair, and share the historic buildings in the Heritage Reserve Park which is under the direction of The Stow Historical Society. The Heritage House Museum, Minnie Darrow House, Mary Starr House, and Stewart School Museums are restored and ready for visitors. SHS volunteers work year-round getting the buildings ready for the festival. However, we do need funding to keep the properties going. We are asking for sponsors for each of the buildings in addition to general festival sponsorship. We also accept gifts in kind for our basket raffle.

### Sponsorship Levels

Preservation Hero	\$500.00	Recognition in the SHS newsletter, company name and logo on a dedicated sign outside one of the four historic buildings. Linked name and logo on the SHS Facebook page. Name in all print advertisements. Two free lunch tickets good either day of the festival. 2 jars of homemade apple butter.
Curator	\$150.00	Recognition in the SHS newsletter, company name and logo on the main festival sign and on the SHS Facebook page. 2 free lunch tickets for either day of the festival.
Pioneer	\$75.00	Recognition in SHS newsletter. One free lunch ticket for either day of the festival.
Personal Donation	Any amount	Recognition in the SHS newsletter.



Sponsorship Form

**STOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Heritage Reserve Park- Silver Springs Park  
5120 Young Rd.  
Stow, Ohio

September 30th and October 1, 2023

**Basic Information**

Company/Contributor Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Company/Contributor Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Company/Contributor Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Giving level may be in monetary donation, gifts-in-kind, or a combination of the two.

**Business or Individual Sponsorship Levels (circle one):**

Preservation Hero \$500.00 Curator \$150.00 Pioneer \$75.00 Personal donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Other Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Gift-in-kind Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Describe Gift-in-kind:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Submission and Deadlines**

Completed forms and donations must be received by **September 3rd, 2023**.

Checks payable to *Stow Historical Society*

Stow Historical Society

Attn: Harvest Festival Committee

PO Box 1425

Stow, Ohio 44224

Logos must be emailed to [shsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:shsfestival@gmail.com)

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## Heritage Reserve Store

Stow Historical Society offers products for sale with proceeds going toward the maintenance and preservation of the collection. Contact a Board Member if interested. Items include:

Heritage Plates: \$4 each



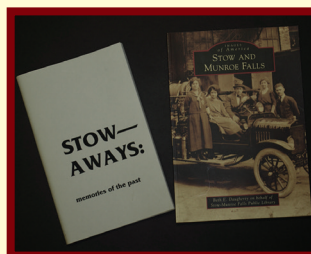
*Images of America:*

*Stow and Munroe Falls* by Beth E. Daugherty: \$22.

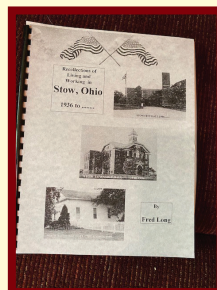
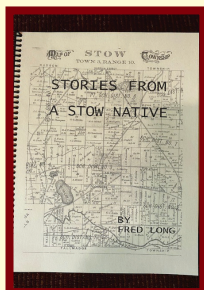
*Stow-Aways:*

*Memories of the Past* by Garnet Byrne: \$3.

*Recollections of Living and Working in Stow, Ohio  
1936 to..."* by Fred Long: \$15.



*Stories of a Stow Native*  
by Fred Long: \$25.



Note Cards: 6/\$5

