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STOW ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL LAST WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

The Stow Historical Society is seeking crafters and artisans for its 2021 annual Harvest Festival. This year's festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 25th and Sunday Sept. 26th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Featuring three historic houses and a one-room schoolhouse, the festival has been held in the same location, 5120 Young Road (Heritage Reserve Park at Silver Springs Park) for over 43 years. This is the main fundraiser of the year for the Historical Society, with proceeds being used to support and maintain the historical buildings and archives relating to the history of Stow.

Refreshments, old-time craft demonstrations, apple butter, woodcarver, weavers, children's activities, live farm animals, and tours of the historic buildings are part of this special weekend. If you are a crafter or artisan interested in participating in the festival, outdoor spaces (with your own tent) are available and applications are being accepted.

See www.stowhistory.org or email shsfestival@gmail.com for further information. Handcrafted items only please.

Stow Historical Society is run by volunteers and funded through donations and festival income.

The Society welcomes community involvement and corporate sponsorship. If interested, phone (330)342-9918 or email shsfestival@gmail.com.

All proceeds from the festival are used to maintain the archives and history of Stow, Ohio.

Vendor Information

Artists and Crafters are invited to display and sell their handmade items.

Vendor space rental for 2 day event:

\$40.00 outside in your own tent

Contact

shsfestival@gmail.com

Application available online:

www.stowhistory.org

40 years in the same location!

Stow Historical Society

5120 Young Rd.

Stow, OH 44224

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*"The more you know of your history,
the more liberated you are."*

- Maya Angelou

THE STOW HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday September 25th - Sunday 26th

Sponsored by Stow Historical Society

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day

STIRRING UP MEMORIES

BY MARGARET RAMSEY AND MEREDITH MORGAN

For most people, the words “autumn,” “harvest,” and “fall” evoke thoughts of pumpkins, cornstalks, colorful leaves, and ripe apples. For members of the Stow Historical Society, these words conjure up memories of the annual Harvest Festival, especially the apple butter cooking in the copper kettle.

The first Harvest Festival was in November 1978. Long-time member Dorothea Troyer was the driving force behind the project. She saw a need for the Society to raise funds and pay for the Heritage House. That first year, activities included crafters selling their wares, the Wetmore Family pressing cider, tours of the Heritage House, and making apple butter. Society members peeled, cored, and sliced bushels and bushels of apples in the basement of the Heritage House. The apples were stirred for hours and the finished product was placed in reused donated glass jars, collected by the members. Dorothea priced the jars according to size. Buyers were told to refrigerate and use within a week.

Historically, apple butter was made as early as the middle ages. Perhaps the custom of making apple butter was brought to America by German immigrants. Pioneers to the Western Reserve would have been glad for a way to use their apple crop. They would have stored the apple butter in large crocks. Without proper refrigeration, mold would form on the top. To avoid waste, they would have scraped the mold off the top and used the apple butter. Thankfully, we now have the ability and knowledge to process the product in Mason jars.



Over the years, many things changed including the menu in the kitchen, the crafters, the volunteers, the raffle items, and the scheduled hours. Blacksmithing and music were added in the first years. In 1983, there was a rummage table. And in 1985, one of the raffled items was a handmade Raggedy Ann doll. Later activities included pumpkin painting, an animal petting area, and tours of the Minnie Darrow House, the Starr House, and the Stewart School. Today, with fewer volunteers to prepare the apples, we now use a commercially produced apple puree. But the copper kettle being stirred constantly over the open fire continues to be a mainstay of our Harvest Festival.

Sadly, our records do not name all of the wonderful volunteers through the years who helped make our Harvest Festivals successful. If you are one of them, we thank you now for your time and dedication. The Festivals and subsequent growth of The Heritage Reserve would not have been possible without you. ♦

Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe summer is almost “history”. After a year and a half, we met as a group for the first time during our August 16th picnic. Besides sharing our future meetings and event schedule, the Board was introduced and our guest speaker, Dave Gates, shared his take on the word HISTORY and how it is story telling from the past and present.

Our annual Harvest Festival is right around the corner. On September 25th and 26th from 11-4, our volunteers have planned a fantastic event. There are many changes from vendor layout, food concessions to a large children’s craft area. Our volunteers have worked months to ensure our once-a-year festival is a successful fundraiser to carry us through next year. We are still looking for volunteers to help in the historical homes. Please contact any of our Board Members.

This year we started a corporate and individual sponsorship for the Harvest Festival. I would like to thank our sponsors as of this time.

Our member meetings are every 2nd Thursday of the month besides January and February. Meetings start at 7 pm in the Old School House and feature a different guest speaker every month. In December, we plan on bringing back our Holiday Party complete with decorating the houses and carols around the old pump organ.

For a very small investment of \$10 for individual or \$20 per family, please invite your family and friends to become Stow Historical Society members. The benefits far exceed the small membership fee and they get to enjoy the newsletter and member meetings. I hope to see and meet many of you at the Festival.

Thank you

Bryan Menke ♦



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Calendar

September 12, 2021

Sunday ~ 2 -4 pm

Historical Museums open

September 25-26,

2021,

Saturday & Sunday

11am - 4pm

Fall Harvest Festival
Heritage Reserve Park

October 14, 2021,

Thursday ~ 7 pm

Meeting

Denny -

Famous Ohio People
Heritage Reserve Park

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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

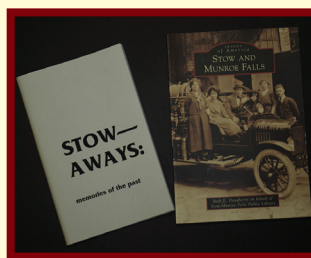


Apple Butter: \$5.50 per jar



Images of America:

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



Stow-Aways:

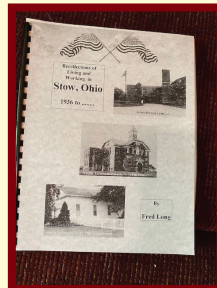
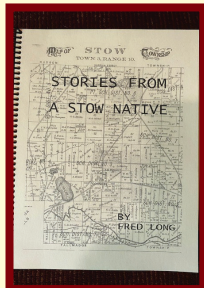
Memories of the Past by Garnet Byrne: \$3.

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

