

# Heritage Reserve News

## Stow Historical Society

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Deadlines:

Oct. 1 for Nov.      Jan. 1 for Feb.

Apr. 1 for May      July 1 for Aug.

## THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday, September 24-25 10am - 4pm



Our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Harvest Festival is approaching fast! After a wonderful event last year, we hope to have another great festival again this year! Please note that we are pleased to have added one more hour in the morning each day to give everyone more time to attend!

See Stow's history come to life and celebrate with over 40 craft vendors and artisans, apple butter making over a fire, kids activities, raffles, tons of food, antique cars each day, and entertainment from four great local bands! We are also proud to partner with the City of Stow Parks & Recreation Department with a great pumpkin painting table for all kids in attendance!

The Antique Tool Barn will be open with weaving, wood carving, and blacksmithing demonstrations, too. Also plan to visit all four of the Historic Buildings: Heritage House Museum, Minnie Darrow House, Mary Starr House, and Stewart School.

As with all Society events, we are happy to have the help of many volunteers in many areas of the Festival. We are fortunate to have many of the volunteer spots filled, but there are some places where we could use help in the morning and in the afternoon each day both outside and inside.

If you are interested in helping out, donating items to the raffle tables, setting up, taking down, or in other ways, please contact Festival Coordinator Tammie Menke at: shsfestival@gmail.com or call 330-342-9918

We hope to see you all out at the Harvest Festival! ♦

# Calendar

**August 11, 2022,**

Thursday ~ 6 pm

Heritage Grounds

Annual Picnic

**August 14, 2022,**

Sunday ~ 2-4 pm

Heritage Reserve

Family program in the Museums,  
featuring the Heritage House Museum

**September 8, 2022,**

Thursday ~ 7 pm

School House

Beth Daugherty presents  
History of the Darrow Family

**September 10, 2022**

Saturday ~ 10-Noon

Heritage Reserve

Prepare for Harvest Festival.

**September 11, 2022,**

Sunday ~ 2-4 pm

Heritage Reserve

Family program in the Museums,  
featuring the Minnie Darrow House

**September 24, 2022,**

Saturday ~ 10 am-4 pm

Heritage Reserve

Harvest Festival Day 1

**September 25, 2022,**

Sunday ~ 10 am-4 pm

Heritage Reserve

Harvest Festival Day 2

**October 9, 2022,**

Sunday ~ 2-4 pm

Heritage Reserve

Family program on the Museum grounds,  
featuring the Antique Tool barn  
with a special guest!

**October 13, 2022,**

Thursday ~ 7 pm

School House

Meeting

Suzanne Call Christ presents  
History of the Grange

**November 10, 2022,**

Thursday ~ 7 pm

School House

Meeting

presentation by Denny Reiser  
on Lighthouses  
Heritage Park Holiday Drive Thru  
Planning / sign- ups

**December 8, 2022,**

Thursday ~ 7 pm

Heritage House Museum

Meeting

Old Fashioned Caroling Party

*"History is who we are and why we  
are the way we are."  
David McCullough*

The Heritage Reserve In Silver Springs Park is located at 5238 Young Road, Stow, Ohio 44224

**H**ello Everyone!

As we enjoy the heat of the summer, our Board of Directors and Planning Committee are hard at work finalizing the preparations for the Harvest Festival. This year it will take place on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with new extended hours from 10am to 4pm. There are still vendors that want to display and sell their homemade items. Booth spaces were extended and renting a canopy is a new option. Once again we will have live music both days, excellent homemade food, a children's activity area, a small petting zoo, and the Tree City Carvers. On Saturday the Model T Club and on Sunday the Corvair Club will display their antique cars. All three museums, the tool barn, and the Stewart School House will be available for tours. If you would like to volunteer to help in the museums or various activities, please contact [shsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:shsfestival@gmail.com). Your time would be greatly appreciated.



Once again we will be offering corporate and individual sponsorships for the Harvest Festival to help the Society in their only fundraiser for the year. Monies raised are used to maintain and improve our buildings, grounds, and the historical assets. See the Sponsorship form in this newsletter. We thank you for your support.

Our next member meeting is Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Stewart School House. Guest speaker, Beth Daugherty will make a presentation on the History of the Darrow Family. All are welcome.

Please pass the word to your family, friends, and neighbors about the Harvest Festival. I hope to see you there.

Thank you  
Bryan Menke ♦

### Sponsorship Form

Stow Historical Society Annual Harvest Festival  
Silver Springs Heritage Reserve Park, 5120 Young Road, Stow, Ohio  
September 24th and 25th, 2022

#### Basic Information

Company/Contributor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Contributor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 (check one):

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: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Recognition in SHS newsletter.)

Gift-in-kind Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Describe Gift-in-kind: \_\_\_\_\_

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Completed forms and donations must be received by September 3, 2022. Checks payable to Stow Historical Society

Stow Historical Society  
Attn: Harvest Festival Committee PO Box 1425  
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Logos must be emailed to [shsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:shsfestival@gmail.com)

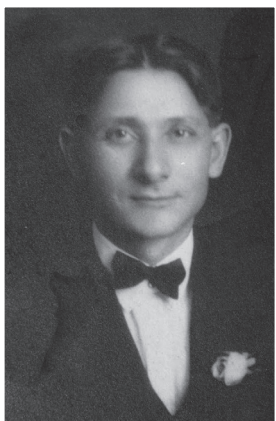
# Memories of Living on the Caracciolo Farm in Stow

The family farmhouse that created memories for Francisco and Daisy Caracciolo's 13 children also held a hidden piece of Stow History! Inside the farmhouse was the original Walker cabin, built by William Walker in 1802. William Walker came from Virginia and was Stow's first settler. Walker is credited for establishing Stow Rd. He didn't observe property lines and walked across privately owned land. Many other settlers decided to follow him and made a path that was later known as Stow Road.

Francisco J. Caracciolo and Daisy M. Easterday were married on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1928.



The Farmhouse



Mr. Francisco and Mrs. Daisy Caracciolo

The Caracciolo family moved onto the farm from Cuyahoga Falls in 1937 with six children. As the original cabin had changed so did the family to include seven more children.



Francisco

Francisco Caracciolo worked at the Akron Beacon Journal and the Cleveland Times Press as a pressman. Frank was a WWI veteran honored with a Silver Star. He also worked the farm along with his wife Daisy Caracciolo and their children. Daisy worked raising and teaching the children, cooking the meals, tending the large garden and canning vegetables. Various other farm chores included steering the cultivator the horses would pull, taking care of the animals, and butchering chickens for dinner. Daisy worked in the pump house washing clothes and hanging them to dry, outside when possible and inside in the winter.

1: Rosalia's family recalls she disliked the farm-life, leaving behind conveniences like running water for a cistern and a pump. Then trading indoor plumbing to life with an outhouse was difficult. Another memory from Rosalia's family is she climbed a tree and broke her arm but didn't tell anyone for fear she would be in trouble.



Rosalia



2: Francisca's family memories were of growing up caring for the chickens in the coop, gathering eggs, and milking Chocolate Drop the cow. The children started learning to milk about the age of seven. There was the chore of feeding Blacky the family bull. The necessary walks to the outhouse day and night, even in the winter.



Francisca

Left to Right

Row 1 - Rosalia, Francisca, Joesph

Row 2 - Joanne, Helen, Anthony, Kathryn, Rita



3: Joanne remembers moving into the farmhouse at 5 years old. The holes were still in the wall for the pot-bellied stove, and the basement floor was dirt. The horsehair plaster was still visible underneath the drywall from the original cabin. She recalls helping her mom with the little ones through the years.

Left to Right

Joanne, Joseph, Francisca, Rosalia



Anthony



4: Joseph remembers using a team of horses to pull the cultivator. Mom would follow behind steering it. He worked plowing fields and planting corn. Later, the horses were replaced by a Case tractor. He recalls hunting for pheasant and rabbit. They slaughtered hogs and did chores. A game they played was kick the can.

Left to Right

Joseph, Rosalia, Francisca, Joanne, Anthony



5: Anthony's family remembers that he had a goat for milk because he couldn't drink cow's milk. There was an outhouse that had Sears and Roebuck catalog in it for use. The kids would run through the fields barefoot, and there was nothing like the surprise of stepping in a fresh cowpie and feeling it ooze between your toes. Joe and Tony worked the Case tractor together. It was mentioned that they had some brotherly squabbles growing up.



Anthony

Left to Right

Row 1 - Francisco, Helen, Daisy, Therese

Row 2 - Rosalia, Joanne, Anthony, Joseph, Francisca

Row 3 - Kathryn, Rita



Left to Right  
 Row 1 - Francisco, Daisy, Rita, Kathryn  
 Row 2 - Francisco, Bernadette, David, George, Helen, Therese

6: Rita remembers the family's very big garden along Stow Road. "We all had to work in it and help Mom can the food. We made a dry sauce with the tomatoes for spaghetti." Rita has memories of the boy that came to deliver loads of coal for the furnace. She and Kathryn would look out the window and say, "He's mine, I saw him first." "No, he's mine," and so this went on.... but in the end Rita got Gene! They were married!

7: Kathryn's family memories include sharing a bed with her three sisters Rita, Helen and Therese, nice and cozy in a wrought iron bed. The girls were in one room, the boys were in the other one. Trips to the outhouse was another memory. Kathryn would take Bernadette for rides on Tar Baby the horse. One time they both fell off by the farmhouse!

8: Helen remembers riding Tar Baby the horse bareback to the back 40 and playing in the hayloft with her sisters pretending to make a bed up there. "When Dad couldn't find us, we got in trouble!! It was still fun! We had a huge garden and picked fresh vegetables for every meal. There was always work to be done from the chicken coop to helping Mom in the house. When Ron and I got out of the Air Force we lived at the farm for a while with our babies, it was nice being there with family around."

9: Therese always considered the fact that she had to go outside in the cold to shovel snow! She preferred doing inside work. Household chores included ironing clothes, cooking, and cleaning. Therese also recalled sharing a bed with three of her sisters.



Helen



Left to Right  
 Francisco, Bernadette, David, George

10: Francisco remembers our Christmas surprise was seeing the tree set up and decorated on Christmas morning. "Dad did that! Then we had to wait for everyone in the family to show up before we could open gifts." He mentioned that when he milked Chocolate Drop he would sing songs to her and occasionally squirt his siblings with milk! He also enjoyed the taste of his Dad's blackberry wine that was made in the pumphouse. The kids would sneak in to taste it.

11: George recalls the dinners that Mom prepared. "Dad got a lot of plants for us to put in the garden, we had to hoe, plant, plow, weed, drive the horses. We also rode the horses. We had goose, duck, and chicken eggs. We got up and milked the cow before going to school." George also remembers enjoying digging in the snow!



Francisco



Bernadette with Tar Baby

12: Bernadette has memories of going out with Dad and her siblings every May into the woods to pick large-stemmed violets by the handfuls for their Mom for Mother's Day! "In summertime we went out with our arms and legs completely covered to pick blackberries with Dad. We had to bring them all back to the house without eating them so Mom could make them into cobblers. Sometimes we had some leftover with milk!"

13: David enjoyed the openness and freedom of living the farm life. He went hunting, and remembers having fox chase him! There was gigging for fish in the creek across the road, playing on hay bales in the barn! Then there were games with siblings and contests with the boys from the City!



Left to Right  
David, Francisco, Bernadette, Therese, George, Helen, Joseph, Kathryn, Francisco, Daisy, Rosalia, Francisca, Joanne, Rita, Anthony, Francisco



Left to Right  
Row 1 - Francisco, Rosalia, Daisy, David, Francisco, Joseph, Francisca, Kathryn  
Row 2- Bernadette, Rita, Joanne

**Animals on the Farm:**

- Collie Dog named Ginger
- Cow named Chocolate Drop
- Bull named Blacky
- Horse named Tar Baby
- Groundhog named Chucky
- Cocker Spaniel named Giggs
- Black and White Cat named Smorgy
- Cat named Mindy!

There was also the livestock including chickens, ducks, geese, goats, hogs, cattle, and teams of horses that were part of farm life.



**Games:**

- Kick the Can
- Baseball
- Football
- Hide and Seek
- Jump Rope

This collection of memories was written in honor of Francisco and Daisy Caracciolo by their Children and Grandchildren! ♦

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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.

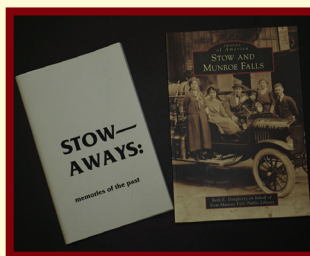
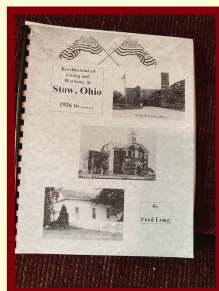
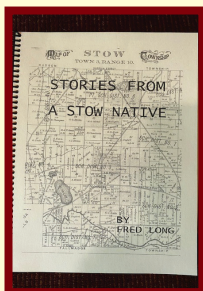
*Stow-Aways:*

*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

