



# Reflections

*...then and now*

**Greater Loveland Historical Society Museum**  
**201 Riverside Dr. Loveland, OH 45140**

**SPRING 2018**

## ***Lunch & Learn***

### **“Quakers and the Underground Railroad”**

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>; 11:30 – 2:00**  
**JoAnn Richardson History House**

Continuing our series of Lunch and Learn sessions, we are fortunate to have Dolly McKeenhan from the Museum of the Friends in Waynesville.

Dolly has done extensive research on the settlement of the Quakers in the Waynesville area, beginning in the early 1800's. These Quakers from South Carolina left the slave state and began helping slaves make their way north to Canada – later named the Underground Railroad. She has also been involved with the Ohio River National Freedom Corridor project, which promotes the trail in the Tri State Area.

As usual, a light luncheon will be served before the talk. Reservations are required; cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Call or send name(s) and check to GLHSM, 201 Riverside Dr; Loveland, OH 45140



The closest to Loveland underground railroad station documented, is the Butterworth Farm, located just north of Loveland at Fosters. We have used the old stone house for two of our past house tours.

## ***News from GLHSM.....***

### **New Sharp Copier**

The office now has an updated copier, which has many added features. The main one is connecting it to the computer, so we can do color copies. We connected the former color printer to the lap top, which will make using that computer easier. Connecting the copier to the computer meant moving some furniture around, so the office now has a new look. This also got the director to clean out the hidden file cabinets and clean up the “mess” on every table.

### **TV Screen in History House**

The Board decided to purchase a 70” TV screen for the History House – an alternative to using the wall for power point presentations.



Thanks to Pete Bissman who set up the new TV, provided instructions, and tutorials for users who are “technically challenged”

The Loveland Women’s Club presenters, Steve & Barbara Link, have already used it and were pleased with this addition

### **Changes in internet & telephone service**

At the March meeting, the board voted to change our telephone/internet service to Spectrum. It will provide wi-fi to both buildings and will save on our monthly bill. The inconvenience is a change of e-mail address. You will be informed as soon as it happens

# ***Report from ESCC Team***

As reported in the Winter newsletter, the ESCC team of eight members has continued to meet monthly to design a written plan for GLHSM's future growth and stability. This includes objectives, goals and action steps, with specific dates and commitments from individuals in charge. One objective is to increase community awareness and recruit more involved members.

## **REBRANDING**

The first strategy to meet this objective is called **Rebranding** – changing our name. A lot of research has already gone into this, including talking with the state historical society, which has changed its name to Ohio History Connection – connecting past history with the present and future generations. The local history organization has also changed from Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums to Ohio Local History Alliance (OLHA) – which is what it is, an alliance between the state and hundreds of local history organizations. Many other local organizations are doing the same.

The state spent over a year using focus groups and other means of discussion with stakeholders before making the change of name. One consensus was that “society” indicated an exclusive group limited to members only, to today's generation. History organizations are joining the 21<sup>st</sup> century with technology, perhaps an updated name will explain that we are a “place” that can share and celebrate Loveland's history with the community today and in the future.

The team and board members have suggested two guidelines: Make it shorter and keep Loveland in the name. Here are several suggestions from the team and board members: Loveland History Center; Loveland History Museum; Loveland Museum Center; Loveland History Connection.

We value your opinion and would like your input regarding these suggestions. Please call 683-5692 or e-mail ([glhsm@fuse.net](mailto:glhsm@fuse.net)) your thoughts about these names. Whatever name we choose has to be approved by the Ohio Secretary of State, so we would appreciate your thoughts no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **INTERACTIVE TIMELINE AND EXHIBITS**

Another strategy to meet the objective to increase awareness and involved members is to explore designing interactive exhibits. Working with a Xavier history class, the team has begun by doing research of hands on video/audio for the Time Line. This project will go into next year and beyond and might involve pursuing a grant. In the end, we will eliminate both time lines and be able to use that room for small groups which will help get the community into our lovely museum.

Along with the time line change, we want to research other ways to show off our exhibits and tell stories of past Loveland residents and what this connection is with the future.

## **MORE INVOLVED MEMBERS**

A third strategy involves innovative programs and better public relations. Our programs have been well received, but getting the news out is always a problem. But even more so now that the local paper is not doing much Loveland news and the Enquirer is less than successful. What do we do to increase our social media presence?

In this busy world, finding innovative and interesting programs and exhibits gets more and more difficult. What can we do to make our museum more welcome and interesting to the community – and to potential volunteers?

Thanks to team members, Kate Arnold, Andy Bateman, Rob Bauer, Jan Beller, Pete Bissman, Norman Neal, Sue Peterson, and Jenny Shives, and our consultant, Brian Robson for all the time and energy spent on this effort.



One of many antique dolls in our collection.  
Come in and see if you can find her!

## **Membership Report**

Just a little over half of our membership has paid their 2018 membership dues. If you have a **yellow mark on your address label**, you are one of the half who have NOT paid. We want to keep you on our membership list – please send in your dues as soon as possible. These funds contribute to ongoing operations, such as utility bills, cleaning and yard personnel, supplies and more.

### **Welcome new members**

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## Students Make Movies

You never know who will drop in or send an e-mail asking something unusual. A surprise happened on the first Monday of Loveland Schools spring break.



An e-mail came from Reese Tittle, a neighbor on Park Avenue, asking to do a film (remember home movies?) on the museum porch. Response was “yes”, so about an hour later 8 to 10 high school students from Jim Barrett’s photography class arrived with equipment and scripts in hand. They spent almost four hours on the porch and seemed quite pleased with the final product. The students were most appreciative and so polite.

## Upcoming Area Events

April 21: **Loveland Women’s Club Fund Raiser**  
Loveland Presbyterian Church, 3:00-5:00  
Cost \$5.00 – wine & cheese, raffles, etc.  
Benefits scholarship fund

## Little Miami River Chamber Alliance

May 12: Food Truck Rally – Shoppers Haven  
June 23: Food Truck Rally – Symmes Township

June 30: Firecracker Festival  
Symmes Park  
July 4<sup>th</sup>: Parade – Downtown  
Loveland



## Ohio Chautauqua

The Ohio Humanities Council is again sponsoring Ohio Chautauqua – “Modern Legends”. The interpreters will be in roles of Erma Bombeck, Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., Betty Friedan, Cesar Chavez and Robert F. Kennedy.

Following are the dates and places:

June 5-9: Piqua                      June 12-16: Gallipolis  
June 19-23: Rossford              June 26-30: New Richmond

Check [ohiohumanities.org](http://ohiohumanities.org) for more information

## World War I Exhibit



If you haven’t seen the World War I exhibit, you still have plenty of time. It will remain open through May.



These cases hold uniforms and memorabilia from local veterans. A letter signed by Pershing, is one of the interesting pieces.

## WWI Lunch and Learn



It was unfortunate that only a few people came to the WWI Lunch and Learn. It was an excellent presentation of personal stories of veterans who participated in some of the significant battles. Jeremy Bowles had done extensive research to tell the stories of several WWI veterans, who probably never shared these experiences when they returned home. Everyone here said, “too bad more people could not hear this”!

## Preservation at Work

One of the primary goals of GLHSM is to preserve Loveland's past – not only artifacts, but the stories that go with the objects or informational materials.

We spend a lot of time cataloging and taking care of our signature collection of Nancy Ford Cones prints and other memorabilia. But another category is fabric – usually in the form of clothing and quilts or coverlets.

But sometimes we receive something unusual – like quilt squares. Found recently were 35 nine-inch quilt squares, called nine patch, made with silk from used dresses. Each square was pieced together by hand – circa 1910.



Unfortunately, the fabric is too old and fragile to be sewn together as shown here. After consulting with member and quilt expert Barbara Davis, it was decided to frame nine of the most stable pieces, so we could show the intricate hand sewing that was done in years past utilizing used clothing.

## *In Memoriam*

### Mary Ann Davis

Member Mary Ann (nee Michael) Davis passed away February 23, 2018 at the age of 85.

Mary leaves her husband Robert E. "Bob" Davis Sr., children Robert (Teresa), William (Cheryl), Thomas (Valerie) Davis, Trudy (Ron) Panko and the late Deborah "Debby" (Charles) Back. Proud grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Mary was the daughter of the late Vernon and Meredith Michael and graduated from Loveland High School in 1950. Services were held March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home.

## *Caledonia Band Returns*

Keep the date of **Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** to come hear the Caledonia Drum & Bag Pies Band on the museum's front yard. The event is from 5:00 to 8:30 pm with light supper food and drinks.



Caledonia Band well received

So bring a lawn chair, take a peek inside Bonaventure, and enjoy the music and festivities.



GLHSM plans to participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, sponsored by the city of Loveland. Volunteers welcome!

### *Region 8 Meeting*

Jenny Shives and Jan Beller attended the annual Ohio Local History Alliance Region 8 meeting March 10 at Fernald Preserve Visitor's Center, Hamilton. It was hosted by the Friends of White Water Shaker Village, which is located on the site.

Topics included Strategies for Turning Members into Volunteers, Conservation of Textiles, and Developing Community Partnerships. GLHSM volunteered to host the meeting in March 2019.

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## ***Loveland's Best Kept Secret***



The JoAnn Richardson History House available for rent  
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## ***Memorabilia For Sale***

GLHSM continues to sell the Historic Site Coverlet in both green and cranberry (\$48.00) and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook (\$10.00). Also books by local authors, including Paul Pfarr, Hazel Cole Kendle, Lester Horwitz, and Larry Hamilton, John Vial and County Historical Books. **The Museum Gift Shop also** has Loveland Memorabilia, T-shirts and sweat shirts, the numbered hand painted Bonaventure ornament, Loveland pottery, Nancy Ford Cones cards & prints and more!

## ***"Passages Through Time"***



Published by Greater Loveland Historical Society, this fascinating book is brimming with period photographs and historical information. Copies are available in the Museum Gift Shop for \$15.00 each. All proceeds benefit ongoing programs & preservation.

We'll be happy to mail a copy anywhere in the U.S. for an additional charge - \$5. Please send check along with mail instructions to GLHSM, 201 Riverside Dr.; Loveland, OH 45140

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