



# *Reflections*

*...then and now*  
***Loveland Museum Center***

**Winter 2023**

## ***Happy New Year!***

A big hand of applause to our Board of Trustees, docents and many volunteers who helped the Loveland Museum Center this past year! From planning programs and events to fund raising, to unique displays, it would not happen without dedicated work from our many volunteers!

**Museum Closed Weekends until March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Although the museum will give our docents some time off, the office will be open during the week part time. Many volunteers will still be meeting, planning, and working "behind the scene", assessing and organizing our collections, making plans for renovations, and setting up a new display.

## ***Step Back in Time with Wine*** ***Thursday, February 16 – 7:00 – 9:00***

Dress for a late Valentine celebration and enjoy some samples of wine, (from Cappy's) and appetizers, hear some interesting stories from Loveland's past, and tour the museum..

Reservations are required – Send your name(s) and \$15 per person to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave or use PayPal by February 10<sup>th</sup>.



Dan Peterson talks about the development of early businesses at the fall Wine tasting event

## **History of the Loveland Symmes Fire Department** **Lunch and Learn** **Wednesday, April 12; 11:30 – 2:00**

How did our local fire department evolve from an all-volunteer staff to the outstanding department we have today?

Chief Huber will present an informative talk about the history and growth of the department, first organized in 1877, called "Hook and Ladder Brigade".



According to *Passages Through Time*, in 1885, the Miami Steam Engine, Hose, Hook & Ladder Co. was organized with A. B. Brock as the first chief. The first steam engine was purchased for \$700 that same year.

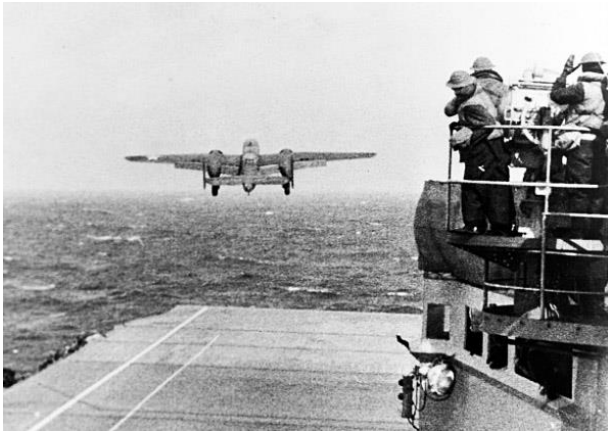
Huber has been with the department since 1975, and was sworn in as the Assistant Fire Chief in 1985. He has been active with many local and area wide organizations, featured speaker for many firehouse conferences, and published in several Fire Department magazines. He also serves on tri-state fire department commissions and boards, including Homeland Security Task Force and Clermont County Sheriff's Office.

Reservations are required - \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Send name(s) and check to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave, Loveland, OH or use PayPal by April 10<sup>th</sup>..

# ***“The Doolittle Raid – An Incredible Story of Courage”***

**Lunch & Learn  
May 17 – 11:30 to 2:00.**

LMC is fortunate to have Rick Rosesel return to tell an incredible story that's in danger of being lost to the ages.



While widely celebrated during WW II, with each successive generation this story becomes more obscure.

The Doolittle Raid, also known as Tokyo Raid, took place on April 18, 1942, a few months after the Pearl Harbor attack. It was the first American air operation to strike the Japanese archipelago. It was led by Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle.

Reservations are required by May 15<sup>th</sup>; Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Send name(s) and check to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave., Loveland, OH 45140. Or you can us PayPal.

## **Annual Giving Report**

Thanks to all the members who contributed to our Bonaventure Renovation Fund. This will be an ongoing fund, so it is not too late to make a donation. As of this printing, the fund is \$6,975.

### **\$500 Level**

Janet & Roger Beller  
Peggy & Michael Goodwin  
Sharon Hinkle  
Norman Neal  
John & Bonnie Schneider  
Jenny & Barry Shives  
Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home

### **\$250 Level**

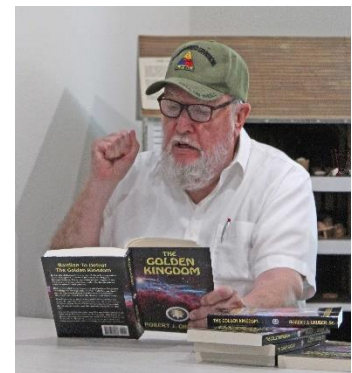
Pete Bissman  
John Hill Construction  
Paxton's Grill  
**\$100 Level**

Monica & John Achberger  
Barbara Alexander  
Kathy Bailey  
Andrew Bateman  
Amy Broermann Realty  
Patricia Benton  
Richard & Deirdre Dyson  
Linda & Harold Eberenz  
Peggy French  
Pat Furterer  
Jane Grethel  
Tom & Kathy Hogan  
Hometown Café  
Ellen & Jim Hooper  
Mildred Jones  
Amy & James O'Keefe  
Mark & Linda Krum  
Kay Napier  
Rick Ogden HVAC LLC  
David & Cathy Rahe  
James & Patricia Reid  
Ann & Jim Rhoda  
Shirley Scharfenberger  
Jenny Stanton  
Phil Zimmerman

### **Other \$\$**

Blanca Aldredge  
Rob & Pam Bauer  
Alan & Mora Brookes  
Mary Ellen & David Camele  
John & Elizabeth Bell  
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Durden  
Janet Lindle  
Nancy Morgan  
Laura Pettigrew  
Stan Seto  
Linda Slusher  
Jeff & Kendall Strunk  
Derek & Jessica Tye  
Joyce Thalheimer

Author Robert Gruber wraps up the book signing series as he reads from his book, *The Golden Kingdom*.



## ***January is Membership Month***

Although we accept new members throughout the year, our membership year runs from January through December. Many of you have already sent your 2023 dues, which makes our record keeping much easier and of course, Life members can ignore this notice – share the form with a friend!

Your annual dues are a big part of our annual operating budget, including this newsletter and we would like to keep you on our mailing list. Thanks for helping keep our membership list up to date. (See enclosed membership form).

### ***Welcome new members***

Mr. & Mrs. George Nyktas    513-289-8152  
2764 Gum  
Clarksville, OH 45113

Derek & Jessica Tye        513-478-3794  
6703 Branch Hill Guinea Pk  
Loveland, OH 45140

Lowell & Sandy Bowie    531-602-1108  
7358 Leisure Lane  
Mason, OH 45040

### ***Kudos to our Volunteers***

For our **docents** who volunteer weekends, many more than once a month:

Pat Benton, coordinator, Darlene Ervin, Nancy Morgan, Jo Funke, Tami Funke, Linda & Herald Eberenz, Nancy Garfinkel, Kay Napier, Laura Pettigrew, Brendan McConnell, Jeannie Shumaker, Jim & Judy Poe

**Beechtree Circle** who provided eight fund raising teas and donated and set up the Nutcracker themed Christmas decorations:

Mary Ann Benoski, coordinator, Sue Bradford, Mary Ann Bauer, Kathy Camery, Sharon Hinkle, Carolyn Nicholson, & Mary Ann Spurling.

All the **Board of Trustees** who do multiple jobs: Jim & Amy Grethel, Ken Davis, Mike McNally, Amy & James O'Keefe, Andy Bateman, Pat Benton, Pete Bissman, Mark Krum, Sue Peterson, Jenny Shives, Curator

Peggy Goodwin, Strategic Planning Committee Chair for her organization and computer technical skills.

Sue Peterson, Program Chair, who plans the programs and events.

Dan Peterson who posts Facebook notices & other LMC publicity..

Pete Bissman for ongoing updating of the Time Line & digitizing over 500 Nancy Ford Cones glass plates..

Jenny Shives, volunteer curator, who takes on more tasks than we could list here! The NFC Taft exhibit that put Cones and our Museum in the spotlight, was her main project in 2022.

Becky Giver for her skills with setting up exhibits. She and her husband Gary also help with Christmas decorations

## ***LMC applies for Historic Landmark Designation***

The City of Loveland became a Certified Local Government (CLG) district after many months of work by the Historic Preservation Commission (GLHS is represented on the commission) in 2021. The boundaries include the main business district in Clermont County,

The task of the commission is to review plans for renovations or new construction to establish that plans meet certain guidelines that fit into the historic area.

Several historic sites have also been designated part of the CLG, including White Pillars and two family cemeteries – Ramsey Paxton & Hill. Plaques are given to each site and the property is now eligible for potential grants or tax credits.

The Loveland Museum Center has completed the application for this Historic Landmark – thanks to Peggy Goodwin who wrote the narrative and organized the pictures (from our extensive files of old pictures). The commission will be meeting soon to approve this application.

This picture dates to late 1920's when Dr. Frank Lever



and family lived here (note the wrap-around porch).

Records indicate that the property dates to 1861 when Samuel Smith conveyed 97 acres to Dr. John Stephens Law who was a senior member of Law's Insurance Agency and the father of Loveland's first mayor. In 1862 Dr. Law built his residence, named Bonaventure, featuring the Italianate style, painted light brown with dark brown trim.

John Hill Construction is using these old pictures for design purposes.



## ***Annual Meeting***

**March 9 – 7:00 pm**

Members and the Board of Trustees will meet in the JoAnn Richardson House for a short meeting to review the past year and elect the 2023-2025 Board. There may be a short program. Light refreshments will be served. Here is the slate of candidates

President:	Jim Grethel
Vice President	Ken Davis
Treasurer	Mike McNally
Recording Secretary:	Kathryn Lorenz
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### **Members at Large**

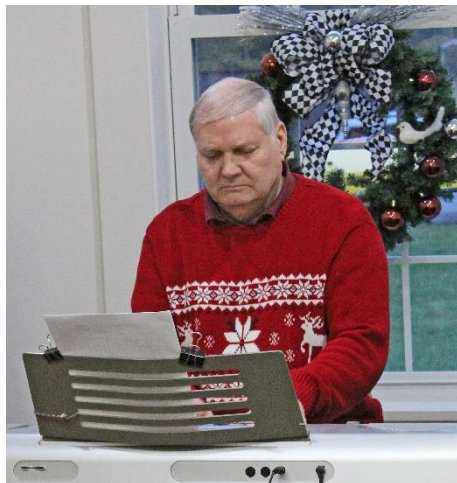
Andy Bateman	Pete Bissman
Pat Benton,	Peggy Goodwin
Kim Grethel	Sue Peterson,
Jenny Shives	TBA



## ***Christmas in Loveland***

The mini train is always a big hit.

It is impossible to count the number of guests, but an estimate is over 300 adults and children. Thanks to everyone who brought home-made cookies.



Richard Sellers & his grandchildren entertained guests playing Christmas songs on the keyboard

## ***Hearts Afire***

**Valentine Weekend**

**February 10 – 12**

Valentine's Day holds special significance for Loveland. In 1972, Doris Pfiester began stamping valentines with a special Loveland Postmark – 36 cards the first year. Articles in many papers published the service, which had expanded to more than 10,000 valentines by the early 1990's. The Chamber of Commerce took over the project in 1989, expanding the program by choosing a new Valentine Lady each year, a Valentine Breakfast, and a yearly Valentine Card design contest.

This year's celebration kicks off with the annual Valentine breakfast at the Oasis – register with the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance. The other multiple activities can be found at the City of Loveland WEB page – many require registration.

The 2023 Valentine Card was designed by Rosemary Shumaker.

LMC member, Donna Barnes was chosen Valentine Lady



## ***Christmas Display Picture***



One of three cases with nutcrackers



## ***Pat Furterer honored by City Council***

In September 2022, long time member of LMC, Pat Furterer was inducted into the Ohio Dept. of Aging's Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Governor DeWine stated, "these individuals represent the best kind of Ohioan – one who serve others, changes lives and makes us all stronger."

At a recent council meeting Mayor Bailey stated "The city wanted to recognize Pat's efforts over the years to promote arts in the local community. She has worked tirelessly to promote the theater and arts within the city. She has created a community gathering place and made Loveland stronger through her work."



Council recognized Pat by naming part of Second Street, Pat Furterer Way.

Left to right: Kip Ping, Mayor Bailey, Pat, Neal Orey, John Hunt, Andy Bateman, Kent Blair

Pat filled all the roles with the Stage Company, including director, producer, actor, publicist, usher, designer, set construction, house manager and more. She was director of the Chamber of Commerce, member of LMC and Loveland Women's Club and Valentine Lady.



Corner of Second and E. Loveland Ave.

## ***More Christmas Pictures***



Mother Ginger in the Gallery



Handmade Manger Scene from The Philippines (on loan)



A playroom with dolls in the NFC Gallery



## ***Nancy Ford Cones and “The Big Picture”***

The Taft Museum's exhibition, *Craft and Camera: The Art of Nancy Ford Cones*, closed on January 15, 2023 after being [part of the Sixth FotoFocus Biennial; Art Program in Cincinnati]. The collaborative 2022 Biennial Exhibition was the largest to date with over 600 participants and 2000 passport tickets distributed.

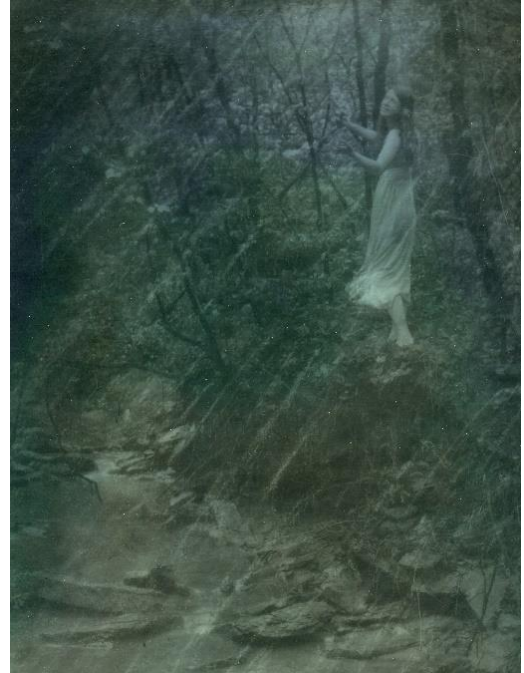
As a result of the success of the Taft's exhibition and a recommendation from University of Cincinnati Professor and local Loveland resident Dr. Theresa Leininger-Miller, Nancy Ford Cones and her work will be highlighted in a three-hour film documentary series entitled, *The Big Picture: A History of Photography in Greater Cincinnati*, to be released in early 2025.

The documentary examines the role of photography in the development of Greater Cincinnati and will focus upon regional photographers, their choice of subjects, and the ways in which their photography impacted the Greater Cincinnati region socially, economically, politically, and culturally from 1839-1939. The series is presented chronologically to reflect the relationships between the development of photography, and the emergence of Greater Cincinnati from a small Mid- West River town to a major commercial center.



“Picking Fufflies” ca 1900  
(recent accession)

According to Project Director Tom Law, of the Voyager Media Group, Inc. Cones' and her work will be profiled primarily during the period of 1910-1939. The Loveland Museum Center is proud to be a part of this educational endeavor. We are thankful for our membership support which allows the Museum to continue to collect and preserve Cones' images and to significantly contribute to this exciting project.



“Spring Shower” ca 1922

### ***Renovation of Bonaventure Update***

The Board of Trustees and members of the finance committee continue to work with John Hill Construction regarding the renovation of the museum building.

Remember we are still accepting donations for this large project, and we appreciate the generosity of those who have contributed!



Bonaventure, 1917

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



The JoAnn Richardson History House available for rent  
Call 513-683-5692 for details

## ***CORPORATE MEMBERS***

Through monetary contributions or pledges of donated materials and/or services, these area businesses and organizations support the Loveland Museum Center.

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City of Loveland  
Cleveland Specialties Company  
DLK FRAMES  
Eads Fence & Loveland Hardware Co, Inc.  
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Loveland Woman's Club  
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Chapter A-PEO Loveland  
Paxton's Grill  
Ramsey's Trailside Cafe  
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Rick Ogden Heating & Air Conditioning  
Tano Bistro & Catering  
Thompson & Associates  
Tufts-Schildmeyer Funeral Home  
Whistle Stop Clay Works  
The Works

**Thanks for your support**

### **High School Year Books Available**

If you are searching for a lost copy of your Loveland High School yearbook, please call and see if we have what you are looking for. We have donated copies from the 1920's through the 1990's. For a donation of \$5.00, we may have the copy you need.

## ***Memorabilia For Sale***

The Museum Center 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, and County Historical Books. **The Museum Gift Shop also** has Loveland Memorabilia, T-shirts and sweatshirts, hand painted Bonaventure ornament, Loveland pottery, Nancy Ford Cones cards, and reprints of NFC glass plates.

## ***"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 Loveland Museum Center, 201 N Riverside Ave.; Loveland, OH 45140

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**Gift Shop Managers:** Nancy Garfinkel & Nancy Morgan  
**Volunteer Library/Collections Staff:** Jo Funke, Becky Giver, Jenny Shives, Tami Funke, Linda & Harold Eberenz, Peggy Goodwin, Brendan McConnell, Sue & Dan Peterson, Pete Bissman, Maryann Benoski

**Docent Coordinator,** Pat Benton

**School Tours:** Peggy French, Tami Funke

#### **Museum Staff**

Director	Janet Beller
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