

Reflections

*...then and now
Loveland Museum Center*

Winter 2025

From the President...

One certainty in life is change. And 2025 will bring its fair share of changes at the Loveland Museum Center.

This month, we close one era and begin another. Jan Beller will be stepping away from the role she has held for 26 years. Jan has been a dear friend and adviser to me and many others. It would be an understatement to say that Jan Beller has been the heart and soul of the Loveland Museum Center since 1999. As LMC Museum Director, she has been steadfast in upholding our mission to collect, preserve and share our rich local history. At the same time, she helped steer the museum in a way that ensures a vibrant future.

Jan's roots run deep in Loveland which might explain why she has been such a passionate leader and role model to everyone who cares deeply about our museum and local history. She and her family have lived in Loveland since the late 1870's; the family established the Brock Lumber Mill, then the Brock Hardware store. So Loveland is definitely a part of her DNA.

Jan is a Charter Member of the Museum; she served four years as Board President prior to becoming director in 1999. Early on she became involved in documenting Loveland history, working closely with Jim and Ann Rhoda and the Loveland Centennial Committee on *Loveland, OH . . . The Story of a Town From its Beginning*, published in 1976. In 1992, she co-authored an expanded history, *Loveland Passages Through Time*.

Jan was instrumental in the relocation of the Rich Log Cabin to the Museum campus, the building of the JoAnn Richardson History House, the building the Nisbet Library addition, restoring the World War II kiosk, and aided in the formation of the City of Loveland Historic Preservation and Planning Commission.

We are so pleased that Jan will remain as an active Museum volunteer.

A Legacy of Dedication and Service



Celebrating Jan Beller's years of service to the Loveland Museum Center and the community.

Jan has always credited her predecessor, JoAnn Richardson, for preparing her and mentoring her before her time came to run the museum. In that spirit, Jan has worked closely with our next LMC Museum Director - Jenny Shives. Like Jan, Jenny also has roots in Loveland and has been a dedicated volunteer for some time now. We are so fortunate to have Jenny moving forward. And this museum has been profoundly fortunate to have Jan Beller at the helm these many years.

Happy New Year!

To all our friends who generously support the Loveland Museum Center through the gifts of your time and resources, we wish you the very best that 2025 has to offer. We have a full schedule of events planned for you this year that we think you will enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you in 2025!

Museum Closed Weekends until March 1st

Although the museum is closed for several weeks, the office is open part time during the week. While our docents are enjoying some well-deserved time off, many of our volunteers are working "behind the scenes," carrying out the usual tasks of maintaining our collections, setting up a new display for our re-opening, and perhaps doing a bit of spring cleaning!

Coming Up Next at the Museum

Step Back in Time with Wine Thursday, February 20 – 7:00 – 9:00

Ready to shake off those winter doldrums and these cold, snowy days? Enjoy the simple pleasures of wine samples (from Cappy's) and light appetizers, hear interesting stories from Loveland's past, and take a tour of the museum. Join old friends and make new ones at this always-fun event.



Step Back in Time with Wine

Thursday, February 20th at 7:00PM

Enjoy light appetizers, great wine, stories about Loveland's past and tour the museum. Our story tellers promise to keep you entertained!

Reservations are required. The cost is \$15 per person. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening at the Museum.

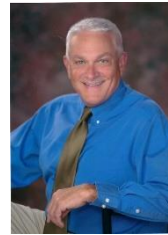
Reservations can be made by one of the following:

- ❖ www.lovelandmuseum.org
- ❖ Call 513.683.5692
- ❖ Send your name(s) & check to:
L.M.C.
201 Riverside Avenue
Loveland, OH 45140

RSVP by February 17, 2025.

"Camp Dennison"

Lunch and Learn Wednesday, April 2 - 11:30 – 2:00



Peter Bronson is a newsman, editor, magazine writer, author and owner of Chilidog Press publishing. He has written nine books and was editorial page editor and columnist for *The Cincinnati Enquirer* for nearly 20 years.

Reservations are required by March 25th - \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Send name(s) and check to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave, Loveland, or use PayPal.

"Trains"

Lunch & Learn Wednesday, May 14 – 11:30 to 2:00



Loveland resident, Neal Oury gives us an inside look at how trains operated in our city. Neal's father worked for the railroad and was stationed in the tower here in Loveland.

Reservations are required by May 9th -- \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Send name(s) and check to LMC, 201 Riverside Ave., Loveland, or use PayPal.

Mother's Day Tea and Tour May 10, 2025 -- 12:00 noon



Mother's Day Tea and Tour

May 10, 2025 12:00 noon

For Reservations contact:
mbenoski@hotmail.com

\$25.00 per person
Adults and children
8 years and older

Payment by May 1, 2025
www.lovelandmuseum.org

Seating is limited so reserve your spot early. All proceeds are gifted to the Museum.

Annual Giving Report

Thanks to all the members who contributed to our maintenance projects at the JoAnn Richardson House, the Rosemary Nisbet Library, and the Rich Log Cabin. If you missed the fall mailing, it's not too late to make a donation. As of this printing, \$6,070 has been contributed.

\$500 Level

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

\$250 Level

Michael Hall & Carlene Cline
Cathy & David Rahe
Dan & Sue Peterson
Cathy & Paul Russo

\$100 Level

Monica & John Achberger
Kathy Bailey
Carolyn Bingaman
Patricia Benton
Pete Bissman
Catherine & Raymond Buckler
Richard & Deirdre Dyson
Linda & Harold Eberenz
Avery Foster
Joann Funke
Gary & Becky Giver
Jane Grethel
John Hill
Hometown Café/Loveland Catering
Jim & Ellen Hooper
Kay Napier
Julie Ann & Jim Rhoda
Bill Riehle
Stan Seto
Jane Stanton
Tano Bistro & Catering

Other \$\$

Rob & Pam Bauer
Allen & Mora Brookes
Sharon & Wayne Dunn
Gary Hehemann
Janet Lindle
Jim & Pat Reid
Shirley Scharpenberger
Linda Slusher
Kendall & Jeff Strunk

Annual Membership Meeting

Calling all LMC members to attend the annual meeting on March 20 at 7:00 p.m. to review the past year and elect the 2025-2027 Board of Trustees. There may be a short program as well. Light refreshments will be served. The slate of nominees is:

President	Jim Grethel
Vice President	Ken Davis
Treasurer	Mike McNally
Recording Secretary	Kathy Lorenz
Corresponding Secretary	Mark Krum

Members at Large

Andy Bateman	Peggy Goodwin
Pete Bissman	Kim Grethel
Becky Giver	Sue Peterson

2 positions to be filled

It's Membership Month

Although we welcome new members throughout the year, January/February begins our membership year. Your annual dues are a big part of our yearly operating budget (which includes publishing this newsletter), and we greatly appreciate your continued support of the Museum.

Many thanks to those who have already sent your 2025 dues, and of course, to our Life members. To renew your membership, just complete and mail the enclosed form. Help us spread the word about this hidden gem by sharing the LMC newsletter and membership form with a friend!

Welcome new members

Tammy Flanagan 513-373-7320
9387 Arnold Lane
Loveland, OH 45140

Thomas & Pamela Newhouse 513-746-6358
3305 Water Street.
Milford, OH 45150

In Memory of

James "Larry" Wheatley
September 15, 1941 — January 2, 2025

Larry Wheatley, husband of LMC member and volunteer Sheila Wheatley, passed away on January 2nd at the age of 83. He retired from Cincinnati Milacron after 30 years of service, was the father of three children, Patrick, Ryan and Kelly, and grandfather of eight.

Emma Hartkemeier (Life Member)
December 23, 1927 – June 3, 2024

Services were held in June.

Hearts Afire **Valentine Weekend** **February 7 – 9**

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 (register at www.lmrchamberalliance.org), and a yearly Valentine Card design contest.

There's also the 4th annual Hearts Afire Weekend, featuring fire, ice, live entertainment, outdoor decorations, and more love-inspired fun! To learn more about this event and the schedule of activities, visit the City of Loveland Lovin' Life webpage: www.lovinlifeloveland.com

Other Happenings at the Museum

We're excited to announce the donation of 7 prints (8 x 10) to our Nancy Ford Cones collection along with 17 (8 x 10) glass plate negatives. These will be on view summer 2025. Our thanks to member Kathy Sharp of Orlando, FL for this wonderful addition to our NFC collection. Kathy is the great-great niece of Nancy Ford Cones.

The Loveland Museum Design Group has been busy "spring cleaning" the Gift Shop! They are replacing slow-moving inventory items with new selections that are sure to delight those special people on your gift list. Be sure to make the Loveland Museum Gift Shop your destination for unique gift items.

Welcome to Anna Hughes, a graduate student at UC's DAAP School of Art, our summer intern. She is completing the Museum Studies Certificate Program and will focus on archival and curatorial training and an overview of museum operations. In addition, she will complete Docent training at LMC.

Applications for the 2025 Jan Beller LMC Scholarship are now being accepted. The scholarship is open to any Loveland High School senior seeking to continue their education. Interested applicants should contact the LHS Guidance Office for further information. Deadline to submit applications is February 28th.

Christmas in Loveland

What a fantastic turnout! Over 350 holiday guests toured Bonaventure and the Rich Log Cabin on December 14th. Thanks to everyone who brought home-made cookies – they were definitely a crowd-pleaser! What a fun event!



The train provides a fun trip for the kids.



The Rich Log Cabin was warm and cozy for visitors.



Some of our holiday guests enjoying the displays.

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.

Amy Broermann Reality
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Phipps Auto Sales/General Store
Rick Ogden Heating & Air Conditioning
Tano Bistro & Catering
Thompson & Associates
Tufts-Schildmeyer Funeral Home
Whistle Stop Clay 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, we may have the copy you need.

Loveland Keepsakes

The Museum Center continues to sell the Historic Site Coverlet in both green and cranberry (\$48) and the 25th Anniversary Cookbook (\$10). Also, books by local authors and County Historical Books. **The Museum Gift Shop** has Loveland Memorabilia, T-shirts and sweatshirts, hand painted Bonaventure ornaments, Loveland pottery, Nancy Ford Cones cards, and reprints of NFC glass plates. The "Passages Through Time" chronology of Loveland's history, brimming with period photographs is also available in the gift shop for \$15. Cash, checks or credit cards accepted.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always welcoming enthusiastic members who want to be a part of a unique museum experience – become a Docent! Introduce Bonaventure to guests who visit during our weekend hours and share your love of Loveland's history. Contact the museum office at 513-683-5692 or email at glhsm75@gmail.com.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Members at Large:

Andy Bateman	Pat Benton
Pete Bissman	Becky Giver
Peggy Goodwin	Kim Grethel
Sue Peterson	Open seat

Volunteer Library/Collections Staff: Jan Beller, Becky Giver, Jenny Shives, Tami Funke, Pat Benton, Peggy Goodwin, Sue & Dan Peterson, Pete Bissman, Maryann Benoski, Sharon Hinkle, Carolyn Nichols, Susan Bradford, Campbell Hooper

School Tours: Chris Lucas, Tami Funke

Museum Staff

Museum Director	Jenny Shives
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**Annual Membership Renewal
2025 Membership Due February 28, 2025**

Thanks to all members for your generous support in 2024.

We do hope you will continue your membership – we count on your membership dues to support ongoing services to you and the community as we continue to meet our mission to preserve and share Loveland’s past for future generations.

We continue to compile an e-mail list to notify members of special events; if you have not provided your address or it has changed, please include with your dues – or e-mail us at glhsm75@gmail.com. Please give any changes in phone service.

If you have any questions regarding your membership, please call the office at 513-683-5692

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Make checks payable to Loveland Museum Center (LMC) or pay with PayPal

2025 Membership Application			LMC Membership Levels:	
Date	New	Renewal	Corporate	\$50 - \$1000
Last Name: Mr. & Mrs. - Mr. - Ms.			Life Member	\$1,000
First Name(s)			Life Membership Installment	\$250
Address			Patron	\$500
City	State	Zip	Supporting	\$100
Company			Sustaining	\$50
Phone	Cell:		Contributing	\$25
e-mail address			Family	\$15
Membership Amount			Individual	\$10

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Time to Renew Your Membership!
Step Back in Time With Wine – February 20
Annual Membership Meeting – March 20

2025 Membership Application				LMC Membership (Please check level)	
Date	New	Renewal		Corporate	\$50 to \$1,000+
Title: Mr. & Mrs.	Mrs.	Mr.	Ms.	Life Member	\$1,000
Last Name:				Life Member Quarterly Payment	\$250
First Name(s)				Patron	\$500
Maiden Name				Supporting	\$100
Address				Sustaining	\$50
City	State	ZIP		Contributing	\$25
Company				Family	\$15
Phone	Cell			Individual	\$10
e-mail address					
Membership Amount					