



Delaware County History Courier

Upcoming Events

Tour of Northwest Neighborhood

A walking tour presented by Roger Koch and Benny Shoultz. Registration deadline June 9 at artscastle.org

*Wednesday, June 14 6:30—8 pm
Asbury UMC (55 W. Lincoln)*

Letters to the Editor

Tamsen Dalrymple will share letters from a World War II European theater soldier to the editor of a small town Ohio newspaper.

Thursday, June 15 at 7 pm - the Barn

Tour of Historic Downtown Delaware

Presented by Brent Carson. Registration deadline June 16 at artscastle.org

*Wednesday, June 21 6 - 7:30 pm
Gallery 22 (22 E. Winter)*

Family Photos Old and New

Dave Nungesser will instruct on how to identify and preserve old photos of all types.

Thursday, July 27 at 7 pm - the Barn

Stroll Down Sandusky Street

A tour of the buildings' history and architecture. Tickets: adults \$15, youth (6-17) \$5

Wednesday, Aug 9 at 7 pm

Who Owned My House? - Research 101

Class conducted by Susan Logan. \$25 / property, space is limited to 10 properties

*Thursday, Aug 10 at 7 pm - Cryder
Historical Center (157 E. William)*

Call 740-369-3831 to register for the August programs.

Message from the Volunteer Coordinator - Susan Logan

The Delaware County Historical Society relies almost entirely on volunteers to carry out its mission of historical preservation and education. In fact, except for our two employees—the Executive Director and the Venue Manager—everyone else who is involved with the Society is a volunteer. On April 27 they were shown appreciation at the annual Volunteer Recognition Event. The keynote speaker was Delaware County Commissioner Barb Lewis who took the opportunity during her address to announce that the Society had been approved to receive \$29,566.67 from the Community Enhancement Grant fund this year. Then the awards were given out, including the Marilyn Cryder Volunteer of the Year Award to Rick Fisher for the many roles he fills, such as web master and docent manager.

There are many opportunities to contribute to the various activities of the Society, suitable for a range of ages, skills, schedules and time commitments. Check out the Help Wanted area on the back page for a list of our most pressing needs, then call or email volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org to take the next step in supporting your local historical society.

????????? Carson's Quiz ??????????

Society president and resident historian Brent Carson challenges your knowledge of Delaware area history

- How much was a round trip fare on the interurban from Delaware to Columbus?

A - 10 cents	B - 75 cents
C - \$1.00	D - \$12
- Which of these names will you NOT find on a building in downtown Delaware ?

A - Carnegie	B - Frank
C - Ram	D - Strohm
- Which of these people (all participants in the first Oral History project) is also a DCHS Board member?

A - Bob Piatt	B - Jack Hilborn
C - Marge Bennett	D - Sally Williams



Oral History Project

Oral histories – life stories as told by the people who lived them – give us the context for our history, artifacts, pictures and maps. These histories help us better understand our society, our community and ourselves. Columbus State Community College and the Delaware County Historical Society are partnering to capture the oral histories of Delaware County residents. These histories are being recorded and uploaded to the national program “StoryCorps”.

In past semesters, students have interviewed senior citizens in Delaware County and members of the Lucy Depp community about their lives as they grew up in the mostly rural area. The Lucy Depp residents also shared stories about the discrimination that their parents and grandparents experienced in the mid-20th century. At the end of each semester there is a “celebration” at which the students read excerpts from their interview papers and then present them to the people whom they interviewed.

The Society is looking for a project manager for this very important project. The ideal candidate would be someone who knows a bit about Delaware County, knows the people in the county, and has time to do some research into best practices of capturing oral histories.

New Resident Brochure and Delaware County Culture Website

Several Delaware County non-profit cultural organizations including:

- Friends of the Library
- Delaware County District Library
- Central Ohio Symphony
- Stratford Ecological Center
- Arts Castle
- Delaware County Historical Society

have joined together to create a brochure that will be sent to new residents of Delaware County to make them aware of cultural activities available in Delaware County. It gives a brief description of what each organization offers, plus the address and website for each organization.



In addition, the Delaware County District Library is hosting a website delcoculturalconnections.org that provides links to the websites of these organizations.

About Our History

The Delaware County Historical Society was formed in 1947 and for 70 years has been continuously providing educational services and programs to the public. Recently we launched an Our History blog page to capture images, videos and documents of activities and individuals from the past. If you go to our website delawareohiohistory.org then click the About menu and choose the Our History link, you can view a short video which summarizes the history of the Society from its beginnings in 1947 to the present.

Carson’s Quiz Answers (from front page)

1. B - 75 cents
2. C - however, there is a building called “Lamb’s Block”
3. B - Jack Hillborn, who is Vice President of Development

Built Environment Preservation Committee

The Delaware County Historical Society is forming a new committee (a subcommittee of the Education Committee), tentatively being called the **Built Environment Preservation Committee**. The official purpose of this committee is to “determine how to best promote and sustain interest in the built environment of Delaware County, Ohio, through preservation and education”.

The “built environment” refers to the man-made creations that provide the setting for human activity; these include buildings, parks, transportation systems (e.g. railroads) and also other examples, such as American Indian mounds.



The motivation behind forming such a committee is best summed up by Roger Koch, a long-time Delaware resident, architect, and DCHS Board member / Buildings & Grounds Committee chair:

“When people move into a building, be it their residence or apartment building or business facility, they will have an interest in knowing about the history, architectural character and significance of their new acquisition. I think they should be able to contact their local historical society as the first step to learn more about it. If we can encourage them and direct them to likely sources of information, we can get them to return to us and share the material they have found. Then we add that to our files, and when the next interested party comes seeking similar information about that address, we will have more to give them. Ad infinitum.”

The scope of the committee’s responsibilities is still being defined, but will likely include:

- Recommend goals and activities which would encourage the preservation of the built environment; lobby for preservation issues.
- Develop a reference resource for all historic buildings in the county (a separate electronic file for each address that comes to our notice through whatever means).
- Make suggestions regarding documentation about the current built environment: recommend what records of buildings should be available / identify reference materials that should be acquired for the Cryder Research Library to assist individuals who are researching and/or preserving their homes or other buildings.
- Plan programs about preservation of buildings and other man-made creations.

To understand more about the type of research this committee will be doing, you can attend the program “Who Owned My House?” which will be offered on Thursday August 10 at 7pm at the Cryder Historical Center (157 E. William). Cost is \$25 per property and space in this class is limited to 10 properties. The address of the property is needed in advance. Call 740-369-3831 to register.

Museum Musings - Benny Shoults, Museum and Exhibits Committee Chair

What to look for in our museums and exhibits around town

Hair Studio Window (33 N. Sandusky St, Delaware) – The current exhibit is entitled “Growing Together”. 175 years ago this year Ohio Wesleyan University was established, 34 years after Delaware was founded. Since then the City of Delaware and Ohio Wesleyan University together have enriched the lives of both the student population and the residents of the community making the City of Delaware a great county seat and a center of commerce.

Meeker Homestead Museum (2690 Stratford Rd) – The special exhibit “The Dinkey and the Inter-urban in Delaware” will be on display through the end of July. The museum is open every Sunday from 2 to 5pm, before and after events held at the Barn, and for group tours by special appointment.

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Help Wanted

These are the positions that are the most urgent to be filled (however there are many additional opportunities):

- **Board Member** - Board meetings are currently held the third Monday of each month at 4:30 pm
- **Built Environment Preservation Committee Chair** - see page 3 for details about this new Society committee, which has several members but no leader
- **Exhibit Specialist** - help gather, prepare, record and place items for historic exhibits, for example in the museums and Hair Studio window
- **Oral History Project Manager** - see page 2 for details about this project, already underway but with great potential for expansion
- **Order Fulfillment Manager** - mail items purchased from the online store / report sales figures quarterly
- **Past Perfect Online Manager** - transfer local collection data so it will be available on the web
- **Historical Re-enactor** - portray people from Delaware County's past at programs, school events, and community festivals
- **Social Media Expert** - monitor Facebook and web site posts to communicate the same information via other social media outlets

Email volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org or call 740-369-3831 to find a match of your skills and availability to our needs.

DCHS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____ Circle one:
New or Renewal

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Membership Type

Adult Membership	\$25.00 _____	Adult Household	\$50.00 _____
Senior Membership (60 + over)	\$20.00 _____	Senior Household	\$40.00 _____
Life Membership (Single)	\$300.00 _____	Life Membership (Joint)	\$500.00 _____
Student Membership (under 18)	\$5.00 _____	Business/Organization	\$50.00 _____

Newsletter preference (circle): Printed E-mail Both

For Student Membership, name of your school: _____

In addition to your membership noted above, please consider an additional gift to the Society:

\$100.00 _____ \$250.00 _____ \$500.00 _____ \$1,000.00 _____ Other _____

Special Gift of \$ _____ For/In Honor or Memory of _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to Delaware County Historical Society and mail to 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware OH 43015 or use on-line form and pay with PayPal at http://www.delawareohiohistory.org/?page_id=2