

Upcoming Events



Delaware County
**History
 Courier**

Message from the Collections Committee - Sue Bauer

“A quilt greets you on many levels.” - Ken Burns Just as a quilt is the product of countless hours of effort by an individual or group, the Historical Society Collection is the result of many generous donors who wanted their photograph, hat, basket or certificate to tell the story of Delaware County. Many volunteers give their time to inventory, catalog, safely store and select items for display. A quilt has many pieces of fabric. The thousands of objects, photos, books and documents preserve our history for future generations. We collect items made in or used in Delaware County (including quilts) and photographs/records of Delaware people, places and organizations. We may accept items, which are not connected to this county, but help educate about a time period in history.

“We wish we knew.”- Medina County Historical Society Almost 100 photos of Civil War soldiers are in the Medina collection, but no one knows who they are. Many items on our shelves were received decades ago and have no attached documentation. The Collections Committee will examine these materials to determine if they are relevant to and illustrate our culture and history.

“I begin to love Delaware very much.” – 1845, Lorenzo Dow McCabe, a young Ohio Wesleyan University professor in a letter to his wife The people of Delaware County have a rich heritage of community engagement and learning. We use our collection to create instructional materials for local students, provide research material for articles, set up exhibits in our museums or other display locations and plan public programs. If you love Delaware, consider donating your single artifact or large collection and take your place in history. Just call or e-mail collections@delawareohiohistory.org. Some items in our collection are well over 200 years old. Consider a monetary donation to help preserve them.

???????? Carson’s Quiz ??????????

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

1. What was the name of the American Indian village near Mingo Park?

A - Mingo Town	B - Pluggy’s Town
C - Sandusky Town	D - Whetstone Town
2. How many years did the village exist?

A - 7 years	B - between 25 to 50 years
C - 22 years	D - between 100 to 130 years
3. What well known American Indian leader lived at the village?

A - Blue Jacket	B - Cornstalk
C - Logan	D - Tecumseh
4. The village was made up of members of the following nations except:

A - Comanche	B - Delaware
C - Mohican	D - Wyandot



Delaware Homes on the Underground Railroad

Wednesday, February 7, 7 pm, The Barn at Stratford, 2690 Stratford Rd

Delaware County homes that were stations on the Underground RR

Harlem Township Pancake Breakfasts

Saturdays, February 10 & March 17, 8:30 - 11 am, Grange Hall, Galena (harlemtwpheritage.org)

Donations are appreciated

Take Your Valentine Out for Lunch

Saturday, February 10, 11:30 - 1:30, Myers Inn Museum, Sunbury

Homemade soup, salad, dessert for a donation 614-403-4565

Chocolate Walk

Saturday, February 10, 12 - 6 pm, downtown Delaware

DCHS will be inside the Hair Studio passing out chocolates made in Nectar candy molds

Researching & Restoring an Historic, Private Pioneer Cemetery

Monday, February 12, 7 pm, Martin-Perry Homestead, 103 E. Olenangy St, Powell

Presented by John Tetz

Maple Sugar Days 2018

Saturday, February 17 & 24, March 3 (stratfordecologicalcenter.org)

Registration required

Maple Syrup Time

Saturday, February 24, 9 am - 4 pm, Gallant Farm (preservationparks.com)

For all ages - learn how maple sap is extracted and cooked

Earthworks & American Indians in Central Ohio

Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm, The Barn at Stratford, 2690 Stratford Rd

Brad Lepper of Ohio History Connection will present

Nectar Candyland



One of the questions that we were asked at the Delaware County Fair last September, where our theme was Restaurants and Ice Cream Parlors and we featured the neon Nectar sign, was “Why did the Nectar close, and what details do you have about the family?” We searched our archives and finally have some answers.

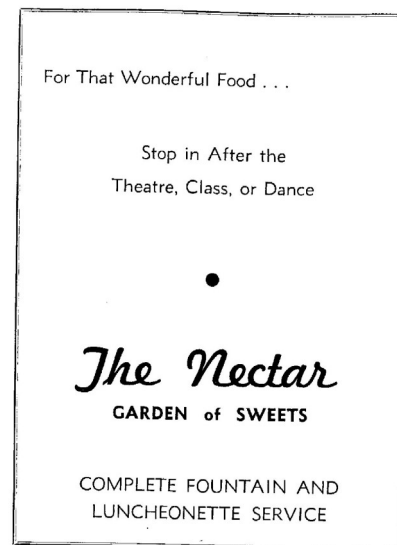
The founder of Nectar, Nicholas A. Zanetos, was born on December 9, 1917 to Anthony N. and Lulu (Pathios) Zanetos who had immigrated to the United States from Greece in 1907. It was his father Anthony who first entered the candy making business, as an apprentice in a shop in Columbus. By 1946 Nicholas was a resident of Delaware, and Nectar Candyland opened for business at 23 N. Sandusky on December 7 of that year (incidentally, the same year the letters for the Nectar sign were made).

Nicholas had married Nicki Vatsures on April 28, 1946, and they had three sons: Anthony, Thomas and Craig. Interestingly, the Vatsures family was also in the candy business – the Society has a photograph taken during the 1913 flood showing the Vatsures Candies shop on Sandusky street. Nicholas died on April 1, 1992 at Grady Memorial Hospital “after a long illness”. Nicki died on July 6, 2015 at Willow Brook. Both are buried in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Anthony Zanetos, the oldest son, had taken over operation of the business, probably around 1989. In the late summer of 2008 there were two articles in the Delaware Gazette which explained that the building had been sold to a professional animator who planned to use it for his residence and studio and would be remodeling the first floor to rent out, and thus the Nectar was relocating to 12 N. Sandusky. The letters from the old sign were restored and moved to the interior of the new shop; the marble slab and “The Nectar Candyland” sign were also moved there.

On November 13, 2010 another newspaper article announced that after 64 years in business the Nectar was closing. The headline read “Recession hits historic Delaware candy store” and details in the story said that they had been unable to find investors and were refused a bank loan in order to keep the business operating.

One further side note about the Zanetos candy connection: The Anthony-Thomas Candy Company, which has a number of stores throughout the Columbus area, was founded in 1952 by father Anthony Zanetos and brother Thomas (Nicholas also had another brother, John, and two sisters, Beulah and Frankie). The company has a fund-raising division which operates under the name “Nectar Candy Co., LLC” out of Delaware OH. You can visit the Anthony-Thomas web site (www.anthony-thomas.com) to learn more and see photos.



Ad from 1948 OWU Le Bijou

Carson’s Quiz Answers (from front page)

1. B - Pluggy’s Town
2. A - 7 years
3. C - Logan
4. A - Comanche

Society Welcomes Volunteers

Recently, the Society has brought on board a number of new volunteers to fill some important roles:

- **Dick Leavy**, Oral History Project Manager – there was an article in the June 2017 issue of the Courier about this project which preserves the life stories of Delaware County residents
- **Peyton Ennis**, Social Media Expert – now you can follow us on Twitter (@DelawareCo_HS and @BarnAtStratford) and Instagram (delawareco_hs and thebarnatstratford)
- **Steve Schmitt**, Cataloger – his current project is to catalog the World Wide Games archive which was donated to the Society in 2005 (this was a Delaware County business from 1953 to 1986)
- **Steve Frazier** – as a relatively new volunteer he will be working with **Joe Dwenger** to plan the 2018 Oak Grove Cemetery Walk which will be offered again this year on Sunday, October 7

However, we still have an urgent need for docents and a Docent Manager, especially since the Meeker Museum will be reopening soon (see article below). The Docent Manager is primarily responsible for training and scheduling the docents, who give tours when the museum is open to the public.

We also need Barn Event Reporters to gather information about and take photographs of events at the Barn at Stratford (primarily weddings, but also various corporate events and personal special occasions) and then use the information and photographs to compose and publish posts (articles) on our websites and social media.

Email volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org to inquire about these and other volunteer opportunities.

The **Meeker Homestead Museum** will reopen with brand new exhibits on March 4, 2018. It will be open from 2 to 5 in the afternoon every Sunday until the end of the year. Docents will be available to lead guided tours and answer questions.

A new permanent exhibit on American Indians has been installed in one of the upstairs bedrooms. The exhibit includes information on local lore and a collection of prehistoric and historic artifacts. Eventually, a model of Pluggy's Town constructed by Hayes high school students and other items will be added. A standards-based instructional program for students entitled "American Indians in Delaware County" which complements this exhibit has been developed by the Curriculum Support Committee and will soon be offered to school groups.

In addition, there will be a temporary exhibit on "Notable Women of Delaware County", from March 4 through May 20. This thoughtful and fascinating exhibit will highlight the accomplishments of ten women who advanced Delaware County and our world by their deeds. Since March is Women's History Month it is a fitting time to open this display. And since it will be open on Mother's Day, you might consider bringing an honored woman in your life to view it that afternoon. The Society is grateful to the United Way Women's Leadership Network for their sponsorship of this exhibit.

We estimate that approximately 500 people visited the Meeker Homestead last year. For 2018 we have a goal of increasing that number to at least 1000. So if you have a group that needs a meeting space, please keep us in mind. We can accommodate around 10 – 20 guests at a sit-down dinner, and up to 40 for a stand-up reception. There is a kitchen in the house which would be available for use; we can also recommend good caterers that we have worked with for our wedding receptions at the Barn. And of course, before or after your event the museum would be available for touring. (Go to our event venue website BarnAtStratford.org, or call Connie Hoffman, our Venue Manager, at 844-369-2276 for more details.) Whenever you do visit the Meeker House, please make sure to sign the guest book, because that is how we keep track of the number of visitors. If you aren't already receiving the Courier by email, include your email address when you sign so we can add you to the distribution list.

The Meeker Homestead Museum is located at 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware, near the intersection of US 23, SR 315 and the recently constructed access road Meeker Way. A suggested donation of \$5 will help support the Society's operating costs.



Delaware County
Historical Society

2690 Stratford Road
Delaware, OH 43015

Phone: 740-369-3831
Email: info@delawareohiohistory.org
www.delawareohiohistory.org

***Our History,
Our Heritage***

**Find us on
Facebook!**



We Need Your Support!

Become a program sponsor and help us continue our mission of preservation and education by supporting our efforts to offer our programs, most of which are available to the public, at no charge. Attendance at our programs averages 80 – 100 people. Your investment in our organization gives you a great opportunity to reach a large segment of the population in Delaware County and beyond.

Various sponsorship packages for businesses or even individuals are available. The cost ranges from \$500 to \$3,000 but in return offers multiple means of recognition and other benefits.

For details contact Executive Director Donna Meyer at director@DelawareOhioHistory.org or 740-369-3831 ext. 3, or visit our website at www.delawareohiohistory.org, then click “Donate” and “Sponsor Our Programs”.

We thank our past program sponsors:



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