



Webmaster

Are you a web “techie”? Do you enjoy designing and supporting websites? DCHS has two websites, one for the Historical Society and one for The Barn at Stratford - our events venue, which need a loving touch to add to the design, to maintain and to keep current.

Writer

Is writing your passion? We need writers. You can attend our Historical Society events as a “reporter” for our acclaimed newsletter - The Delaware County Historian. You can also research Specific Delaware County History Events and Chronicle them for the newsletter. Choose one or choose both and hone your writing skills with us.

Ambassador

If you like socializing with neighbors and friends and have limited time to volunteer, become an Ambassador. These volunteers will represent the Delaware County Historical Society at festivals, fairs and events to help increase membership, enlist volunteers and make the public aware of our mission. Your main duties include talking to people about our organization and handing out material to the public. Other duties include sharing our Facebook posts. If you have two hours a month or more to volunteer on the weekends – Ambassador is the job for you.

The Barn at Stratford Volunteer

Enjoy parties? Join The Barn at Stratford crew. Volunteers are needed for assistance in setting up, monitoring and cleaning-up after events. Time required could be two to six hours, possible weekdays, evenings or weekends. The perfect candidate for this position should enjoy happy people and parties. Some light lifting involved. Volunteer for a good cause and have fun.

Cataloger

Help us make sure that our artifact, manuscript and picture collections are documented. We Have many treasured Objects which give us glimpses of past life in Delaware County. We need to research these items and document them in our software system so that others can understand our past history from the centuries. If you want to get an in-depth picture of bygone times in Delaware County, this is the position for you.

Curriculum /Education Docent

Fulfilling our mission of education, our very active Curriculum Committee creates educational programs for school children. This volunteer will assist hosting school groups visiting the Nash House, accompany and/or lead walking tours of early Delaware, assisting/directing scavenger

hunts or other fun games, and visit schools with our Artifact Cart. You will research history for the 3rd grade Tote Bag program, assist with the Underground Railroad Education for School visit at Meeker Homestead. If you like working with children and have the desire to bring “history to life”, come talk with us.

Resource Creation Committee

Joining the Resource Creation Committee will open up opportunities for you to meet people and understand the operation of keeping a non-profit organization financially sound. You will be informed of the many avenues of programming and capital improvements and will work with other staff and volunteers on planning and execution of fund-raisers. If you are a novice, others will learn from your perspective.

Vertical File Maintenance

We have newspaper clippings and other researched information filed in several file cabinets according to topic, but everything is in folders, not conducive to long term preservation. We need volunteers to take charge of a topic and a file cabinet or two and copy clippings and other research material to help us preserve the items for future generations. This project is great if you like to work on your own without needing too much supervision.

Videographer

Hone your video skills by recording the Historical Society’s presentations, programs and special events. As a videographer, you will have a front row seat to observe and learn about Delaware County history at events such as “Walk Delaware with Rutherford B. Hayes and Brent Carson,” “Delaware County Railroads” with Jack Hilborn, “Delaware County Grocery Stores,” and “Delaware County Gas Stations,” The recordings will then be displayed on our website and in our archives for future observers to learn and enjoy.

Volunteer Coordinator

The Delaware County Historical Society was founded by volunteers. It is essential that we have a ready supply of talented volunteers who can help us meet our mission. As Volunteer Coordinator, you will help us attract, recruit and retain talented volunteers as well as match the volunteer’s interest and skills to positions at the Historical Society. You will work with our program and project managers to make sure that our volunteers are getting the training that they need and the recognition that they deserve. If you love working with people, you will love this job.

Oral History Project Volunteer

This is one of our most interesting and educational projects. Delaware County has several citizens who have vast knowledge of Delaware County history and in many cases were a part of that history. We are looking for volunteers to interview these individuals and assist with recording and transcribing their vast store of information about the people, culture, the businesses and heritage of Delaware County. This is invaluable and will enable us to preserve their information for future generations.

PastPerfect Collections Software Manager

The Delaware County Historical Society utilizes a software system - PastPerfect, which is designed to help museums manage their collections, volunteers, and donations. We are searching for someone to oversee the input to the web version of PastPerfect. This volunteer would review and edit cataloging in the software system and manage to assure quality information is input into this web-based service.

Property/Artifact Inventory

This project is for you if you love to research the history of old buildings. We have many structures in Delaware County, built before 1920. We need assistance identifying and researching the history of these buildings and documenting the findings so future generations will get a better understanding of the history of properties in our community.

Researcher

We have many research opportunities available. If you want to know who lived in which house in 1876, or when the racetrack in Powell was closed, then join us as a researcher at the Cryder Library. If you want to work with our Program, Events and Exhibits managers to do in-depth research and locate artifacts for specific exhibits and programs, then join our team and work with some of the most knowledgeable people in Delaware County to bring the history of Delaware County to life through exhibits and programs.

Docent

You can help us make our historic properties “come to life” by showing our 1870s Victorian house or our 1840s homestead and museum to school children, event guests and the general public. This volunteer may even dress in costume and assume the identity of one of the properties’ residents, or give tours as a 21st century observer to 19th century life. Whichever you choose, you will have an enjoyable time educating the public about our historic gems.

Exhibit Specialist

Are you an artist who loves history? Do you want to share glimpses of Delaware County History with fair goers, downtown Delaware visitors, Arts Fair patrons? You can use your art talent and your love of history and research skills to help us design and construct Delaware County historical exhibits which are displayed at the Delaware County Fair, the Delaware Arts Festival, The Hair Studio in Delaware, the Meeker Homestead and other locations. Help us bring Delaware County History to all Delaware County citizens through our exhibits.

Events/Outreach Manager

The Historical Society provides community outreach, and one good way of doing that is through the township and city festivals. So, if you enjoy summer and fall festivals and like meeting people from other communities, Events Manager may be the position for you. It entails assuring that we have a booth at local festivals, we have material to distribute and volunteers to be at the booth throughout the festival. If you like organizing and assuring that jobs get completed, talk with us about the Events Manager position.

Gardener

We have three historic properties which require gardens and landscaping authentic to the period of the property. Work with Master Gardeners to create and maintain landscaping and gardens that will give the public a sampling of gardens of the past.

Grant Writer

As a Grant Writer for the Historical Society, you will be securing funding for very worthwhile projects that help sustain the culture and heritage of our community. You will research grants opportunities and assist in writing proposals which help us receive funding. You will work with experienced grant writers who can guide you in both grant availability and grant writing. If you like to research and write, this is the position for you.

Historian

Help us find, organize and chronicle the Society's history. We will be celebrating our 70th birthday next year, and we want to chronicle our history and post it for all to see. If you enjoy interviewing people, reading and organizing files and then publishing your final product digitally and in scrap books, then come help us.

Historic Preservation

Do you care about historic buildings and sites in Delaware County? Do you get distressed when development encroaches on these sites or historic buildings are destroyed? The Historic Preservation volunteers support the preservation of historic structures and sites in Delaware County. They will, when notified of a need, write, call or appear in support of preservation issues or public decisions. This type of advocacy can have a huge effect on critical decisions.

IT System Support

If designing, developing and/or supporting the Historical Society's applications, computer security and network infrastructure interests you, then we have just the position. Our network of computers, located at several sites, need support to make sure that the Historical Society can carry out its mission. We have a website for the Historical Society and one for The Barn at Stratford, which need a loving touch to maintain and keep current.

Librarian

If you have always wanted to be a Librarian – now is your chance! This volunteer will manage the library and its volunteers – schedule volunteers, coordinate the library collection acquisitions, cataloging and inventory. This is a great opportunity for someone who loves library work and has time to devote to making sure our library is top notch.

Membership Renewal Specialist

Our members sustain our existence, and statistics show that most members do not renew memberships because they forget. Help us remind our existing members to renew their membership by being a part of our telephone committee. You can work from the comfort of your home and talk with people who were members of the Historical Society but have not renewed their membership. Talk with your neighbors – help the Historical Society grow.

Membership/Volunteer Support

Members and volunteers are the heart and soul of the Delaware County Historical Society. If you would like to be involved in a process from beginning to end, this is your position. We need volunteers to help us design and execute member and volunteer recruitment campaigns. This volunteer will enter memberships, payment information, volunteer hours and other pertinent information into our software system and develop reports for our Board of Trustees. This volunteer will also assist in developing a volunteer handbook and establishing volunteer policies and procedures. If HR is one of your areas of expertise, help us.

Office Assistant

If you like a lively environment with ever-changing projects, then the Office Assistant position is made for you. Our Executive Director has a variety of projects with which she needs assistance. This volunteer will be a key person in helping our office run smoothly and will be involved in all of the endeavors of the Historical Society. Hours can be varied, but generally will be during a weekday.

Contact the Society's Volunteer Coordinator for additional information about our volunteer opportunities or with new ideas of your own!

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