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Upcoming Events

100 Days in Rutherford B. Hayes Life

Birthday celebration of our
19th US President, with
author Eric Ebinger

*Wednesday, October 4 at 7 pm
The Barn at Stratford*

Special reception for life
members at 6 pm in the Meeker
Homestead Museum

Galena Museum Grand Opening

*Saturday, October 7, 11 am - 2 pm
Galena Village Hall*

Oak Grove Cemetery Walk (details inside)

Tickets required

Sunday, October 8 at 2 pm

The Big Give (details inside)

*26-hour day of giving begins 10 am
Tuesday, October 10*

Van Dorn Inn 200th Birthday Celebration

*Saturday, October 21, 1 - 4 pm
14659 E State Route 37, Sunbury*

The Shadows We Cast (details inside)

*thru October 31, dusk to midnight Ross
Art Museum, 60 S Sandusky*

Society Annual Membership Meeting

Program: "Delaware County
and the Great War" presented
by Steve Shaw

*Wednesday, November 8 at 7 pm
The Barn at Stratford*

Victorian Christmas at the Nash House

*Saturday & Sunday, December 2 & 3,
2 - 4 pm each day, 157 E William*

Message from Governance - Matt Kear

One of the items of business at the annual meeting will be the adoption of proposed amendments to the Society's Constitution. Because of the growth of our Society, the Board of Trustees realized several months ago that a review of the Society's structure was in order, and that there would need to be changes made in order to meet the challenges that lie ahead. In addition, it is a good thing for any organization to review its structure from time to time. The Board of Trustees has recommend to our membership that the proposed amendments be adopted. These changes will help our volunteers, our outstanding Executive Director, and our Board operate our Society more effectively and more efficiently.

Members will be receiving a copy of the text of the amendments and comments to the proposed amendments in the mail, and these will also be available at DCHS offices and on the Society's website, www.delawareohiohistory.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mkear@delawareohiohistory.org.

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

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

1. **Eliza Thompson Carson**, great-grandmother of Brent Carson, was the first woman in Ohio to do what?
2. **Frank B. Willis**, namesake of Willis School, served in which three political offices for the state of Ohio?
3. **Mary Katherine Campbell Townly** was crowned Miss America twice, in which two years?
4. **Lorenzo Hayes**, brother of President Hayes, was how old when he drowned while ice skating?
5. **Dr. Hiram Perkins**, OWU professor, has which Delaware building named for him?
6. What do each of the five people named above have in common?



The Big Give is a 26-hour online giving event to make a difference through kindness. The Columbus Foundation, its family of donors, and corporate and community partners have provided a \$1.3 Million+ Bonus Pool encouraging everyone to support nonprofits they care about. Donations received during the 26-hour event will be amplified by these funds. In addition, the Foundation will cover all credit card fees, so 100 percent of donations go to participating nonprofits. Everyone who gives will receive an email receipt of their donation.



HOW DO I PARTICIPATE in **The Big Give**?

beginning on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at
10:00 a.m. ET,

through Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at
12:00 p.m. ET

make a donation to support The Delaware
County Historical Society at our listing in
The Giving Store:

[https://columbusfoundation.org/the-giving-store/
nonprofit-directory-listing/
DelawareCountyHistoricalSociety/12151](https://columbusfoundation.org/the-giving-store/nonprofit-directory-listing/DelawareCountyHistoricalSociety/12151)

Thank You for supporting the Society



Carson's Quiz Answers

1. Eliza Thompson Carson was the first woman public school teacher in Ohio.
2. Frank B. Willis served as U.S. Congressman, Senator and Governor.
3. Mary Katherine Campbell Townly was crowned Miss America in 1922 and 1923.
4. Lorenzo Hayes was 10 years old when he drowned.
5. Dr. Hiram Perkins donated funds to build the Perkins Observatory.
6. You can "meet" them, plus 7 other prominent Delawareans (as portrayed by reenactors) at the **Oak Grove Cemetery Walk** on October 8: Guided tours, lasting approximately 1.5 hours, will take visitors through the cemetery; first tour starts at 2 p.m., last tour at 3:30. Parking will be available at the cemetery, however there is no handicapped accessibility and the tour will involve extensive walking over uneven ground. This is a ticketed event, \$15 for adults, \$10 for society members, \$8 for children ages 6 – 15. Registration can be done online at Eventbrite.com (enter "Oak Grove" in the search tool) or mail a check with your name, address, phone number, and "Oak Grove" on the memo line, to DCHS, 2690 Stratford Rd, Delaware, OH 43015. In case of rain, participants will be notified by 1:00 that the walk has been postponed by one week and will be held on Oct. 15 instead.

The Shadows We Cast is an outdoor video exhibit by Tiffany Carbonneau and Susanna Crum, projected on the façade of the Ross Art Museum (60 S Sandusky Street) from dusk until midnight, now through October 31. The 12-minute looping video incorporates materials from the archives of Ohio Wesleyan and over 100 images from the DCHS collections.

At the opening celebration on September 20, Benny Shoults, DCHS Board Trustee and Curator of the Meeker Homestead Museum, spoke on the value of archives to the community: “The Delaware County Historical Society was pleased to have participated with the Richard M. Ross Museum for this unique use of historical archives in art.

The safekeeping of archives, whether they be photographs, household items, books, newspapers, tools of various professions or documents, all are treasures that are like gears in a time machine taking the curious to places in the past and inspiring us to carry on. The places where archives are kept are open vaults that tell our stories, both good and bad, and provide access to what has been. Delaware County Historical Society’s Cryder Historical Center houses an ever-growing collection of artifacts that relate to local history; these items act as a primary source for many purposes, including our curriculum support that we provide to many of the schools in Delaware County and even for the research done for what we are about to see tonight. On display, here at the museum are some of the artifacts from our archives, some of which were used in the production of tonight’s presentation.

We welcome all who are interested to visit our Nash House Museum and Cryder Research Library at 157 East William and our newest and evolving Meeker Homestead Museum on Stratford Road and Route 23. And, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become members and volunteers of the Delaware County Historical Society. Enjoy the exhibit and thank you.”

One of the video projections from *The Shadows We Cast* and the original artifact from the DCHS archive



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... to everyone who made our booth at the Delaware County Fair a big success this year. First and foremost, to **Benny Shoults** who had the vision and skill to create such an engaging exhibit, and his helpers: Posh Events - Pat Holstein and her assistant, Richard Laurie Lendon, graphic artist
OWU Print Shop - Mike Pavlechko and Jill Kerins

Mike and Connie Hoffman, Bun's memorabilia and Barn at Stratford display Susan Button, Susan Logan, Maggie Webb and Brent Carson, assembly help and everyone who worked in the booth:

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| Ana Babiasz | Alice Frazier | Barbara Martin |
| Sue Bauer | Susan Garrett | Donna Meyer * |
| Larry Button | Holly Gerspacher | Paul Monks * |
| Susan Button | Bob Gerspacher | George Needham |
| Sherry Carmichael | Geoff Gruendl * | Brendan Newcomb |
| Brent Carson *** | Patrick Hardin * | Roxann Newton |
| T.K. Cellar | Jack Hilborn * | Kris Prengaman |
| Brad Cowan * | Susan Hough | Bill Rietz |
| Karen Cowan | Matt Kear | Diana (DJ) Sanfillipo |
| Joe Dwenger * | Roger Koch | Carolyn Slone |
| Jan Fleischmann | Carl Kuhns | Ed Slone |
| Nancy Fleming | Carol Kuhns | Andrew Shaw * |
| John Foreman * | Karen Kraska | Steve Shaw * |
| Lynn Foreman * | Susan Logan | Adam Waisanen * |

* worked multiple shifts, including tear-down

*** Brent filled all open slots (and practically lived in the booth during fair week)

DCHS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____ Circle one: New or Renewal

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Membership Type

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| Adult Membership | \$25.00 _____ | Adult Household | \$50.00 _____ |
| Senior Membership (over 60) | \$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