

**Delaware County
Historical Society**
Our History, Our Heritage

Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015
Annual Report



Letter from the President

The year 2015 is coming to a close with the anticipation of expanding our operations to the Meeker Homestead. A number of committees have been at work preparing for the upcoming expansion which begins in January 2016. The DCHS Board of Trustees has hired Connie Hoffman as Venue Manager of The Barn at Stratford, a special event venue available for bookings in 2016.

With the excitement building for our expansion to the Meeker Homestead, we also celebrate a successful year reaching out to the community of Delaware County. DCHS representatives have provided programs, walking tours, and school visits which have been attended by a total of more than 5,000 people.

In addition we have provided displays for Harlem Days in Center Village, Powell Days, the Delaware Arts Festival, Ohio History Day at Ohio Wesleyan, Olen-tangy Schools Vendors Fair, Delaware Christian School Vendors Fair, and the Delaware County Fair.

The work at the Cryder Center Library continues to draw an increasing number of volunteers who spend countless hours cataloging, digitizing, and researching our county's history.

We continue to "educate and preserve" as part of our mission.

I wish to thank all of our volunteers and continue to offer a welcome invitation to others to join us at the Delaware County Historical Society.

Brent

Our MISSION:

To promote and sustain interest in the history of Delaware County, Ohio, through historic preservation and education.

Our VISION:

To be a continuing, self-sustaining source of and a repository for historical information and artifacts which fosters lifelong interest in Delaware County through community engagement, education and historic preservation.



Board of Trustees

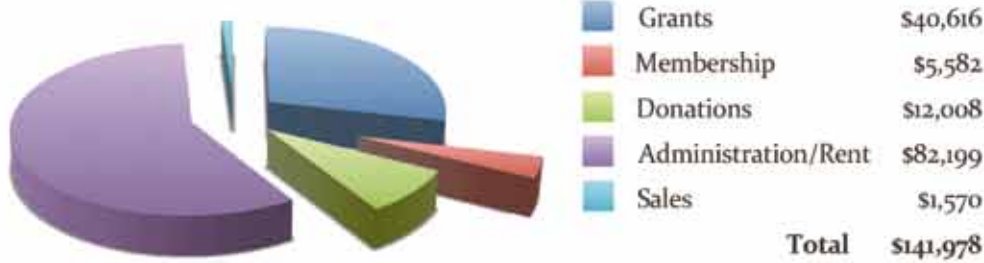
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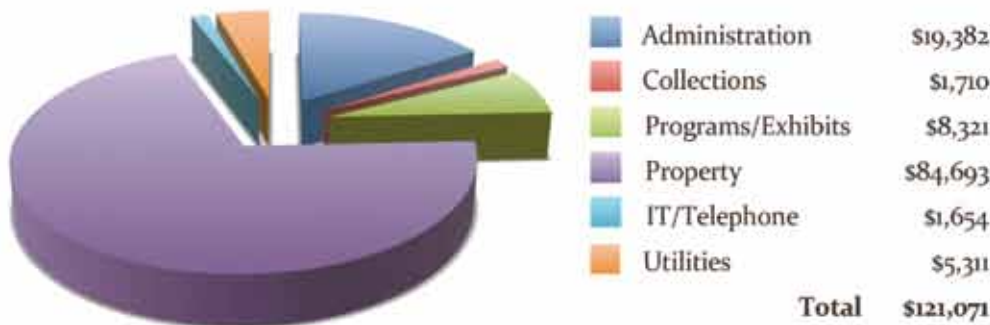
Financial Report

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Income



Expenses



We COLLECT and PRESERVE

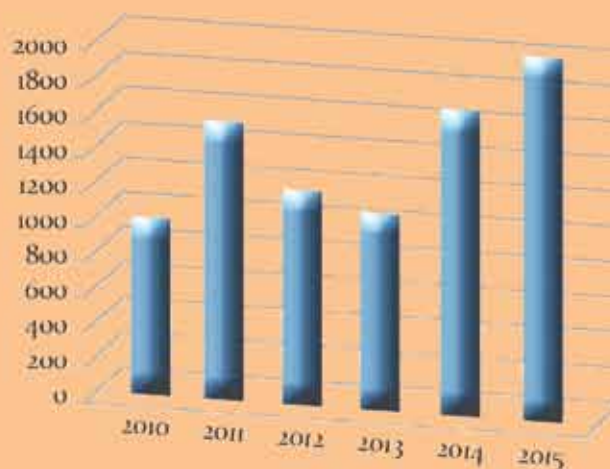
The nearby 1820s Meeker Homestead Museum will open in 2016 with historically significant artifacts. If you have artifacts or papers which were used in Delaware County prior to 1850, please contact us or send an e-mail to collections@delawareohiohistory.org.

Items Catalogued



Archives	299
Objects	1,558
Photos	161
Total	1,961

Items Catalogued by Year



We GENERATE COMMUNITY INTEREST In HISTORY

Since 2013, the Delaware County Historical Society has had a very visible presence in Downtown Delaware, thanks to the generosity of Steve Cianelli of the Hair Studio at 33 North Sandusky St. We have had several displays throughout the year including Delaware County's contribution to the Civil War, the Art of John Robinson, Frank B. Willis and Delaware County's Inns and Taverns. History is alive and well in downtown Delaware!



We EDUCATE

Presentations and Outreach:

On March 26, Delaware native and advertising historian Bernie Wilkinson discussed the Crown Bottling change - Delaware between the 1870's and 1970's. Bernie also talked about the Delaware advertising industry that fueled the popularity of the soft drink beverage industry.



▲ **On April 28**, "Abraham Lincoln" visited Delaware in O.W.U's Gray Chapel. About 750 people attended a 2 hour program featuring musical choruses, dialogue,

recitations, which centered on Delaware County's participation in the Civil War and the subsequent death of Abraham Lincoln. Civil War era music performed by students and community groups accompanied the dialogue between Lincoln reenactor John Cooper and president Brent Carson. Earlier in the day, "Lincoln" visited three Delaware City elementary schools (Schultz,

▲ Carlisle, and Conger) to speak with over six hundred 3rd and 4th grade students.

On May 16 and 17, the Delaware County Historical Society had a display of Delaware architecture at the Arts Festival.

On May 18, more than 200 Olentangy students learned about historical artifacts as the Delaware County Historical Society participated in Olentangy Schools annual "Pioneer Days" held at the Liberty Presbyterian Church.



▲ **On June 4**, DCHS board member, Jack Hilborn presented Railroads in Delaware County to more than 125 individuals. Back by popular demand, Jack shared over 40 images and discussed railway, interurban, and streetcar history in Delaware County.

On June 26 and 27, the DCHS had a display at the Powell Festival.



▲ **In August**, the DCHS created a special display for the Delaware County District Library, titled "Back to School a 100 Years Ago" the display featured ca. 1900 photographs of schoolchildren.



▲ On August 19, Brent presented a walking tour of Downtown Delaware, titled "Delaware, through the eyes of Rutherford B. Hayes."

▼ In September, more than 1,300 people visited the Society's exhibit, "Old Delaware County Grocery Stores," at the 2015 Delaware County Fair.



▲ Our volunteers have presented programs or led group tours this last year. Worthy of mention is that students from 24 county classrooms heard presentations on a variety of historical topics including Delaware County's pioneers, Delaware in the Revolutionary War, The Nash

House, the value of artifacts, and one room schools.

In addition, we have presented programs and tours to 13 groups including civic organizations, churches, scout troops, class reunions, libraries, retirement centers, and other historical societies.

Be sure to visit the Nash House for the Christmas Open House December 12 - 13, 2015

Looking Ahead...

The year 2016 will be an exciting time for the Museum and Exhibits Committee. We will be focusing our attention on developing the Meeker Homestead House into a museum space with several rooms in the house being historically significant period rooms and also creating another space within the house dedicated to display special limited timed exhibits throughout the year.

The Delaware County Historical Society will host programs on baseball legend and OWU Alumni Branch Rickey, Railroads in Delaware County, Haunted Spaces walking tour, Minnelli at the Movies about Delaware native and movie producer Vincent Minnelli, and many more. Check our website for updates or sign up to receive emailed notices.



Our PARTNERS

Auglaize County Historical Society • Barley Hopsters • Big Walnut Area Historical Society • Buckeye Valley Schools • City of Delaware • Delaware County • Cub Scout Packs of Lewis Center, Powell, and Delaware • Delaware Arts Festival • Delaware Chamber of Commerce • Delaware Christian School • Delaware City Schools • Delaware County Fair • Delaware County Master Gardeners • Delaware Saint Mary School • Delaware Township • First Fruits Homeschool Group • Galena Historical Society • Hair Studio • Harlem Township • Home Economists of Delaware County • Northwest Neighborhood Association • Ohio Wesleyan University • Olentangy Schools • Orange Library • Ostrander Library • Powell Community Festival • Powell Historical Society • Preservation Parks Del. Co. • Radnor Historical Society • Willow Brook Christian Village

Our MEMBERS

In addition to our hundreds of members, we would like to recognize our Life and Business Members.

Delaware County Historical Society Life Members

Marianna Pollock Bowman
 Richard and Linda Browning
 Judith Brozek
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 Tim Calvin
 Kevin Carrico
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 Edmund and Diane Cox
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 Dorothy Florance
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 Max Griffith
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 Jerrold and Elizabeth Sue Heston
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 George and Marilyn Hoffman
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 William & Virginia Kavage
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 Clay Snyder
 Vladimir and Margaret Steffel
 Christine Stelloh-Garner
 Jenora Stilwell
 John Tetz
 John Tombarge
 Ezra Vogel
 Lynne Weber
 Thatcher Williams
 Thomas Workman
 John Yelavich

Businesses

American Legion Post 115
 David Kerr Architect, LLC
 Hardware Exchange
 Manos, Martin, & Pergram Co.,
 LPA
 Smith-Feike-Minton, Inc
 Staas Brewing Co.
 Willow Brook Christian
 Communities

2015 Member Total as of October 31, 2015

Type	# of Members
Adult	84
Adult Household	24
Senior	117
Senior Household	70
Life	59
Life Household	22
Business	6
Student	6
Total	388

The Barn at Stratford EVENT VENUE

The Delaware County Historical Society is proud to announce the opening in 2016 of The Barn at Stratford as a special event venue. The beautiful 1840s stone-end Garth Oberlander Barn is now available for booking weddings, receptions or other special events, including corporate functions. Remarkably well preserved as part of the most prominent early

homestead in Delaware County, the rustic barn has over 3500 square feet of heated and air conditioned space with convenient access to Columbus from I-71 and I-270. All proceeds from The Barn at Stratford will be used to sustain the mission of the Delaware County Historical Society. For more information, contact: Manager@TheBarnatStratford.org.



The nearby 1812 Colonel Forrest Meeker Homestead will be open in 2016 as a special museum space with educationally significant artifacts. Please contact us if you have items to donate.



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Nash House Museum

Cryder Historical Center
Research Library

Meeker Homestead Museum

The Barn at Stratford



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