



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

The Nash House • Cryder Library  
The Barn at Stratford  
The Meeker Homestead

The Cryder Research Library and Nash House Museum at 157 East William Street in Delaware, are once again open to the public. Wednesdays from 10am – 5pm (closed from 12pm—1pm) and on Sundays from 1-5pm.

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## We need your help in selecting a name for our brand new newsletter!

We need to name this newsletter!

Submit your entry on a post card, mailed to The Delaware County Historical Society, 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015 or email your suggestion to [info@delawarecountyhistory.org](mailto:info@delawarecountyhistory.org).

Please include your name and contact information.

Winner will be announced at the Jailhouse Rock Fundraiser on Oct. 8th.

Prize: Going down in history as having named our newsletter.

Contest deadline August 31.

*Because of you, look what we have accomplished over the last few months!*

This seems like the perfect time to share with you some of the highlights of the last few months and some plans for the future. Especially when many of you helped make these events such a success. On April 15th, Dr. Michael Kreger, Vice President of Conservation and Sustainability at the Columbus Zoo gave a live presentation on Zoom and talked about the history of the Columbus Zoo, where it has been and its progressive march to gain an international reputation for excellence in animal care, conservation, and education. Thanks to the participation of many of you, we had the largest attendance of any of our programs. Also well attended were our February program on the Lucy Depp Settlement and our March program on early Delaware County Settlers and American Indians. These programs can be found on You Tube.



## Our Gardens are Looking Wonderful This Year!

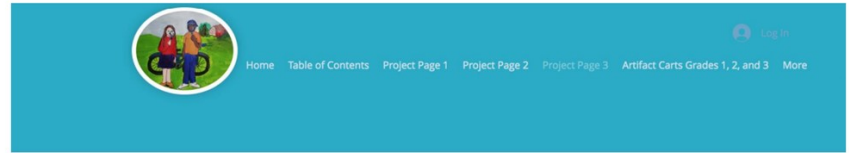
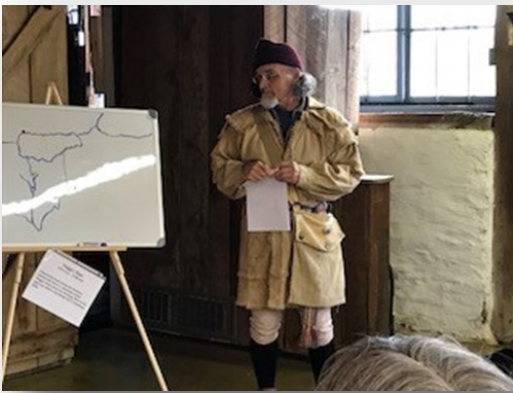
Thanks to your support and one very generous donor, plus a lot of sweat equity from our volunteers, the beauty of the Meeker property is being restored. A new garden was installed last year on the north side of the Meeker House. Named the Porter Garden, this special space recognizes the gift of the Meeker property to the Delaware

County Historical Society by Tom and Carolyn Porter. We are very grateful to several volunteers who have adopted a garden on the Meeker property. We still have areas available for adoption. Let us know if you are interested in joining our group of gardeners.



## Learn at Home Opportunities for Students

Although Covid denied us the pleasure of working directly with students, it didn't stop the dedicated volunteers of the Education Curriculum Support Committee from enriching the knowledge of our young Delaware County residents. The Learn at Home program allowed students to explore Delaware County's history virtually through many activities, videos, reading recommendations, and timelines. All programs were created to reflect the 2018 State of Ohio Standards for Social Studies Content.



### Then and Now in Delaware County



#### Then and Now

The city of Delaware, Ohio was established in 1808 just five years after Ohio became a state. By 1808, numerous people lived in town and there were essential businesses. Since that time, the city has grown and changed quite a bit. Think about some of the changes since you were little. Many stores have come and gone, and new ones established. What else has changed over time? Travel back in time as you view these slides. Put on your thinking cap and figure out where these businesses are and what business stands there today.

Have fun!

P.S. You may need the help of a parent or grandparent to discover the locations.

See the [slideshow HERE](#).

[More activities](#) to do at home are [here](#).

We look forward to the new school year when students will once again take field trips to our facilities and learn from reenactors about the rich heritage of Delaware County.

## Adopt a Memory Update

As most of you know and enjoy, we have a Facebook page. We occasionally post an item from our Adopt a Memory collection to the site. Shortly after posting the Nectar Candy store sign, made many years ago by local craftsman Paul Winters, it was adopted by his family in memory of their parents. Prior to the adoption, your comments on the store, this sign and other signs created by Mr. Winters were



delightful to see and delicious to read. Thanks to the Winters' family and all of our Adopt a Memory Guardians for allowing us to preserve and maintain our precious artifacts.

For information about our Adopt a Memory program, go to our website at [www.delawareohiohistory.org](http://www.delawareohiohistory.org)



## Other News

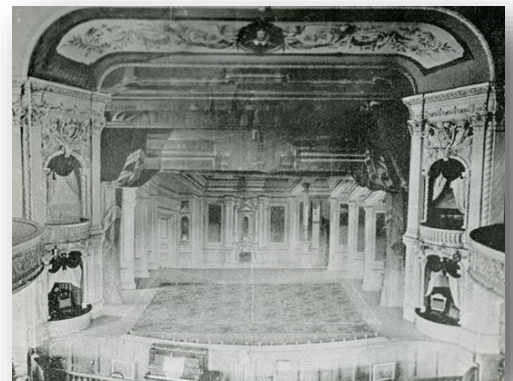
Across Ohio, historical societies and museums are putting the past into digital form. Through these efforts, photos and important paper documents are being stored in the most up-to-date format possible, thereby increasing the likelihood that they will survive long into the future. These projects are promoted by the Ohio Local History Alliance (OHHA), which makes grants available to members each year with a maximum cap of \$2,500. Collections which are chosen for digitization are those with local and/or statewide significance. The 2021 awards have been announced, and The Delaware County Historical Society will be receiving the maximum amount of \$2,500, for the latest installment of their project to digitize the Delaware Daily Journal Herald newspaper between October 1, 1908 and October 15, 1912.



As most of you know, in early April we initiated our plan to purchase of the historic Delaware County Sheriff's Residence and Jail through a land contract. We will be creating plans to showcase the iconic building by providing tours, events, exhibits, and restoration strategies to continue to preserve the Jail. We are beginning to put together a Fund-Raising Committee and you will be hearing more from us and them in the near future.

## That's Entertainment!

Join us for our first live program of 2021! On Wednesday, August 18th, Benny Shoultz, Volunteer for the Delaware County Historical Society, will take you back to the city of Delaware, over one hundred forty years! The program will cover a time from 1879 to 1934 and will revolve around the once grand City Opera House in downtown Delaware as well as other Delaware entertainment venues during "The Golden Era of Entertainment". Attendees will hear the stories about the 1,050 seat auditorium which graced the second floor of City Hall. Celebrities who appeared there included John Philip Sousa who led his band in "Stars and Stripes Forever." also appearing were Mark Twain, William McKinley, temperance advocate Carrie Nation, statesman William Jennings Bryan, Hollywood director (and Delaware Native) Vincente Minnelli, Ben Hur author General Lew Wallace, and abolitionist Henry Ward Beecher. This free program will be held at 7pm at The Barn at Stratford, 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware. Preregistration is requested at Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thats-entertainment-tickets-162819402215>



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## Mark Your Calendar!

### Other Upcoming Events

#### **Young and Old Rutherford B. Hayes Walking Tour**

Sunday, October 3rd at 1pm, 2:30pm, and 4pm

Reenacted by Devon Hardwick and Bill Rietz, Society Volunteers

#### **Ghost Towns and Stories in Delaware County**

Tuesday, October 19 at 7pm

Presented by Rick Helwig

Director of the Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio

#### **Delaware County Historical Society Annual Meeting:**

##### **Frank Packard Homes in Delaware**

Wednesday, November 17 at 7pm

Presented by Barb Powers, Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer and Architectural Historian at the  
Ohio History Connection