

Historic Happenings! February/March 2022



To: Our Valued Supporters, Members and Donors,

Honoring Black History Month



We are celebrating Black History Month by offering a special program on February 15th. Titled "From Slavery to Freedom and Underground Railroad Sites", this free presentation will be at the Barn at Stratford.

2690 Stratford Road, Delaware, beginning at 7 pm.

Attendees will learn about the history of Africa Road, the Underground Railroad, the Lucy Depp Settlement, the Alum Creek Quaker abolitionists, and more.

This program is presented by DCHS Volunteer, Watson Walker, Jr., who graduated with a B.A. from Fisk University and an M.A. from the University of Dayton. He has been a member of the Delaware County Genealogical Society since 2007 and currently serves as their president. Watson has been a member of the Delaware County Historical Society since 2007 and serves as the Chair of the DCHS Diversity and Inclusion Committee. He has authored three books on the Underground Railroad and six volumes of "dime novels" - Black History.

[Click here to register for this free program.](#)

African American Storytelling

Every February, we honor the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape our community.

We celebrate the rich cultural heritage, triumphs, and adversities that are an indelible

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part of our county's history. In partnership with the Delaware African American Heritage Council, and as part of their Sankofa Storytellers Series, we are continuing our quest of collecting oral histories from local African American residents who tell their stories. We are adding these to our collection of "Growing Up Black in Delaware".

If you know someone who you think should be interviewed, please contact us at info@DelawareCountyHistory.org



The Delaware County Historical Society in partnership with the Arena Fair Theatre will offer a dinner program in the Barn at Stratford on April 9th beginning at 6 pm. This

fundraiser will nearly coincide with the 110th anniversary of the departure of this magnificent ship on her maiden voyage and its final demise.

Reenactors will be seated at each table portraying a notable individual on the Titanic – such as John Jacob Astor or Molly Brown and will share their stories with you. Period music will be provided by the Arena Fair Singer and a string quartet. Along with the music, costumes, and narratives of the Arena Fair troupe, you will further enjoy the evening with an up-scale dinner catered by All Occasions, making this a most entertaining and memorable evening.

Attendees will have a chance to bid on items and are encouraged to wear period attire. Profits will be split between the Arena Fair Theatre and the Historical Society. To obtain information about tickets please email info@delawareohiohistory.org. More information will be posted in the next edition of Historic Happenings.

Vote For Us!

We are honored to once again be nominated as one of the BEST Historic & BEST Rustic Barn Venues in the Columbus area by Columbus Wedding magazine. Please



support us by clicking on the link below and voting for the Barn at Stratford. **Today is the last day to vote!**

[click here to vote!](#)

A New Strategic Plan is in the Works!



We are delighted to announce that the Delaware County Historical Society has received two grants that will allow us to move forward with the development of a new

Strategic Plan for the Society. Funding has been received from the Ohio Arts Council as well as from an anonymous donor from the Delaware County Foundation. Jackie Barton from Birch Wood Planning will be leading this effort. She will be conducting multiple focus groups for those in the Delaware area.

Anyone who cannot make one of our Focus Groups but is interested in providing comments on the future efforts of the Historical Society, should send their name, email, and postal addresses to jackie@birchwoodplanning.com and let her know that you would like to assist us with this very important effort.



If your New Year's resolution is to get more involved in our community, here is the perfect opportunity. **We have a critical need for volunteers!**

We are always looking for people to serve on our board of directors as well as volunteers to

serve on our many committees including Buildings and Grounds, Museums & Exhibits, Programs, Collections, Curriculum Support, Historic Preservation, Communications, Information Technology, Gardening, Membership, Finance and Budget, and Fundraising. We also have priority needs for docents at the Meeker Homestead Museum and for cataloguers at the research library in the Cryder Historical Center. No experience is necessary—we will provide all the training. Just bring your enthusiasm!

We can accommodate nearly any schedule and skill level. For more

information, please email Volunteers@DelawareOhioHistory.org.



Scholarship Announcement

We are excited to announce that we will be awarding the first-ever Delaware County Historical Society Scholarship this spring! It will be presented to a graduating senior from a Delaware County High School, or to a Delaware County resident. Preference will be shown to a

student with Community Service hours, show financial need, as well as a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. Applicants will be required to write an essay on how history has influenced them. We will be working with the Delaware County Foundation who will administer the grant fund.

This \$1000 scholarship was made possible by contributions from the DCHS staff and board members.

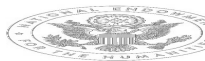


Did you forget to renew your membership? Or if you have not yet joined, here is your chance to support a great organization.

Go online and join or renew here -

<https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/get-involved/>

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The Nash House Museum and Research Library are open on Wednesdays from 10 am to noon and from 1 pm to 5 pm, and on Sundays from 2 pm to 5 pm. The Meeker Homestead Museum is closed until April for the installation of new exhibits.
