

Historic Happenings

A Newsletter for Delaware County Historical Society Members, Donors & Volunteers



January 2023

Happy New Year!

A Big Welcome & Thank You to Our New & Returning DCHS Board Members

During the Annual Meeting on November 17, the following individuals were newly appointed to the DCHS Board of Directors:



Jane Hawes is Director of Communications for the Delaware County Board of Commissioners. She manages internal and external communications, acting as spokesperson for the County. She completed FEMA training and manages the Delaware County Crisis Communications Team for the Delaware County Emergency Management Agency. She also works as a free-lance journalist and has compiled more than 1,200 author credits for a number of publications and magazines. Jane received an M.B.A. from Georgetown University



Tito Paul was born and raised in Kissimmee, FL before relocating to Columbus, OH in 1991 to attend The Ohio State University, where he was awarded a football scholarship and subsequently became a four-year letterman with a degree in Economics. After his college career, Tito was drafted by the NFL. During his five-year NFL career, he was a member of the 1998 Super Bowl XXXIII Champion Denver Broncos. He currently resides in Powell with his wife, Tamara, and their two sons. Tito is entering his 17th year as a State Farm agent located in

and a Arts Masters degree from the University of Michigan. She earned her B.A. from Villanova University where she attended on a track scholarship.

downtown Delaware.

Jane and Tito join returning Board Members:

- **Ceena Dinovo Baker**
- **Sherry Carmichael**
- **Alice Frazier, M.D.**

DCHS Board Members serve a three-year term and will serve alongside DCHS Officers:

- **President - Dave Hejmanowski**
- **Executive Vice President - Michael Butler**
- **Development Vice President - Margaret Duber Snyder**
- **Vice President of Board Operations - Karen Cowan**
- **Secretary - Brenda Eldridge**
- **Treasurer- Ralph Au**

A big thank you to outgoing Board Members, **Jack Hillborn**, who also served a term as Board President, and **Mary Ann McGreevy**, for their years of service and many outstanding contributions.

Day-to-day operations for DCHS will continue to be led by **Donna Meyer**, Executive Director. Read more about the organization's Leadership team, mission and values here: <https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/dchs-about-us/>

Delivering on our mission...

The Delaware County Historical Society is a non-profit organization committed to promoting, preserving and sustaining interest in the history of Delaware County, Ohio.

DCHS Communications Committee Up & Running!

To kick-off the new year, we have relaunched our Communications Committee and will be taking a fresh look at how we share updates and promote the many great things we have happening here at DCHS. The Committee will begin working through new and enhanced ways to share the DCHS mission, promote our programming calendar and engage the local community. And, we need your help!

Have a flair for writing? An interest in social media or digital communications platforms? An eye for content layout and graphic design?

Support DCHS by sharing your creativity. Reach out to director@delawareohiohistory.org to learn more, express your interest and join our existing team of history buffs and communications pros.

DCHS Communications Committee

- **Committee Chair:** Michelle Pearson-Casey
- **DCHS Executive Director:** Donna Meyer
- Sherry Carmichael
- Becky Cornett
- Rick Fisher
- Jane Hawes
- Steve Shaw
- Ronan Thompson

If your New Year's resolution is to get more involved in your community, we have opportunities you will love!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Preserve. Educate. Engage.

We're looking for...

- **Docents** and Tour Guides
- **Gardeners**
- Researchers, Writers and Content Creators
- Collection Documenters
- Exhibit Creators and Installers
- **Committee Members** - Communications Committee and more!
- Curriculum Committee Members to Support Our School-Age Education Programs
- **Board Members** with experience in fund raising, non profit management, historic preservation, and leadership

Flexible schedules. Training provided.

Bring your unique skills and a love of history. We'll show you the rest!

Contact us at 740.369.3831 or
volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

New programs to kick-off the new year!

Delaware County Industrial History: Rubber Products (Zoom only)

Presented by Steve Schmitt, Society Volunteer

Wednesday, January 18 7:00 PM

The Underground Railroad in Ohio

Presented by Kathy Schulz, Author

Sunday, January 22 - 2:00 PM

The Barn at Stratford and the Meeker House Museum

SCREENING - "Sankofa: Growing Up Black in Delaware"

Saturday, February 18 - 1:00 PM)

Unity Community Center - 50 Ross Street, Delaware

Black Men in Blue: The Civil War, Ohioans, and the US Colored Troops

Presented by Kelly Mezurek, Professor, Walsh University, Ohio Humanities Speaker

Wednesday, February 22 - 7:00 PM

The Barn at Stratford



And, it's never too early to start planning for National Volunteer Week: April 16 - 22!

Learn more and register....

Visit Eventbrite!

Come find us at First Fridays!

Beginning in May, find our table during First Fridays in downtown Delaware. Get info about upcoming events, learn about opportunities to get involved and swing by the Historic Jail & Sheriff's Residence!

Preserving Our Past. Building Our Future!

Work continues on The Barn at Stratford roof replacement. The project consisted of removing the existing leaking metal roof and damaged wood rafters, removing failing wood timber eave members and damaged roof purlins, and replacing them with new rough framing timber. Soon, new metal roofing made of Galvalume will be installed.

When the weather warms up, we will begin the work on the south wall and replace

the missing and damaged stone, using a historic lime-based mortar.

Midstate Contractors from Marion is in charge of this restoration project, which is funded through the State of Ohio's biennial Capital Budget and managed by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. This completes the \$1,000,000 four-year renovation of our beautiful 1848 barn, which was supported by State Senator Andrew Brenner.

We are saving this amazing 175 year old piece of history!



The work began in September 2022 with the removal of the existing leaking roof and badly damaged purlins.



The north half of the roof was removed first.



In January, removal of the south side began.

**Forget to renew your membership?
Looking for a chance to support a great organization?**

Renew or join now!

Thank you for your support!

Donna Meyer

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The Delaware County Historical Society is a non-profit organization committed to promoting, preserving and sustaining interest in the history of Delaware County, Ohio. In addition to regular educational programming for all ages, DCHS owns and curates exhibits at several historical sites, including Nash House Museum, Meeker Homestead & Museum and the Delaware Historic Jail & Sheriff's Residence. Learn more, view event and exhibit schedules and find additional museum information at <https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/>. The organization also operates The Barn at Stratford event venue for weddings, corporate meetings, and other special gatherings. To learn more or book an event, visit <https://barnatstratford.org/>.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Nash House Museum & Research Library

157 East William Street, Delaware

Wednesdays: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Sundays: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Historic Jail and Sheriff's Residence

20 East Central Avenue, Delaware

Beginning May 5, open for First Friday of each month from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Meeker Homestead Museum

2690 Stratford Road, Delaware

Closed until April 2, then open the first Sunday of each month from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Millworker Cottage

2571 Stratford Road, Delaware

Closed until April 2, then open the first Sunday of each month from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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