

# Historic Happenings

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



March 2023

**Upcoming Program:**

## **Understanding Black History through Black Music**



**Thursday, March 23  
7:00 PM**

**The Barn at Stratford -2690 Stratford Road, Delaware**

Using recorded music, presenter William T. McDaniel, Jr., PhD., will explore various aspects and periods of black history by examining the music of each era, ranging from the work songs and spirituals of slavery through the rap of modern urban times. Delaware's own Zion AME Choir will provide musical entertainment for the program.

Dr. Ted McDaniel, Professor of African American Music at The Ohio State University since 1981, is a specialist in jazz history, jazz performance, and African American music

**Learn more:** <https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/our-events/>

Photo is of the Crawford Band performing during a parade. Organized by Stewart Crawford in Delaware, it was formed in 1868, and became known as the "best colored harmonious band in the State of Ohio".

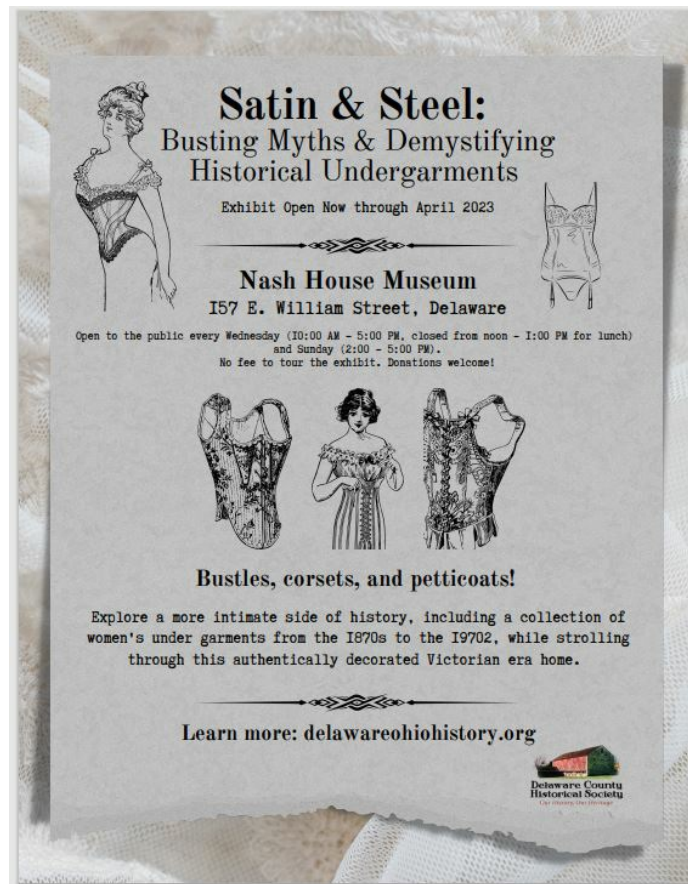
**Register HERE!**

**Nash House Exhibit - Open Now through April 30**  
***"Satin and Steel: Busting Myths and***

# ***Demystifying Historical Undergarments"***

The exhibit explores a more intimate side of history, featuring a sampling of women's undergarments from the DCHS collection and their evolution throughout the century from 1870s – 1970s. From bustles, corsets and petticoats to a colorful collection of 1920s lingerie, visitors will have the opportunity to view a variety of intimate apparel and understand their place in history, along with Delaware's own contributions as a manufacturer from the Delaware Underwear Company (later Delaware Garment Company) – known locally as "the panty factory."

*The Nash House Museum is open to the public every Wednesday (10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, closed from noon - 1:00 PM for lunch) and Sunday (2:00 - 5:00 PM) or by appointment. Donations are welcome and encouraged and will further the Delaware County Historical Society's mission.*



**Learn more:** <https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/museums-exhibits/>

## **Meeker Homestead Museum**

# ***Celebrating 200 Years!***

Please join us Sunday, April 2, from 1:00-4:00 PM, to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the majestic Meeker House!

Enjoy light refreshments and explore the beautiful federal-style museum's period rooms and exhibits, including its newest exhibit, *The Journey to Delaware County*. This interactive exhibit traces the area's early residents, their reasons for making this arduous journey, and the challenges they faced coming to Ohio. Costumed docents will be on hand to share the rich history of the Meeker family, the historic homestead, and the exhibits housed here. Registrations are strongly recommended. [Click here to register for this free program](#)

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Lots of great ways to be part of the DCHS mission!**

### **Victorian Tea Party**

*Hosted by Tea Presenter & DCHS Volunteer, Pam Allen*

Saturday, April 22 - 10:00 AM

Nash House & [Click here for more information and to reserve your tickets.](#)

## **Railroads in Delaware County**

*Presented by Jack Hilborn, Society Vice President, with Special Guest Peter White*

Wednesday, April 19 - 7:00 PM

The Barn at Stratford

Registration will be available soon.

# **Preserve. Educate. Engage.**

## **Meeker Museum Fun!**

Beginning Sunday, May 7, the Meeker Museum will hold activities for children and families. Those planned include:



May 7 - "Artistic Traditions & Remembering Me." Fraktur painting and Silhouettes.

August 6 - "Pioneer Fun and Crafting." Pioneer games, crafts, tin smithing, paper marbling, mini floor cloths, and coloring pages.

September 3 - "Down on the Farm," Sheep shearing, spinning demo, crafts, weaving, dying wool, carding wool, and a coloring page station.

Look for additional information in a future newsletter



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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**Delaware County  
Historical Society**

*Our History, Our Heritage*

The Nash House \* Cryder Research Library  
Barn at Stratford \* Meeker Homestead Museum  
Millworker Cottage \* Historic Jail and Sheriff's Residence



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## WE'RE LOOKING FOR...

- Docents and Tour Guides
- Researchers, Writers and Content Creators
- Collection Documenters
- Exhibit Creators and Installers
- Office Support
- Curriculum Committee Members to Support Our School-Age Education Programs
- Adopt-A-Garden at Meeker Homestead & Museum

*Flexible schedules. Training provided.*

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

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

**Renew or join now!**

***Thank you for your support!***

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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 the Nash House Museum, Meeker Homestead & Museum, the Delaware Historic Jail & Sheriff's Residence, and the Millworker Cottage. 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/>.

[To further support our organization, please go to our webpage -](#)

## 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. Visitors should inquire at the Meeker Museum to ensure we have a docent available.

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