

Historic Happenings

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



February 2024

Though winter is here, we are as busy as ever. Check out what we have been up to.



UNDERSTANDING BLACK HISTORY THROUGH BLACK MUSIC (PART 2)

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! PRESENTED BY DR. WILLIAM "TED" MCDANIEL

BLACK MUSIC HAS OFTEN SERVED AS A BAROMETER OF THE TIMES AND LIVES OF BLACK PEOPLE. THIS PROGRAM, WHICH IS A CONTINUATION OF LAST YEAR'S PROGRAM, UTILIZES RECORDED MUSIC AND EXPLORES VARIOUS ASPECTS AND PERIODS OF BLACK HISTORY BY EXAMINING THE MUSIC OF EACH ERA. IT RANGES FROM THE WORK SONGS AND SPIRITUALS OF SLAVERY TO THE RAP OF MODERN URBAN TIMES.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd AT 7 PM

THE BARN AT STRATFORD

2690 STRATFORD ROAD, DELAWARE, OHIO

Special presentation by the
Zion AME Church Choir



Register on Eventbrite -
search Delaware County
Historical Society

This program is made
possible in part by Ohio
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Willow Brook Christian
Communities, and by Katie
and Steve Schmitt.



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THIS FRIDAY - February 2nd!

(And Every "First Friday" in Delaware)

Visit Our Historic Jail & Sheriff's Residence

20 West Central Avenue, Delaware

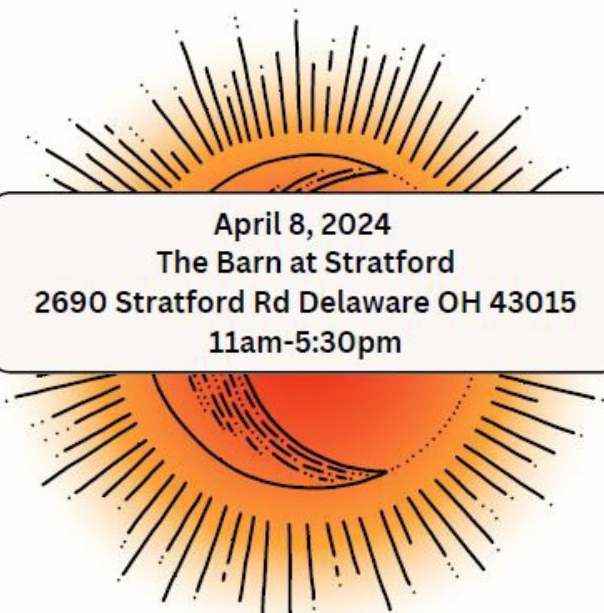
Explore our exhibit, *"Bootleggers vs. the Sheriff: Delaware County During Prohibition,"* and while you're there, learn more about this historic site - the jail breaks, the fires and the space where prisoners lived while incarcerated. See the cells, the Sheriff's residence and the (creepy) attic - a favorite!

Tours are free and donations are gratefully accepted. Plenty of parking behind the jail.

Note: Cells in the Jail still feature original prisoner graffiti, which some may find objectionable.

Eclipse

Traditions Event



April 8, 2024
The Barn at Stratford
2690 Stratford Rd Delaware OH 43015
11am-5:30pm

The Delaware community is uniquely positioned to experience the path of totality in the upcoming solar eclipse. This legacy event only occurs at the same location once in 375 years. This celestial event and

others like it have shaped the traditions and stories of Indigenous and Appalachian people. The Delaware County Historical Society honors this by sharing a day of reflection and education with our community.

This program, presented by Modern Woodmen - Amanda Denney - Financial Planner, will take place on April 8 at the Barn at Stratford, 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware, beginning at 11 am, with special optional add-on yoga and meditation to begin the day 8:00 am.

Three outstanding speakers will present beginning at 11 am:
11:00 am - Dr. John N. Low - Enrolled citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Director of Newark Earthworks & Associate Professor at The Ohio State University.

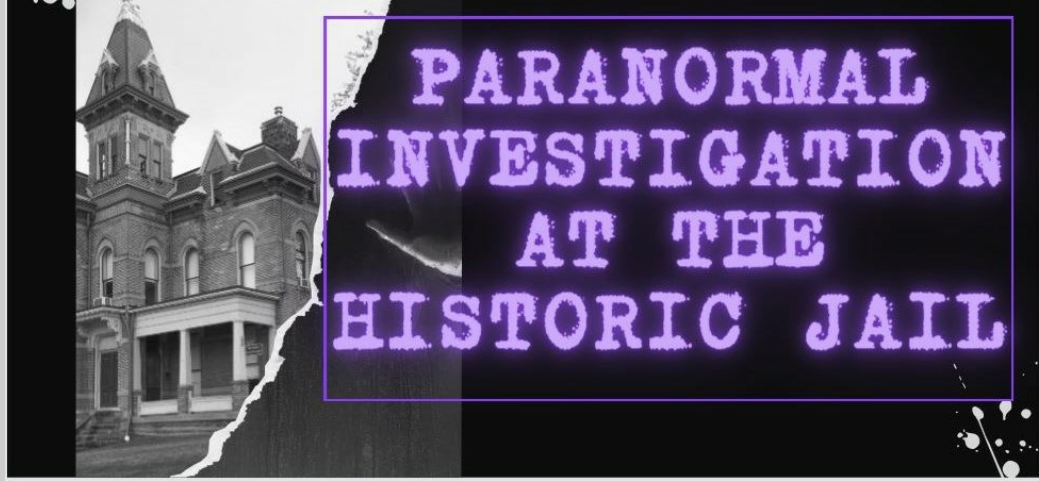
1 pm - Omope Carter-Daboiku - An Appalachian of mixed ancestry, a cultural geographer & award-winning storyteller.

4:30 pm - Dr. Bradley Lepper - an American archaeologist best known for his work on ancient earthworks and ice age peoples in Ohio. Lepper is the Curator of Archaeology at the Ohio History Connection.

Attendees will receive a t-shirt, lunch, and outdoor viewing of the total eclipse with an option for indoor live-streaming if cloud cover or weather permits accessible observation.



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Our Paranormal tours will begin again in April. Visit our Facebook page or website later in February for the schedule.

MEEKER HOMESTEAD MUSEUM UPDATES

Taking advantage of the months that the Meeker Homestead House and Museum is closed, our volunteers are giving it some much-needed interior detail work. Steve Frazier (pictured) – our House Historian, has been busy investigating, repairing, and painting. Other members of the Meeker Team include John Rodeheffer, who puts his woodworking talents and skills to work; and Roxann Newton, who supervises with her legendary organizational skills. Meeker Museum Curator, Benny Shoults oversees the whole crew. The Meeker Homestead Museum will reopen in April. Planned expanded exhibits at Meeker include “Indigenous People of Early Ohio”.



The Journey to Delaware County Museum expansion will be unveiled in the fall – titled “From Wilderness to Civilization Part 2”. Many thanks to our generous donors – Ron Sabatino through his Delaware County Foundation’s Family Fund, and the Charles H and Betty J Sheets Family Donor Advised Fund – also through the Delaware County Foundation. This will allow us to purchase the material needed for the exhibit.

We recently completed a great video about the history of the Meeker Family and [you can see it here](#).

CRYDER RESEARCH CENTER NEWS



Before

On East William Street at the Cryder Historical Center, the Library is also getting a major facelift. This building wears many hats: a library, a warehouse, a meeting site, a research center, a collection repository, and a museum. That's a lot to put under one roof, and we are rearranging the interior to let shine. We removed a row of display cabinets which opened up the space to make it brighter and more inviting for volunteers and visitors.

Hundreds of school children tour the Research Center each year and enjoy seeing items such as a scrap of fabric that contains Abraham Lincoln's blood - see photo below.



After

The display units were donated to the Morrow County Historical Society, who were very grateful to get them. WOW! Come take a look!

Open Wednesdays from
10 am - 5 pm (closed
noon to 1 pm) and
Sundays from 2 pm - 5
pm.

Future planned displays
include:

Why preserve history?

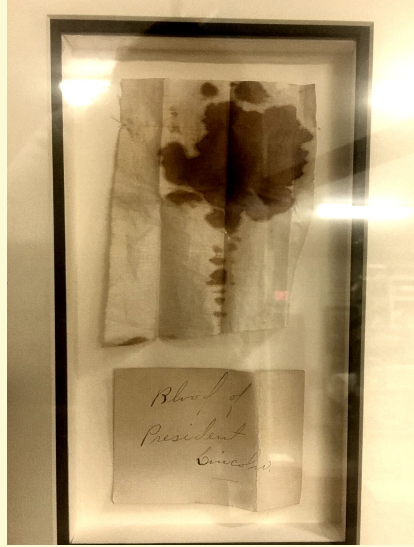
What is an artifact?

*Prehistoric and Historic
Indians*

Early European Settlers

*Early African Americans
in our county and the
Underground Railroad*

Famous Delawareans



*Entertainment:-Del. Co.
Fair, Brown Jug Race,
Opera House, The
Strand, etc.*

*Serving America: Del Co
Residents veterans*

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR COLLECTIONS?

Our DCHS Collection Subcommittee monthly meetings are where new donations (and sometimes items uncovered in the archives) get their day in the spotlight for evaluating whether they belong in the official collection of the DCHS.

This month, a real treasure came to the big table for review - a ledger from the Stratford papermill and store. In it, receipts are documented from June 1865 through the end of 1867. Leafing through the ledger, names like Meeker and Carpenter leap off the pages. Imagine peeking through the window of history to see customers milling about to pick up a plug of tobacco or postulate on national and local politics. After all, President Lincoln had been assassinated just six weeks before the first entry was made. The ledger was rescued from a dumpster, going to show how one person's trash is another's treasure.



We were also given the Game of Delaware, which is a Monopoly-type board game which was created in the 1980s. It lists many Delaware businesses as board squares. Most are no longer in existence. See photo above.

The Collection Subcommittee meets at the Cryder on the fourth Thursday at 10:00 AM. We welcome new members, so if you like to investigate old stuff, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Karen Cowan at kcowan@delawareohiohistory.org for more information.



PRESERVE. EDUCATE. ENGAGE.

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
- People to Catalog Our Artifacts
- People to Install and Create Displays in Our Museums
- Curriculum Committee Members to Support Our School-Age Education Programs

Flexible schedules. Training provided.

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

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to be more involved in your community, consider becoming a volunteer for the DCHS. We provide training and can accommodate about any schedule. Whether you have 3 hours a month or 30, we have a place for you.

We are looking for gardeners to maintain our beautiful gardens at Meeker as part of our Adopt-A-Bed program. We are also planning a pioneer-type garden at the Millworker Cottage across the road in Stratford. We are planning to cultivate flax plants which will complement the spinning exhibit we have in the Meeker Homestead Museum. We would love to have your help in planning this educational spot. Please email director@delawareohiohistory.org for more information.

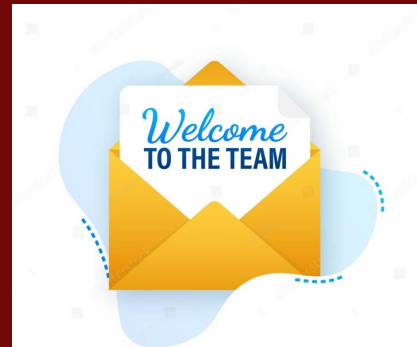


WE WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Brittany Maufort - CFO
Buckeye State Bank

Susie Daily - Chief Information
Officer for the City of Delaware

Eric Anderson - VP Senior
Mortgage Banking Officer - Buckeye State Bank



e only" or "only 7 remaining!"

Don't throw away that bubble wrap from your Amazon boxes. We need it to wrap our artifacts in for storage. If you have any extra, please drop it off at the Cryder Historical Center.

Go here to see all our programs scheduled for this year - [DCHS 2024 programs](#)

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 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/>.

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 West Central Avenue, Delaware

Meeker Homestead Museum

2690 Stratford Road, Delaware

Closed until April 2024

Millworker Cottage

2571 Stratford Road, Delaware

Open when the Meeker Homestead Museum is open..

Open for First Friday of each month from 6:00 PM -
8:00 PM



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