

HALLMARKS

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IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR “A NIGHT AT HERITAGE HALL”!

On Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th, the Marion County Historical Society presents our 10th Annual “A Night at Heritage Hall.” For MCHS members, pre-registration is \$3.50; tickets at the door \$4.00. For non-members, pre-registration is \$7.00; tickets at the door are \$8.00. Tour times: 7:00pm to 9:00pm both nights.



Mark your calendar now so you won't miss the opportunity to explore the museum by flashlight, meet historic personalities, and experience the past as you travel among exhibits throughout the historic 1910 building that spring to life to tell their stories.

To register your family or group for one of the flashlight tours, send your check or money order to NAHH Heritage Hall, 169 East Church Street, Marion OH 43302 (be sure to specify which night) or purchase online at www.marionhistory.com. Special rates are available for school and scout groups by calling the Marion County Historical Society at 740-387-4255. Pre-registration ends March 23rd.

TIME TRAVELLERS' FAIRE



Join us at 7 PM on May 6th at the Tri-Rivers Career Center, 222 Marion-Mt. Gilead Rd, in Marion. This event includes opportunities to learn historical dances, watch demonstrations of historic crafts, participate in a costume parade, enjoy a wide assortment of appetizers and desserts, listen to historical music, enjoy vaudeville shows, meet Queen Elizabeth the First and much more! Costume Dress from the past, present, and future is encouraged but not required! Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$20 at door.

CALLING ALL ASPIRING ACTORS & REENACTORS

We are still looking for a few more folks to portray individuals from Marion or Ohio's past during the Night at Heritage Hall tours. Volunteers are also needed to assist with crowd control at the event.

Night At Heritage Hall takes place on March 24 & 25, Fri. & Sat. from 7:00-9:00 PM. If you would like to be a part of this enjoyable and educational event, or have a character who you think would be of interest to the event call 740-387-4255 and talk your idea over with us, or email: mchs@marionhistory.com.

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SAVE THESE DATES! WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HERITAGE HALL & BEYOND

JANUARY & FEBRUARY - Museum Closed Except by Appt. Office is Open Tues. – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Feb. 16	Thurs.	6:00pm	Volunteer Training Heritage Hall Auditorium
Feb. 18	Sat.	1:00pm	Research Character Volunteer Training Heritage Hall Auditorium
Feb. 20	Mon.	10am-4pm	Museum 101 Heritage Hall Auditorium
Feb. 27	Mon.	9:00am	Museum Clean-Up Day

MARCH - APRIL - Museum Open Sat. & Sun. 1:00 – 4:00pm

March 04 Sat.	2:00pm	1st Person Reenactor volunteer training Heritage Hall Auditorium
March 04 Sat.	1:00pm	Museum Opens for Weekends Only
March 09 Thurs.	7:00pm	Program Meeting TBA Tri-Rivers Auditorium
March 16 Thurs.	6:00pm	Focused Volunteer Training Heritage Hall Auditorium
March 24 Fri.	7:00pm	Night at Heritage Hall Heritage Hall
March 25 Sat.	7:00pm	Night at Heritage Hall Heritage Hall
April 05 Wed.	3-6pm	Volunteer Recognition Open House Heritage Hall Auditorium
April 13 Thurs.	9:00am	Set-up for Rummage Sale Heritage Hall Auditorium
April 14 Fri.	4:00pm	Rummage Sale (MCHS Members Only) Heritage Hall Auditorium
April 15 Sat.	9:00am	Rummage Sale Heritage Hall Auditorium
April 20 Thurs.	6:00pm	Volunteer Training Heritage Hall Auditorium

MAY – OCT. Museum is Open Wed – Sun, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

May 03	Wed.	1:00pm	Museum Opens for Wed. – Sun. Hours
May 03	Wed.	1:00pm	New German-American Exhibit Opens Heritage Hall
May 06	Sat.	1-4pm	Linn School Opens for Season Linn School
May 06	Sat.	7:00pm	Time Travellers Faire Tri-Rivers Career Center
May 17	Wed.	11:30am	Lunch with the Presidents (TBA)
May 18	Thurs.	6:00pm	WWI and President Wilson Heritage Hall Auditorium
May 21	Sun.	12:00pm	Waldo Memorial Day Parade Waldo
June 15	Thurs.	6:00pm	Carol Kelly Herb program- clean Log House Fairgrounds
June 29	Thurs.	7:00pm	Program Meeting TBA Tri-Rivers Auditorium

July 3-8 M – S 9am-5pm Marion County Fair – Bake Sale
Log House at Fairgrounds

July 06	Thurs.	9:30am	Blast From the Past TBA
July 13	Thurs.	9:30am	Blast From the Past TBA
July 20	Thurs.	9:30am	Blast From the Past TBA
July 20	Thurs.	6:00pm	Volunteer training Heritage Hall Auditorium
July 27	Thurs.	9:30am	Blast From the Past TBA

Aug. 17 Thurs. 6:00pm Popcorn History & Museum Vol.
Training Heritage Hall Auditorium

Aug. 19 Sat. 11:00am First Ladies Luncheon
Tri-Rivers Auditorium

Sept. 07 Thurs. 12– 6pm Popcorn Festival – Open Extended
Hours & Parade

Sept. 08 Fri. 12– 6pm Popcorn Festival – Open Extended
Hours

Sept. 09 Sat. 12– 6pm Popcorn Festival – Open Extended
Hours

Sept. 16 Sat. 10-5 Travel Through Time
Sawyer-Ludwig Park

Sept. 17 Sun. 10-4 Travel Through Time
Sawyer-Ludwig Park

Sept. 21 Thurs. 7:00pm Program Meeting TBA
Tri-Rivers Auditorium

Oct. 14 Sat. 1:00pm Behind Closed Doors Various Sites
TBA

Oct. 18 Wed. 11:30am Lunch with the Presidents TBA

Oct. 19 Thurs. 11:30am Lunch with the Presidents TBA

Oct. 21 Sat. 5:30pm Dinner with the Presidents
Marion Harding High School

Oct. 22 Sun. 1-4pm Linn School – Closes for Season
Linn School

Nov. 04 Sat. 5:30pm Dinner with the Presidents
Marion Harding High School

Nov. 13 Mon. 4:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
Heritage Hall Auditorium

Nov. 16 Thurs. 6:00pm Volunteer Open House
Heritage Hall Auditorium

Nov. 21 Tues. 5:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting
Heritage Hall Auditorium

Dec. 02 Sat. 10:00am Annual Meeting
Heritage Hall Auditorium

11:30am Potluck Luncheon
Heritage Hall Auditorium

1-4pm Holidays at Heritage Hall
Heritage Hall Atrium & Gift Shop



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Featuring Historical Reenactor
Bo Johnstone**

**Military Displays Courtesy
of Ohio National Guard
& Marion County Historical Society**



**Thursday, March 9
7:00 pm
Tri-Rivers Career
Center Auditorium**

No Charge for Admission



From The Director's Desk by Gale Martin

Long ago I learned that life presents us with opportunities. It's our choice to decide whether we grab them, or look the other way. I am accepting the opportunity presented to me now, to focus on my own business, a native plant nursery, Natives In Harmony. With an eye toward that, I plan my exit from employment with the Marion County Historical Society.

There are many things that must be done to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible. Plans for the 2017 MCHS events must be finalized, guidelines for running those programs must be written down for my successor as well as the thousands of little things a person needs to know about Heritage Hall's quirks and how to keep the museum operating smoothly. All this has made me think about the changes the last decade has brought about for the Marion County Historical Society.

We should all be proud to have been a part of the creation and implementation of some truly wonderful community and fundraising events. This year marks the 10th year we have been giving folks the opportunity to spend "A Night at Heritage Hall." Where else in Marion County could you interact with interesting characters straight out of Marion's pioneer history, meet Civil War Soldiers or compare clothing styles between WWI and the War of 1812. No matter what your interest is, I'll bet you will have a great time.

I want to share some comments made by visitors to previous Night at Heritage Hall events.

"I wanted to send a note to thank you for the Night at the Museum festivities on Saturday. My husband and I saw an advertisement for the gathering in the Ohio State Tourism guide and decided to give it a try. We had never been to Marion before, so we visited the Harding Memorial and a few other sites as well. The entire weekend was wonderful experience and we thoroughly enjoyed our stay. The Night at the Museum experience was just outstanding. The participants were so knowledgeable and clearly enjoyed their roles. We were also fascinated with the diversity of history that was portrayed. From Annie Oakley, sheep herders and President Wilson to the ladies with non traditional occupations, we enjoyed them all. I learned so much and had a great time! Initially I wasn't sure if the event was more for children or adults. However it quickly became clear that there were activities for all ages. Thank you for making history come alive, Jo Ottinger"

"Gale: Before I forget, I just wanted to tell you that I attended Heritage Night at the Museum and once again, Marion didn't disappoint -- I have been many times and I still don't believe I have seen or heard it all. In fact, after reviewing the book, I believe I missed some of the characters by not going down a hall way on the first floor. Thought I saw you once, but you disappeared in smoke and was gone...ha,ha. I particularly enjoyed the actor doing CLEMENT VALLANDIGHAM. I really learned something and was very impressed by his deliveryhe is missing his calling. I enjoyed the lady's story about the china (beautiful, by the way) and the soldier trying to remember who he was and the young man who walked up to me asking if I wanted to hear his story about being chased by wolves --- all delightful. You are so blessed to have folks who are willing to participate and bring history to life."

"We attended the Night at the Museum here in Columbus at the Historical Society and although they have a lot of artifacts, there was just no comparison. They paled in the light of what you offer there in Marion. Unless they coach their reenactors a bit more, I don't think I will go back. There was no interaction and definitely no information forthcoming about the objects on display -- really disappointing. Isn't that the point of the whole thing? They could learn a bit from you about what they need to do, ha, ha."

Anyway, kudos to you and your staff for all the hard work you do to pull this off every year and all the other activities. Already marked some things on my calendar that you have listed as events in the future.. Be well, and thank you for everything you do to make history that much more exciting."

WHAT'S NEW IN THE MCHS COLLECTIONS?

Accessioned between 10/03/15 – 1/23/16

William Barnhart – WW II Master Sergeant army fatigue uniform; Metal “U.S. Mail – No Riders” sign; United States Postal Service uniform; Four Marion Harding H.S. Quiver yearbooks (1929-1932)

Richard Carey – Collection of U.S. Postal Service First Day covers and envelopes with related research materials; Collection of Civil War era correspondence (1862-1888); Collection of Marion County correspondence 1843-1899; Marion County Auditor's Ledger (1837-1845)

Su S. Rowles – Assorted shoes, hats, and other clothing. Key items in the collection are Su S Weir Rowles 1959 Ridgedale Junior Prom dress, a ruffled light slate blue organdy with light lavender underlining, 1960 Senior prom dress made of white organdy with a shaded blue waistband and large blue bow in back. Rounding out the collection is her wedding dress, worn on September 19, 1964, made of white satin with scooped neckline in a sheath style with long sleeves and satin covered buttons. It has a full circular satin detachable over-skirt that has two satin bows, with skirt flaring out to a mid-length train.

Kimberly Hall – DVD of 121 scans of historic Marion & Marion County postcards from the Ralph & Erdine Eaton collection

Robert L. Whitman – Large collection of personal correspondence with the family of Jim Thorpe, research materials on Jim Thorpe, media articles on Dr. Whitman and his publications, assorted other items relating to Jim Thorpe and the Oorang Indians

John Millisor – Framed certificate of Neptunus Rex presented to Paul J. Millisor in 1945 when he crossed the equator for the first time; U.S. War Savings Bond Series E, 1945; Autographed OSU football card signed by Justin Zwick; Framed poster of 1998 Marion Harding H.S. football team; Framed sketch of the U.S.S. Shoshonewith 2 B&W photographs of Paul J. Millisor in his WW II uniform.

Willis & Gwen Thomas – Telegram sent from Mr. D. H. Gorman of Trinity Baptist Church to Warren G. Harding wishing a speedy recovery for Mrs. Harding; Appreciation letter to Mr. Gorman signed by W.G. Harding; Assorted men's neckties

Gretchen Geckle Brooks – Assorted newspaper clippings related to Lieutenant Helen Briggs Geckle, a nurse in WW II who helped set up the military hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany and Technical Sergeant Paul E. Geckle who served in WW II in the Engineering Corps

Albert Weikel – List of photographs from “A History of Marion & Marion County” compiled in 1957-58 by students in Isabelle Stump's English class at Marion Harding H.S.; 1950 Automobile insurance policy; Collection of bank books, receipts, and other ephemera relating to A.B. McMurray, M.D. and Stout Motor Car Company; Collection of Marion area business cards; Collection of Marion ephemera

David Doss – 1880 postcard sent to Samuel Beerbower in Marion County, OH; Black & white photograph of the 7th & 8th grade classes at Caledonia, OH. Photo take in 1931 by Williams Studio, Marion, OH.

Marla & Thomas Boblenz – School patrol banner; Assorted clothing including a wedding gown and veil circa 1975. Gown is full length with train that attaches to back and is made of satin and organdy with a lace overlay of flowers and small white pearls. Veil is also made of same lace and pearl detail as the gown.

Dave Roberts Collection – Legal documents from various Probate Court cases involving foreclosures and real estate

Scott Crider – DVD of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Marion, OH, 150th Anniversary Celebration. Two photographs of radio celebrity Charlie Evers during a farm implement presentation

Floyd Browne Collection – College mementos from Floyd Brown's time at Dennison University; Military papers and ephemera relating to Floyd Brown's military service; Publication of conventional & service signals used by military; Application for military commission; Photographs and photocopies of Busby home, Wallace family, Kling family, McNeal family, assorted other individuals and families; Sanitary Engineer's license; Four B&W photographs of interior of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Kay Balsley – Boy Scouts of America flashlight; Poncho; Advertising potholder; Shoe brushes; Large collection of military insignias, buttons, pins, ribbons, string ties, etc.

Ted & Mary Jane Meyers Collection – Model 1861 .58 caliber Rifle-musket with bayonet; James Exploding Cannon Shell for use with a cannon which could fire the shell over one mile; 1864 Indian Head penny flattened by President Lincoln's funeral train in Columbus, Ohio; Metal military-style canteen; Civil War era leather ammunition case; Two sets of men's eyeglasses

Rodney French – MPS iron bookends; AFL-CIO tie clip; Marion Steam Shovel employee badge; Dresser Industries key chain; Marion sesquicentennial celebration collectables; Boy Scout items; Coca-Cola and Pepsi bottles

Ralph & Ruth Carhart – Vol. I & II of letters from Lucius Carhart written during the Civil War through 1880

Janet O'Brien – Dress worn by Louise Carpenter to her 1934 Marion Harding H.S. graduation. Dress is white linen with black polka dots, ruffled sleeves, white linen attached belt and ruffle of matching material around the hem; Black and white Photograph of Louise Carpenter wearing the dress to the graduation

Please Note: If you would like to volunteer to help in Archives, call MCHS at 740-387-4255.

2017 Officers & Board of Trustees

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(One Year Term with Three Consecutive Terms Limit for President & Vice-President)

President: Randy Winland (2017 - 3rd Term)

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Executive Committee

Officers plus one President's Appointee

– Jack Shaffer

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(Three Year Term with Two Consecutive Terms Limit)

Term Expires End of 2017

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Richard Carey

ARE YOU CONTEMPLATING SOME SPRING CLEANING?

Why not drop it off at Heritage Hall the second week of April? Those gently-used unwanted items can greatly benefit the Marion County Historical Society! Bring your items to Heritage Hall between the hours of 9 AM to 4 PM from April 10 to 13.

Volunteers are needed for pricing items on Thursday and to help watch over the sale. Call 740-387-4255 for more details.

As always, we will have a special *members only* sale from 6-8 on Friday April 14. Our annual rummage/parking lot sale is set for Saturday April 15 from 9 AM – 5 PM in the Heritage Hall Auditorium.

Please do not bring any clothing!

2017 PRIDE DONATIONS

\$100—\$249

Gary & Karrin Risch, Gloria A. Dickason, William & Debbie Bowers, Stephen & Mary Ann Jenkins, Kensel & Opal Clutter, Shelby Needham, Marilyn Simpson, Merle Lashey, John & Marjorie Keggan, Betty J. Stover, Gene & Jan Farison, Scott Crider, Richard Carey, Jack Bull, Gary Hinaman, Elizabeth Leeper Melick, Vicky Turner Wetherell, Valerie Mettler, Ralph & Mary Lee, Connie McCurdy, David & Karen Ream, Rick & Sherry Kelly, James S. & Barbara Anne Hering, David & Elizabeth Claborn, Jim & Lois Lowe, Daniel & Linda Russell, Karen & Clair Zimmerman, Doug & Marge Denzer, Rex & Carolyn Parrott, M. Joseph & Joyce Miller, Kenneth & Maureen Cole, Lynn Clabaugh, J. Richard & Janet Bryson, Jeanette White, Jack D. Shaffer, Mary Ludwick, Diane & Richard Mault, James Caldwell, Wyandot, Inc., Phyllis Glasco

\$250 —\$499

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\$1000 —\$4999

Carolyn I. Ulsh, Mary Ellen Withrow, Allen L. & Susan F. Potts

\$5000

Willis & Gwen Thomas

From the President: Randy Winland

Greetings,

Over the past 48 years, the Marion County Historical Society has grown from being simply an idea generated by some students in an adult education class taught by Judge Charlton Myers to an institution that encompasses three historic buildings along with a collection of more than 30,000 items. Even with this amazing growth, one thing has remained the same: our goal of collecting, maintaining, and sharing the history of Marion County, Ohio.

The upcoming year promises to be one of opportunities and challenges in many regards. Among these are a revamped membership program, increased volunteer opportunities, and other changes yet to be finalized. I look forward to working with our society's leadership, volunteers, and most certainly our members to help us meet the challenges as we take the next steps in the continued growth and success of the Marion County Historical Society.

Thank you.

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OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF
THIS RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBER:
CHARLES CRISLER