



Congratulations

2015 Alliance Award Winners!

The 2015 winners of the Ohio Local History Alliance's Outstanding Achievement Awards pose with their certificates after the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Meeting. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

By Wendy Zucal, Executive Director, Dennison Railroad Depot Museums System, Dennison

Since 1960, the Ohio Local History Alliance, in partnership with the Ohio History Connection, has led the state in recognizing excellent projects, programs, and publications produced by Ohio's local historical societies, museums, and related organizations. In addition, the Alliance is proud to recognize individuals who have contributed greatly to the field of local history. This year the Alliance board presented 17 Outstanding Achievement Awards at the annual Awards Luncheon during the 2015 Annual Meeting. These awards recognize exceptional projects and people that have made an impact by inspiring, connecting, and educating their audiences in Ohio.

Media and Publications

■ *Past Pursuits: A Newsletter of the Special Collections Division of the ASCPL, Akron-Summit County Public Library, Special Collections Division, Akron.* An overriding goal of the library's special collections division has been to share and

provide access to their large and comprehensive collection of local history and genealogy materials. *Past Pursuits* has been published by the Special Collections Division since 2002. Originally conceived as an outreach tool, content has expanded to include original scholarly articles on a variety of local history topics with unique collection items and genealogical history. Today, the newsletter has over 1,000 subscribers and is considered an outstanding family and local history publication.

■ *A Magical Journey into Wadsworth's History, Wadsworth City Schools, Wadsworth.* In 2006, principal Roger Havens discovered there was no common curriculum in use for third graders to learn local history. He proposed the development of a study book, a concept overwhelmingly approved by teachers. Havens partnered with a committee of local historians to establish content. With the help of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, the book went to print and was used by teachers for the first time in
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President's Message:

When the Saturday afternoon sessions concluded at the 2015 Ohio Local History Alliance conference, your comments and evaluations began to shape the direction of the 2016 gathering. The Alliance Education Committee is committed to providing quality sessions that will be beneficial to attendees. The 2015 conference had a new element – workshops and speakers generated by the call for session proposals. Nearly one fourth of the 2015 sessions were obtained using this process.

Do you have expertise that you would like to share with your fellow local historians? Has your

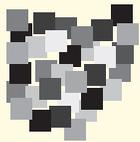
organization encountered a difficult problem and found a solution that is shareable? Did you or your organization develop a program that was unique and successful? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider developing a 2016 annual conference session proposal and submitting it. The theme for the 2016 conference is Connecting Communities. The Alliance needs your ideas and experiences to make the 2016 conference a time of learning and sharing that will give participants new ideas, unique perspectives, and specialized expertise.

The call for proposal form can be downloaded from this link on the Alliance website: <http://www.ohiolha.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/2016-Annual-Conference-Session-Proposal.pdf>. Proposals are due to Local History Services at the Ohio

History Connection by January 18, 2016. The Education Committee will convene its planning meeting for the conference in February or early March and will use the session proposals received to help guide their process to choose the most worthwhile topics for presentation next October. Thanks for your consideration in our joint effort to make each conference better than the last.

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Save the Date for Statehood Day

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Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

Ohio's annual legislative advocacy event, Statehood Day, will be Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. Statehood Day is a chance for Ohio's history supporters to come together, as well as an opportunity for you to meet with your state legislators. The day will begin at 9:30am and include time for legislator meetings, a keynote speaker, and lunch. Find more information at ohiohistory.org/statehoodday.

Statehood Day is sponsored by the Ohio History Connection, the Ohio Local History Alliance, Heritage Ohio, the Ohio Archaeological Council, the Ohio Genealogical Society, the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, Preservation Ohio, the Ohio Academy of History, the Ohio Council for Social Studies, the Society of Ohio Archivists, and Ohio Humanities.

Congratulations to 2015 Alliance Award Winners! (Continued from page 3)

2008. Since then, the book has been used in tandem with field trips to historic sites and museums and downtown walking tours.

■ **Sneak Peek – Virtual Tours, Dennison Railroad Depot Museums System, Dennison.** In an effort to attract more visitors to all three museums, the Dennison Railroad Depot Museum, Historic Schoenbrunn Village, and the Uhrichsville Clay Museum, the museum leadership team worked with a local videographer to create short, virtual tours to give potential visitors a “sneak peek” into what was behind the front door. Following production, an intensive social media survey gathered feedback that was incorporated into the virtual tours before their final postings.

Exhibits and Displays

■ **The Wonders of Camp Arrowhead, Lillian E. Jones Museum, Jackson.** This exhibit documents the history of a premier summer camp for boys in Jackson that ultimately impacted not only the lives of hundreds of young men, but also their local communities and the nation. For the first time, the camp's entire history was researched and made available to the public. Highlights include the camp's

construction and its many years of operation as both a Boy Scout and Girl Scout camp. This is especially significant because the camp closed in the 1970s and only two original buildings remain standing.

■ **Bricks, Barrel Vaults & Beer: The Architectural Legacy of Cincinnati Breweries, The Betts House Research Center, Cincinnati.** The growing interest in beer brewing and a local brewer's adaptive reuse of a 19th century brewery made this an ideal time for The Betts House to delve into Cincinnati's beer heritage. To recognize and honor this rich history, this original exhibit explores the fascinating tale of brewing through technology and architecture coupled with creative programming that included receptions, such as “Drinking about Museums,” and home brewing demonstrations. The exhibit enabled The Betts House to increase awareness of their museum, while offering a new glimpse into Cincinnati history.

■ **The Pity of War: Words and Images of World War I, Quaker Heritage Center of Wilmington College and Partners, Wilmington.** Six students in the Introduction to Public History class began with a simple premise: create an exhibit recognizing

the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I that aligned with the Quaker Heritage Center's mission. Students worked as a team to draft the exhibit text, create graphic identity, design the floor plan, and select artifacts and images for display. An interdisciplinary approach added a wide array of public programming to compliment the exhibit including lectures, poetry readings, and choral performances. This project is a model of collaborative college-community synergy.

■ **Come Fly with Us, A History of the Simplex Aircraft Corporation, 1927-32, The Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum, Defiance.** This exhibit used a unique mix of artifacts and media including photographs, artwork, magazine, brochures, ads, and invoices to tell the story of the Simplex Corporation, who created the first commercially-viable aviation products manufactured in Northwest Ohio. The exhibit outlines the historically significant impacts the company had on Defiance, the nation, and the aviation industry, succeeding on a limited budget within a very small space. (Continued on page 6)

Local History Office is Bigger, Better; Now **Local History Services**



By Mark Sundlov, Local History Services Manager, Ohio History Connection, Columbus

Local History Services Staff: From L to R; Betsy Hedler, Andy Verhoff, Sohayla Pagano, Shoshanna Gross, Becki Trivison, Mark Sundlov, Amy Rohmiller, and Anthony Gibbs. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

Exciting changes are afoot within the Outreach Division of the Ohio History Connection. On October 19, 2015, we changed how the K-16 education functions are organized within the division. Specifically, the Educational Partnerships and Outreach Department (EPOD) has dissolved, and its functions have been realigned and incorporated throughout the division.

The primary purpose of the reorganization was to enmesh the educational functions and services of the Division within all of our other activities to ensure we are efficiently and effectively working with our partners (you!). We are not discontinuing any of our previous functions.

Many of you have worked closely with the Local History Office in the past. These changes have brought an exciting increase in capacity for the Local History Office department. Now known as Local History Services, the department has many new talented and excited staff members. Local History Services is now

comprised of the following staff members who are fulfilling the following functions:

- **Mark Sundlov**, Manager
 - **Andy Verhoff**, History Fund Coordinator
 - **Becki Trivison**, World War I and Ohio Historical Markers Coordinator
 - **Amy Rohmiller**, AmeriCorps Coordinator
 - **Anthony Gibbs**, Community Engagement Coordinator
 - **Sohayla Pagano**, Educational Outreach Coordinator (includes History to Go Van and Museum in a Box)
 - **Shoshanna Gross**, Ohio History Day Coordinator
 - **Betsy Hedler**, Partnership and Youth Ohio History Day Coordinator
- You can learn more about each of the new staff members in the People in the News section of this newsletter on page 9.

We are excited for what this reorganization means for our ability to support local history organizations. Namely we

look forward to: supporting currently underserved audiences and organizations; providing direct support to organizations commemorating World War I and other important anniversaries; connecting our educational outreach efforts such as our “Museum in a Box” and our “History to Go” with more organizations; expanding local history organizations’ involvement in Ohio History Day and Youth Ohio History Day; and, increasing our support for organizations that are working hard to connect Ohioans to history through their efforts.

This is an exciting time for local history in Ohio. We look forward to building new connections that spark Ohioans to discover the state’s rich history. ■



2014-2015 Ohio History Service Corps members help the German Village Society with their archives collection. This year's members are available throughout the state to help you tackle a variety of projects. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

OHIO HISTORY SERVICE CORPS welcomes ITS newest members

By Amy Rohmiller, AmeriCorps
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The Ohio History Connection's AmeriCorps program, the Ohio History Service Corps, is now in its sixth year of supporting community and local history throughout Ohio. The newest group of ten members began their service in September and is now available to help organizations like yours with projects you've always wanted to do, but never had quite enough time or people to move forward. The ten members are stationed around the state and are looking for projects like helping with volunteer recruitment and management, building new partnerships in your community, collections management work, developing new programming for adults and children, and assisting with Ohio History Day. Learn a little about each member below, and visit www.ohio-history.org/ameri-corps to find contact information for the member nearest you.

This year's AmeriCorps members are:

- **Bryan Blau, Local History Corps Member – Region 10. Hosted by the Pioneer & Historical Society of Muskingum County.** Bryan is a recent graduate of Ohio University. He is a firm believer in knowing where you are from, in order to know where you are headed. Bryan is looking forward to spending a year giving back to his community, while gaining practical real-world experience.

- **Wendy Zarara Bromfield, Local History Corps Member – Region 2. Hosted by the Maritime Museum of Sandusky.** Wendy has a BA in History from Hiram College and an MA in

History from Utah State University. She is currently pursuing an MLIS at Kent State University. She is excited to share her love of history with others and to help Ohio gems become even greater.

- **Christine Chitwood, Local History Corps Member – Archaeology. Hosted by the Ohio History Connection.** Christine has an MA in Near Eastern Antiquity from Andrews University. In serving at the Collections Facility of the Ohio History Connection, she hopes not only to contribute to the preservation of ancient and historic Ohio culture, but also to meet and connect with others who share in her excitement for past cultures.

- **Dana Cress, Historic Preservation Corps Member – Piqua. Hosted by the Piqua Public Library.** Dana has a BA in history from Bowling Green State University and an MA in history from Miami University. Researching the built environment of Piqua will put her research and writing skills to use while giving her experience in a field that documents and protects historically significant structures.

- **Pearl Mabe, Local History Corps Member – Heritage Ohio. Hosted by Heritage Ohio.** A second year member, Pearl helped to start a Young Ohio Preservationists Group, made possible a bevy of workshops and trainings, and gained so much in the form of new skills and knowledge in her first year. She hopes to use and expand on what she learned in her first year to accomplish even more. Pearl has a Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University.

- **Mary Manning, Local History Corps Member – Region 3. Hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center.** Mary has a BA from Case Western Reserve University in Art History and French, and an MA and a PhD in Art History from Rutgers,

The State University of New Jersey. She joined AmeriCorps because she hopes to use her education and leadership experience to help local history museums reach larger audiences to teach them about Ohio's tremendously compelling history.

- **Nicole Marino, Local History Corps Member – Region 4. Hosted by Youngstown State University.** A second year member, Nicole has a BA in Education in Social Studies and an MA in History with a focus on Public History. Her work with History Day at YSU is one great success that she hopes to duplicate in her second year of service, and her continuing Toolbox Workshop Series supplies ongoing education to local historical groups and fosters relationships between them.

- **Tim Miller, Local History Corps Member – Region 7. Hosted by the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center.** A second year member, Tim has a BA in History and a Certificate in International Human Rights from the University of Cincinnati. During his first year of service, he learned he has a knack for programming and events. He believes strongly that history does not always have to be in a book or behind glass; it's also meant to be experienced. Tim looks forward to expanding on what he learned last year and developing new skills.

- **Claire Payne, Local History Corps Member – Region 8. Hosted by Xavier University.** Claire has a BA in history from Oberlin College. She has worked and volunteered in a variety of museums, libraries, and archives. This year, she hopes to help foster enthusiasm for public history in Xavier students! She is also looking forward to connecting to and working with many of the fantastic local history sites in the Cincinnati area.

- **Aaron Swickard, Historic Preservation Corps Member – Cleveland. Hosted by the Cleveland Landmarks Commission.** A second year member, Aaron received a BA in History and an MA in Applied History with a certificate in Museum Curation from Youngstown State University. AmeriCorps is a great opportunity for him to branch out of his curation oriented training and learn more about preservation. ■

Public Programming

- **Abraham Lincoln Funeral Train 150th Anniversary, Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum, Bradford.** This public program was presented to commemorate the 150th anniversary Lincoln Funeral Train and Funeral Train Procession in Bradford. The event brought together local history students, Civil War buffs, and Lincoln reenactors for an informative program on events leading up to the assassination and along the funeral route. History students at the Bradford high school presented different aspects of the assassination and funeral train as well. The program tied local, state, and national railroad history together in one community event.
- **Lincoln at Cleveland 2015, Cleveland Public Library, Commandery of the State of Ohio MOLLUS, Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, and Old Stone Church, Cleveland.** Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 was a four month commemoration of Lincoln and his final visit to Cleveland when his body laid in state. Throughout the four months, remarkable exhibits and events paying tribute to Lincoln included documents, books, photographs, and artifacts encompassing the final days. Events included receptions, a living history day, and multi-media presentations. This project received 14 resolutions and recognitions from everyone from city council members to congressmen.
- **Not on our Watch: The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue of 1858, Kelton House Museum and Garden, Columbus.** As part of their efforts to create new Underground Railroad educational programming, the Kelton House created a period drama based on book *The Town that Started the Civil War* by Nat Brandt. Performed by members of the Kelton House Underground Railroad Community Advisory Committee, the play commemorates the dramatic events that occurred in Wellington and Oberlin around the capture of John Prince, a runaway slave, and the response of local anti-slavery students and townspeople who freed him from jail. The production was part of the museum's Black History Month programming and received outstanding responses from its audiences.
- **Lorain City Grade 3, Lorain Historical Society, Lorain.** The Education Committee of the Lorain Historical Society created a history booklet, "Discover Lorain," that

aligned with Common Core standards for use in classrooms and was designed to bring students to the historical society. Using the booklets, students match what they've learned about history in school to artifacts in the museum they view during field trips. Lorain City Schools adopted the book into the third grade curriculum, and in its first year of use over 500 students visited the historical society's new building.

- **Greenville Treaty Line Marker and Sycamore Tree Dedication, Shelby County Historical Society and Fort Loramie Historical Society, Sidney/Fort Loramie.** Two area historical societies and area schools created a partnership to highlight a significant event in their community that shaped Ohio and American history – the signing of the Greenville Treaty. The group located the beginning point of the Greenville Treaty Line and placed a marker at this point. They also planted a sycamore tree there to commemorate the original tree that was the original marker of the starting point of the treaty line. The tree's dedication included speakers who discussed the Greenville Treaty from a variety of vantage points.
- **Time Travelers History Explorer Program, Warren County Historical Society, Lebanon.** This weekly summer program took children back in time to explore a different history theme. Students toured the museum, discovered artifacts, and participated in hands-on activities, games, and crafts. They created their own personalized tavern signs, cardboard Shaker boxes, simulated their own archaeological dig, and played 19th century games. The program has helped the historical society increase attendance and memberships, while providing local children with a unique summer break experience.

Individual Achievement Awards

- **Carole Wise and Nora Basinger, Putnam County Historical Society, Kalida.** These two are the "dynamic duo" of the Putnam County Historical Society. Carole has served as the museum's curator since 1989. She has pioneered many museum programs, such as "Hats Off to History" and a mini museum in a trunk that she takes to nursing homes for those unable to visit the museum. Her educational background has assisted with developing tours for schools and scouts, as well as in

creating curriculum guides for teachers. In addition, she has coordinated an oral history program that now numbers over 500 interviews, and she writes a regular feature for the society's newsletter. Nora has been the registrar since 1991. She is the resident artist and idea person, who excels at making contacts for the museum and remembering every detail about every artifact.

- **Kenneth Conklin, Upton Association, Warren.** Kenneth was one of the original board members of the Upton Association who fought vigorously to preserve the home of suffragette and women's rights advocate Harriet Taylor Upton. He was instrumental in taking the home from a cluster of rental units slated for demolition to a successfully restored house. Kenneth was also instrumental in getting former First Lady Barbara Bush to visit Warren to see the house after its restoration was complete. As Vice President of the Upton Association, he spearheaded the efforts to bring the ashes and cemetery marker of Harriet Taylor Upton back home to Warren from California.
- **Kenneth M. Libben, Mohican Historical Society & Cleo Redd Fisher Museum, Loudonville.** Kenneth has a number of accomplishments that demonstrate his leadership of and dedication to his community. Through his leadership, he has transformed the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum into a community treasure, and he has gone far beyond the museum's walls to spark community history projects that create an awareness and appreciation of local history. Kenneth has restored a circa 1840s cabin, co-chaired a bicentennial celebration, and published the book *Images of America – Loudonville*.
- **Pollie Young Miller, Waterville Historical Society, Waterville.** Pollie served her community for over 30 years as an elementary school teacher, as a city councilwoman, and for the past 19 years as a member of the Waterville Historical Society. She has found a way to forge solid relationships between students, the city and community, and history. Her outstanding efforts in educating children have included developing historical walking tours, architectural scavenger hunts, and a suitcase museum. Through a multitude of creative government activities, she has been able to weave history with current events into the classroom.

2015 Ohio Historical Marker Grant Recipients

The Ohio Historical Marker program has been busy since reports last appeared in *The Local Historian* in January of this year. As of the program's new, once-a-year deadline, July 1, it has received 42 new applications! Thirteen were for self-funded markers and 28 applications were for grants. Of those 28, 15 markers received grants. Ten markers were awarded grants of \$750 from the Ohio Historical Markers grant program, and five markers received grants of \$2,440 from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

Ohio Historical Marker grants:

- **53rd O.V.I. - Camp Diamond, Jackson (Jackson County)**. Will tell of a Civil War unit from and military camp life in Jackson County during the Civil War.
- **Colonel Charles Young, African American Military Pioneer, Ripley (Brown County)**. Will describe Young's accomplishments in the town of his youth. He left to attend West Point, eventually becoming the highest ranking African-American officer in army before World War I.
- **Cowan Pottery, Rocky River (Cuyahoga County)**. Will chronicle the history of this famous art pottery maker after it moved to Rocky River from Lakewood in the late 1910s (Cowan's Lakewood years are described on marker #53-18, dedicated in May 2015)
- **Ernie Hall-Aviation Pioneer, Warren (Trumbull County)**. Trained by the Wright Brothers, Ernie Hall went on to instruct generations of pilots through the 1960s.
- **General Quincy Adams Gillmore, Elyria (Lorain County)**. Important Civil War-era artillery commander and military engineer for the United States Army.
- **"Grandma" Emma Rowena Gatewood, Cheshire, (Gallia County)**. Also the subject of History Fund grant in 2012-13, "Grandma" Gatewood, a senior citizen, inspired hikers with her treks of the Appalachian Trail.
- **Josephine & Hermene Schwarz, Dayton (Montgomery County)**. Teachers of dance in the Miami Valley, the sisters founded the Dayton Ballet in 1937.



Maggie Marconi, past president of the Alliance, and Andy Verhoff at the dedication of the Sandusky Library – Erie County Jail Ohio Historical Marker, October 6, 2015. Marker funded by a William G. Pomeroy Foundation grant in 2014 and the Sandusky Library. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

- **Little Red Schoolhouse-Poland Township, Poland (Mahoning County)**. Will share two histories, one of schoolhouse and community life in the 19th century Poland Township and the other of the creation of the township out of the Connecticut Western Reserve
 - **Salt Springs, Mineral Ridge (Trumbull County)**. Will describe the importance of salt to life on the Ohio frontier and where people obtained this necessary resource from one location in Connecticut Western Reserve.
 - **Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Supreme Court Case, Euclid (Cuyahoga County)**. U.S. Supreme Court case that ruled communities could enforce their zoning restrictions.
- William G. Pomeroy Foundation grants:**
- **Holy Angels Catholic Church, Sandusky (Erie County)**. Will chronicle the history of a congregation and its church in 19th century Sandusky. (This is the second Pomeroy marker in Sandusky. The first was for the Sandusky Library-Erie County Jail, which was dedicated in October 2015).

- **Early Education in Bellevue, Bellevue, (Huron County)**. Will describe the edifices where teachers educated generations of Bellevue students. (This is the second Pomeroy marker for Bellevue. The first was for the Tremont House, which will be dedicated in the spring of 2016).
- **Island House, Kelleys Island, (Erie County)**. Will share the history of the house and its time as a hotel throughout the 19th century. (This is the second Pomeroy marker on Kelleys Island. The first was for the German Reform Church-Parsonage, which was dedicated in August 2015).
- **John Baptiste Flemmond, Huron (Erie County)**. A late 18th and early 19th French Canadian trader, interpreter, guide, and interlocutor between Indian and white culture in northern Ohio.
- **New London Corporate Limit Marker (Huron County)**. Will proclaim the community as the one-time "Ferret Capital of the World."

William G. Pomeroy Foundation Grants are available to non-profit organizations or government entities in Erie, Huron, and Seneca Counties. Ohio Historical Marker Grants are available to non-profits and public entities across Ohio. You can find more information about both types of grants at <https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/local-history-office/historical-markers>.

You don't need to apply for or receive a marker grant to get a marker! You do need, however, to complete an Ohio Historical Marker application at www.remarkableohio.org. Look under "Propose a Marker."

Remember, the next deadline for marker applications and for all marker grants is July 1, 2016.

Questions? Contact our new marker coordinator Becki Trivison at (614) 297-2527 or btrivison@ohiohistory.org. ■

Professional Development



Attend your regional meeting for a great chance to reconnect with and learn from other local historians in your area. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

Save the Date for your 2016 Alliance Regional Meeting!

The Ohio Local History Alliance's regional meetings are a wonderful opportunity to be inspired and to learn from other local historians in your region of the state. This year's theme is *Connecting Communities*, and planning is now underway for the spring 2016 meetings. The information and registration brochure with complete information for each meeting will be mailed in mid-January 2016. Until then, get the date for your regional meeting on your calendar now!

- **Region 1:** April 9, hosted by the Museum of Postal History, Delphos
- **Region 2:** April 16, hosted by Oak Hill Cottage/Richland County Historical Society, Mansfield
- **Region 3:** April 9, hosted by the Westlake Historical Society, Westlake
- **Region 4:** April 16, hosted by Youngstown State University, Youngstown
- **Region 5:** March 12, hosted by the Newcomerstown Historical Society, Newcomerstown
- **Region 6:** March 19, hosted by Dawes Arboretum, Newark
- **Region 7:** March 12, hosted by the Brethren Heritage Center, Brookville
- **Region 8:** March 19, hosted by the Cincinnati Observatory, Cincinnati
- **Region 9:** April 2, host TBD
- **Region 10:** April 2, hosted by the Belpre Historical Society, Belpre



The Detroit skyline. Photo courtesy of the AASLH.

AASLH Now Accepting Session Proposals for 2016 Annual Meeting

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) will present its 2016 annual meeting in Detroit, MI from September 14-17, in partnership with the Michigan Museums Association, and is seeking session proposals that:

- Explore challenges faced by history professionals, including but not limited to: shifts in national and local demographics, economic downturn, financial pressures, and distracted audiences.
- Illustrate attempts – both successful and less than successful – to react to those contextual changes
- Illustrate attempts – both successful and less than successful – to proactively address pending contextual changes
- Demonstrate the value of understanding the past (societal, institutional, programmatic) in choosing a course for the future
- Consider the use and value of public history in modern national discourse
- Document innovative models, approaches, and partnerships
- Assess honestly and critically the failure of outdated models; suggests new approaches to common problems; and/or affirms the effectiveness of traditional tactics.

Proposals are due December 7, 2015. Find more information at <http://about.aaslh.org/am-call-for-proposals/>



Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

Submit Your Session Proposal for the 2016 Annual Meeting Now!

Do you have a great idea you'd like to share with the local history community? The Alliance is now accepting session proposals for the 2016 Annual Meeting. Next year's theme is *Connecting Communities*. From roundtable discussions to workshops, 2016 sessions will explore questions of community engagement and connections. Submissions are due January 18, 2016. Find more information at <http://www.ohiolha.org/alliance-annual-meeting/>.

People in the News

Congratulations to **Emily Gerken**, the recipient of the Alliance's J.D. Britton Scholarship to the Annual Meeting. The Britton Scholarship pays all Annual Meeting costs for an emerging museum professional, paid or volunteer, who has worked for two years or less in an museum setting.

Becki Trivison has joined Local History Services as a **Program Coordinator** overseeing the World War I Commemoration and as the coordinating the Historical Markers program. She has always been interested in the stories and culture that have surrounded historic places and since she never seemed to display a knack for numbers, science, or business, history seemed like the most logical field to pursue. She has a B.A. in History from Notre Dame College and an M.A. in History (with a focus on 20th century American History) from Kent State University. Becki loves traveling around Ohio as part of her job and always enjoys a good roadside attraction. She will never pass up an opportunity to stop and see anything that claims to be "the world's biggest."

Sohayla Pagano has joined Local History Services as the **Education Outreach Coordinator**, overseeing the strategic development and day-to-day operations of the History To Go and Museum in a Box programs. Additionally, she works to support K-12 educators in teaching standards-based Social Studies content and skills in engaging and innovative ways. Prior to her time at the Ohio History Connection, Sohayla served as an Assistant in Education and Tours at the Urban Arts Space, a Program Associate at the Columbus Museum of Art, and a Student Docent at the Wexner Center for the Arts. Sohayla holds bachelor's degrees in Art History and Architecture from Penn State University and a Master's degree in Art Education with a specialization in Museum Education and Administration from The Ohio State University.

Shoshanna Gross, the **Ohio History Day Coordinator**, has also joined Local History Services. A Massachusetts native, Shoshanna has a background in contemporary dance performance, arts administration and programming. In 2008, she earned an MFA in Performing Arts Management from Brooklyn College. Since moving to Ohio in 2013, Shoshanna has worked as the Operations Director for Ohio Citizens for the Arts and as a consultant for several culinary arts businesses. She joined the staff of Ohio History Connection in July and is looking forward to building History Day partnerships between schools and local history organizations.

Dr. Betsy Hedler is the new **Partnership and Youth Ohio History Day Coordinator** in Local History Services. She has worked at the Ohio History Connection since 2004. Most recently, she served as the program manager for the *Ohio As America* online fourth grade textbook. She has also written and received three National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History and Culture grants. Dr. Hedler has worked closely with historians and educational professionals throughout the state of Ohio, not least in her positions as the Ohio History Connection liaison to the Ohio Academy of History and the Ohio Council for the Social Studies. She holds a Ph.D. in Canadian-American History from the University of Maine.

Call for Photos



Here's one of our favorite History Fund photographs: last year's recipients at the Statehood Day celebration. Photo courtesy of the Ohio History Connection.

Submit Your Winning Photographs!

Did you attend the "Taking Winning Photographs!" session at the Annual Meeting? Do you want to practice your photography skills and show off your site, collections, exhibits, or programs? *The Local Historian* is starting a feature to allow you to do just that. Each issue we'll announce a Call for Photographs around a topic or theme and ask you to submit your best pictures. Your photographs will then be featured in the next issue.

For the January/February issue send in your best photographs featuring the History Fund. This can be anything from your favorite picture of yourself with some cool History Fund SWAG (those buttons, posters, and handouts featuring the Wright Brothers, Annie Oakley, and U.S. Grant) to showing off a project the History Fund helped fund in any stage of completion. Submit your photographs and a brief caption to Amy Rohmiller, *The Local Historian's* editor, at arohmiller@ohiohistory.org by December 23.

We're looking forward to seeing all the great local history that's out there in Ohio!

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Museum Junction

<http://community.aam-us.org/home>

The American Alliance of Museums' Museum Junction is the online community for the museum field. It allows you to connect with museum professionals throughout the United States and around the world, engage with others with similar jobs or interests, learn from your peers, get feedback and answers via our Open Forum, share your expertise offer your knowledge and experiences to help others resolve challenges.

Join the Ohio Local History Alliance...

... or connect a sister organization to the Alliance and ask its leaders to join in one of the following categories:

Organizational Member

Get six issues of *The Local Historian*, save when you register for our Alliance regional and statewide local history meetings, receive periodic email updates, and save on Ohio Historical Society services for organization, including speakers and customized training workshops. **Best of all, when you join the Alliance as an Organizational Member, your membership benefits all of your organization's staff and members**—they will all qualify for discounts on registration for the Alliance's regional and statewide meetings and when buying Alliance publications.

Operating budget:

Over \$200,000 a year:
\$100 (\$190 for 2)
\$100,000-\$200,000 a year:
\$75 (\$140 for 2)
\$25,000-\$100,000 a year:
\$60 (\$110 for 2)
Under \$25,000 a year:
\$35 (\$65 for 2)

Individual Member

Get six issues of *The Local Historian*, save when you register for our Alliance regional and statewide local history meetings, receive periodic email updates.

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Student: \$20 a year

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\$100 a year (\$190 for 2)

Join at <http://www.ohiohistorystore.com/Ohio-LHA-formerly-OAHSM-C120.aspx>

CALENDAR 2015-2016

December 7

AASLH sessions proposals due. For more information see page 8.

January 18

Ohio Local History Alliance Annual Meeting session proposals due. For more information, see page 8.

March 1

Statehood Day. For more information, see page 3.

March 12

Region 5 and Region 7 meetings. For more information, see page 8.

March 19

Region 6 and Region 8 meetings. For more information, see page 8.

April 2

Region 9 and Region 10 meetings. For more information, see page 8.

April 9

Region 1 and Region 3 meetings. For more information, see page 8.

April 16

Region 2 and Region 4 meetings. For more information, see page 8.

Calendar items are chosen on the basis of available space and applicability to the largest number of our readers, who are mainly volunteer and professional leaders of local historical societies, history museums, archives, libraries, historic preservation groups, and genealogical societies in Ohio. We cannot include events mainly of local interest; for these we suggest local newspapers, broadcast media, Ohio Magazine, 1-800-BUCKEYE, and, if arts related, www.ArtsinOhio.com.

News from the Regions

Region 1

Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood Counties

The **Putnam County Historical Society** is recovering from a flood it suffered this summer. Close to three feet of water entered the society's basement in June, where many of the museum's artifacts, books, and accession information were stored. Thanks to many dedicated volunteers, most of the artifacts were saved, although books and accession information were lost. Volunteers are now diligently working to recreate the accession information and replace exhibits. For more information, visit <http://userpages.bright.net/~pchs/>.

Region 2

Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties

Region 3

Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and Summit Counties

The **Lorain County Historical Society** has received two grants from two local corporation foundations. The **Nordson Foundation Corporation** granted money for the society's educational outreach program, letting the school programs and annual youth history camp continue. The **Bendix Corporation** granted money and the assistance of an employee so the society can purchase archival materials to properly store its collection. To learn more, to <http://www.lchs.org/>.

Region 4

Ashtabula, Geauga, Mahoning, Portage, and Trumbull Counties

Region 5

Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne Counties

The **Salem Historical Society** has published a new cookbook to commemorate one of Salem's historical firsts: the first place to manufacture canned pumpkin. Over the years members were asked to contribute their favorite pumpkin recipes and in 2015 the time was right to publish. The *J.B. McNab All Pumpkin Cookbook*, featuring over 80 pumpkin recipes, made its debut at this year's Quaker Days in October. To learn more, visit <http://www.salemhistoricalsociety.org/>.

The **North Canton Heritage Society** has received two grants to help with preserving its collections. The **Ada and Helen Rank Charitable Trust** granted the society almost \$4,500 to purchase materials to mitigate the ultra-violet light transmitted through windows and fluorescent light bulbs in the building, as well as for other archival storage materials. In addition, the **Gladys Kreible Delmas Foundation** granted funds to conserve two rare pamphlets in the society's collection, documenting efforts to change the village's name from New Berlin to North Canton during World War I. For more information, go to <http://northcanton-heritage.org/>.

Region 6

Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Perry, Pickaway, and Union Counties

The **Robbins Hunter Museum** has raised over \$150,000 for The Jill Griesse Memorial Garden capital campaign. With \$150,000 dedicated to construction and \$150,000 to endow the garden to remain beautiful over time, the project will honor Jill Griesse, former board member who recently lost her battle with cancer. Period gardens will surround the stately Robbins Hunter house in Granville, and a pavilion will be constructed for museum visitors and the whole community to enjoy for generations to come. To learn more, visit <http://www.robbinshunter.org/#about-rhm>.

Region 7

Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby Counties

The **Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler** participated in the dedication of the **Vandalia Art Park** over the summer. The new Art Park includes a changeable art exhibit from the society called "A Walk Through Time." The exhibit features 12 historic photographs of early Vandalia and was sponsored by the **Vandalia Cultural Arts Program**. For more information, visit <http://www.shelbycountyhistory.org>.

Region 8

Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties

The **Greater Loveland Historical Society Museum** has finished its video project "History in Your Backyard." Staolli Glassmeyer of Sunman, Indiana completed the videos and uploaded them to www.historyinyourbackyard.com and YouTube. The videos profile thirteen local businesses that are located in historic buildings in Loveland. Find more at <http://www.lovelandmuseum.org/>.

Region 9

Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton Counties

A new Arcadia book features images from the **Vinton County Historical and Genealogical Society**. *Images of America: Vinton County* by Deanna Tribe presents a snapshot of the county's history, heritage, and culture. Additional images are from photographs shared by residents. The book is available at area bookstores or online. For more information, visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohvinton/ogschapt.htm>.

Region 10

Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, and Washington Counties

In 100 words or less, do you have outstanding news to share about your organization? Please email it to your regional representative for the next issue of *The Local Historian*. Contact information for the representatives in your region is on page 2 of this issue. Of course, you are welcome to forward your news directly to the editor of *The Local Historian* at arohmiller@ohiohistory.org. Rather than serving as a calendar of events, items for "News from the Regions" are chosen to inspire, connect, and educate the Alliance's members all over Ohio and celebrate notable and imitation-worthy accomplishments of Alliance members.

MEMBERSHIP

List as of October 21, 2015

Welcome New Member

Individual

Russ Arledge, Columbus
Frank Carvino, Dublin
Karen Dinsmore, Maineville
Samantha Green, Findlay
Erin Haar, Hilliard
Jeffrey Knowles, Columbus
Joel Kohler, Mason
Nancy Newton, Canfield
Rory Rennick, Columbus
Anne Delano Steinert, Cincinnati

Organizations

Barberton Public Library, Barberton
Canal Fulton Heritage Society Inc.,
Canal Fulton
Friends of James A. Garfield National
Historic Site, Mentor
Maumee Valley Historical Society Landmarks
Committee, Maumee
Peninsula Foundation, Peninsula

Thank You Renewing Members

Individual

Sarah Aisenbrey, Kettering
Steven D. Lucht, Kettering
Ronald I. Marvin, Kenton
Pat Murphy, Pataskala

Organizations

Athens County Historical Society & Museum,
Athens
Blanchester Area Historical Society,
Blanchester
Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum, Bradford
Clyde Heritage League, Clyde
Dublin Historical Society, Dublin
Fairview Park Historical Society, Cleveland
Four Corners Historical Cooperative, Inc.,
Grelton
Hilltop Historical Society, Columbus
Historic Perrysburg Inc., Perrysburg
Kelton House Museum and Garden, Columbus
Kinsman Historical Society, Kinsman
Lakewood Historical Society, Lakewood
Mahoning Valley Historical Society,
Youngstown
Marion County Historical Society, Marion
Marlboro Township Historical Society, Hartville
Mason Historical Society, Mason
Massillon Heritage Foundation Inc, Massillon
Miamisburg Historical Society, Miamisburg
Montgomery Historical Society, Montgomery
Museum of Postal History, Delphos
North Canton Heritage Society, North Canton
Ohio Northern University, Ada
Pike Township Historical Society, East Sparta
Plymouth Area Historical Society, Plymouth
Putnam County Historical Society, Kalida
Richland County Museum Association,
Lexington

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Inc, Akron
Strongsville Historical Society, Strongsville
Sylvania Historical Village, Sylvania
Toledo Firefighters' Museum, Toledo
Walhonding Valley Historical Society, Warsaw
Washington County Historical Society,
Marietta
Western Reserve Fire Museum, Cleveland
U.S. Grant Homestead Association,
Georgetown
Upper Arlington Historical Society, Columbus
Van Wert County Historical Society, Van Wert
Village of Stockport, Stockport
Washington Township Historical Society of
Stark County, Alliance
Watt Center for History & the Arts, Barnesville
Westerville Historical Society, Westerville
Woodville Historical Society, Woodville
Wyandot County Historical Society,
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