

You'll find inventions, enhancements, and business ventures throughout the museum.



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Check it Out: Cookstoves

Before air fryers and microwaves filled Ohio kitchens, another innovation transformed how families prepared food at home.

Humans had cooked over open fires for hundreds of thousands of years, but during the 1800s, manufacturers introduced the American public to cast-iron cookstoves. By containing and controlling the flame, these stoves made cooking more efficient, and much safer.

This stove was made by R. P. Myers in Cleveland around 1860. Doors on the front enclose the firebox, where chopped wood was loaded to fuel the fire. The stovetop features four burners, or "stove eyes," while the oven is at the back. You can view this item and several other Ohio-made cookstoves in Gallery 1.



Check it Out: The Ohio Art Company



In 1908, Henry Winzeler made a bold choice and left his dental practice behind. He saw a business opportunity in creating decorative picture frames, calling his venture the Ohio Art Company.

During World War I, the decline in imports from Germany opened the door for Winzeler to expand his offerings to American consumers. Ohio Art branched out to sell tea sets, globes, sand pails, and other toys.

That innovative spirit continued throughout the 20th century. In the 1930s, Ohio Art became one of the first companies to license Walt Disney characters, and in 1960, it introduced the iconic Etch A Sketch.

Check out the cabinet of Ohio Art Company wares on display in Gallery 3. And if you feel like trying out an Etch A Sketch, you'll find some in our *Hide and Seek* exhibit up on the 3rd floor!



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- National Road & Zane Grey Museum
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