



From the ATHS Archives: Curb service was an invention way before Covid 19. "Linder's Diner" Circa 1940's made from an old traction car
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President's Message

11/18/2021 – Nancy Kreuger

Greetings to All Members,

Little did I know that when I became your president on August 6th, I would need roller skates to keep up with all the Society's activities and everyone's ideas for the coming year. My first challenge was to begin to meet many of you especially since our time together has been so limited by the Covid Pandemic. But we are venturing out more, having just had our third Members Meeting on November 10th. Each meeting our attendance numbers have increased.

One of the first items that the Board tackled was to change the organization branding logo. This was determined to be an important change **to emphasize to members and the community that we are one organization.** It now includes both the Historical Society logo as well as the Anderson Urban Farm logo!

The November program was a most informative presentation by **Dr. Robert Cook, a PhD Anthropologist who is leading the archaeological excavation at the Anderson Township Reserve, named the Turpin Reserve** on State Route 32 near Clough Pike. His presentation shared highlights of activities for six weeks last summer. At the end of the dig in August, the Historical Society hosted a celebration of their work and the Society's future relationship with his team. In one week's time we planned and provided a party at the Urban Farm for fifty people. The food, especially the delicious fresh corn on the cob and Blue Grass music by Bart Motz's Band were appreciated by all. This was my initiation activity!

In September the pace continued. We held a very successful plant sale at Daryl Meyerrenke's Family Pet Center on Clough Pike. Mums, pumpkins and gourds were purchased in Bainbridge, Ohio from Amish and wholesale growers. They were beautiful!

The Township invited the Society to participate in Homearama for two days. We designed a wonderful table display that represented the Log House as well as the Urban Farm. Sweet Annie was even included. The Township also asked us to participate in another activity, "Ride to Thrive" early in October. The bike ride began at the Clear Creek Greenspace, proceeded along the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail

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to the Turpin Reserve where Dr. Cook shared information about the dig.

At the end of September we had a **"Get To Know You" party at the Log House for new members**. Home made cookies and lemonade were served, the Society's go to summer menu.

While plans for the Harvest Fair continued, initial work began on the upper barn renovation with Don Perry leading the effort. A fund drive committee was formed and the Society is now in the process of raising \$50,000 to cover the costs. Doug Dierking created a video of the Urban Farm, highlighting the history of Anderson Township, The Historical Society and Urban Farm and efforts to renovate the barn. The video will be used to recruit potential donors. The video is available on our website <https://andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org>

For those of you who haven't had an opportunity to visit the Urban Farm lately, I would suggest taking advantage of one of our last nice days of Autumn to see the impressive progress that has been made on the renovation of the barn. Also notice the community gardens and the house gardens. Farmers with an abundance of extra vegetables initiated a "Victory Garden" program to distribute the bounty to members of the Society who were house bound. Ann and Bob King distributed the produce along with a kind word to members'.

The Third Annual Harvest Fair on October 16th was again a very successful event with good food, approximately twenty vendors, two bands, farming demonstrations, alpacas, baby goats and lots of good weather! Dr Robert Kroeger created a painting of the barn on site, that was then raffled. The Anderson Trustees proclaimed October 16th 2021, Miller-Leuser Log House Day. Trustee Dee Stone presented a commemoration plaque to the Society at the Harvest Fair. I believe that this event has become one that the area residents look forward to at the end of summer. It is an exciting and very festive day.

Just last Sunday, November 7th, our Log House docents hosted the traditional 'Dinner for Eight' at the Log House to a group of very appreciative friends who were fortunate enough to win the raffle. This is always a popular event that takes diners back to the early days for a few festive educational and tasty hours.

I'm confident that as you read through this letter you will recognize various themes of interest and activity, some vintage and some new. You can be proud of what has been accomplished since 1968 and have confidence that the organization will thrive into the future. I am always available to listen to ideas and or concerns. Email: nrunner@fuse.net Cell: **513-478-7480**

In closing, I offer a quote from Margaret Mead that I think is apropos to our organization,

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. It's the only thing that ever has."

Nancy Kreuger
President

Barn Fundraiser/Capital Campaign

By Don Perry



The restoration of the Upper Barn is proceeding well from both a fund-raising and construction standpoint.

The fund-raising effort was announced in August and has so far been successful. The August kick-off was a soft start, aimed at raising funds from members and interested individuals. The fund-raising video was introduced at the Harvest Fair and is already producing results. The formal contacting of potential contributors will start in November. So far, we have collected nearly **40% of our goal of \$50,000**.

Which equates to \$21,000 so far from 27 different donors for the Barn Restoration fund!

The construction is progressing nicely. The structural repairs, window replacement, and water collection improvements are complete. The main doors and electrical changes should be completed by the end of November. Thus far we have spent or committed over \$10,000 for the project. The three remaining main tasks are the most difficult and expensive. The siding must be repaired in preparation for painting. Painting will be professionally done and must include lead remediation and extensive surface preparation. This will be scheduled for as early next year as weather permits. Finally, the roof will be replaced as soon as it can be scheduled. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want more information or wish to help physically or financially.

Would you like to make a donation to help us reach our goal? Go to the donation page at...

<https://andersonurbanfarm.com/barnrenovation/>

2021 Harvest Fair is a Big Success!

The Third Annual Harvest Fair has come and gone and was a big success!

Live music from Jam Night Revival and the Clough Valley Boys, good food from Mashed Roots and Lucy Blue Pizza and the most beautiful fall weather we could have asked for.

And it helped raise **\$1,295.48 for the Barn Fund** and all told the event made **\$7,374.35 !**

And to top it all off for our fall fundraising efforts we made an additional **\$1,880.36 net profit** from the mum & pumpkin sale in September.

Images Clockwise...

Daryl Meyerrenke takes **Dave Quilligan** for a ride in our shuttle.



Bart Motz showing Kids how to remove the kernels of corn from a corn shelling machine. The kids also took apples and made fresh apple cider using an apple press.

This turned out to be the most popular booth with all the kids!



Steven Feller had an incredible display to show how Bourbon is made and how it relates to the history of the area.

Doug Dierking is seen learning all he can about the fine art of distilling.



ATHS and the Urban Farm at Homearama and Ride and Thrive Event

The Anderson Township Historical Society and Urban Farm took part in this year's Homearama and the Anderson Township's first "Ride and Thrive" event.

The 58th Homearama in Cincinnati featured new homes in the Parkside Estates at Coldstream. Homearama has been an anticipated local event for almost 60 years now and features the latest in home and building trends. This year Anderson Township was the featured community and during the Parks and Recreations Day Anderson Township Historical Society and Urban Farm sent our dedicated volunteers to greet visitors and participants and help spread the word about our 11 acres of history and agricultural education spaces.

The team then proceeded to the next event in the community on the Anderson bike trail for the township's first "Ride and Thrive" event.

The Ride and Thrive event is sponsored by **Anderson's WeTHRIVE! Committee**. The event promotes bike safety, teaches children about hand signals and trail etiquette, and also features historical sites along the Little Miami River.

ATHS and the Urban Farm will be looking to engage the public in other community events in 2022 as well!



In Memoriam...



Beverly K. Robinson (nee Keys) beloved wife of the late Albert S. Robinson. Loving mother of David D. (Peggy) Robinson and the late Brian R. Robinson. Devoted grandmother of Karen L. (Bruce) Ehas, Scott B. (Dana) Robinson and the late Ann E. Robinson.

Caring great grandmother of Samuel A. Ehas, Callie A. Robinson and Colton B. Robinson. Preceded in death by her parents George C. Keys and Lenore L. (nee Bruder) Keys and brother Colin D. Keys. Formerly of Anderson Township. Age 95.

Memorial Contributions may be given to Hospice of Cincinnati, 4310 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242, Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, 6474 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230 or Anderson Township Historical Society, 6550 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

An easy way to give back to ATHS

By Robert King

Did you know that you can support **ATHS/AUF just by doing your normal shopping?**

Everytime you shop at Kroger or Amazon a percentage of your total spent could benefit ATHS/AUF. Kroger Community Rewards and AmazonSmile are programs that “reward” your chosen 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a percentage of your purchases when you **use the Kroger Plus Card or shop at Smile.Amazon.com**

For more information about Kroger Community Rewards, go to **Kroger.com** and **click on COMMUNITY** at the top of the page, then scroll down to COMMUNITY REWARDS. If you want to add Anderson Township Historical Society as your organization to support, simply sign in or create an account with your Kroger Plus Card. Then every time you shop, be sure to swipe your Kroger Plus Card or enter in your phone number attached to your card and ATHS/AUF will benefit from your purchase.

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Visit smile.amazon.com and select a charitable organization (Anderson Township Historical Society) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

We hope you will consider supporting ATHS/AUF through one or both of these easy rewards programs.

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

By Louis Trent

Due to the expense and lack of tables and chairs, many frontier saloons used upturned barrels for both tables and chairs.

Bartenders required their customers to pay prior to receiving their order.

Past experience had shown them that this was the only way to insure payment. After a patron ordered a drink, the barkeeper often told him to put his coins on the barrelhead. **“Cash on the barrelhead!”**

No cash, no service.

Today when someone pays before receiving the service, he or she is often said to have put their cash on the barrelhead.

The Bogosian Map

By Nick Gressle

In 1960 a young Don Bogosian, former resident of Mt Washington took his passion for hiking through the woods along the Little Miami and turned it into a collection of information that has inspired a book and the creation of a one of a kind hand drawn map of Anderson Township's historic and prehistoric sites.

Don Bogosian started collecting information through his hikes as a young boy throughout the township mostly in the woods along the Little Miami and Ohio Rivers. He would hear stories about a historic site that someone had seen and he would hike or ride a bike and in some cases take a canoe to a location and take notes on what he observed.

Everything from old building foundations, remnants of forgotten railroads, and trails, and in some cases early Native American ceremonial and village sites.

Mr. Bogosian credits research from many previous texts on the area's archaeological research for helping him develop his map.

The most notable of these books and papers were by Dr. Charles Metz in an 1878 paper, "**The Prehistoric Monuments of the Little Miami Valley**" for the Cincinnati Natural History Museum. The "**1914 Archaeological Atlas of Ohio**" by William C. Mills. And S.F. Star, "**The Archaeology of Hamilton County Ohio**" 1957-58.

In 1967 Don had been attending the Mt. Washington Centennial celebrations and it was during these celebrations that a group of Mt. Washington residents led by Marjorie Frame, Stephen Smalley and others began the formation of the Anderson Township Historical Society (ATHS). Don soon joined the newly formed society so he could share his love for history and also share the information he had been collecting on his travels through the township.



It was during this time that Mr. Bogosian overheard a comment from someone in the community that "There are no significant archaeological sites in Anderson Township." Don Bogosian knew otherwise and went to his new friends in the society and met with members of the Little Miami Preservation Society and shared his handwritten notes and map sketches.

The members of both ATHS and the Little Miami Preservation Society encouraged Don to formally make his map and also consolidate the information into a booklet entitled "**Some Historic Sites on the Lower Little Miami River**".

That booklet was first sold in 1970 at one of the Anderson Township Historical Society's early Country Store events.

And was expanded in 1990 for a second edition.

This book can still be purchased through the Anderson Township Historical Society.

During a recent examination of some of the society archives the map was rediscovered. And with the recent archaeological

exploration along the Little Miami Bike Trail at the Turpin site a renewed interest in this 54 year old map became a priority for ATHS.

The copy of the map that the society had was fading due to the nature of the copy technology used in the early 1970's. **ATHS Vice President Charlie Wallace** then contacted Mr. Bogosian who is now a retired teacher from Hamilton County Disability Services and had him bring the original map to the Anderson Township History Room for a discussion about the map's history with **President Nancy Kreuger** and Nick Gressle.

Arrangements were made to have the original map which is in good condition scanned at high resolution so ATHS could preserve the information and also print a full size copy of the map to display at the history room in the future.

For more information and images from Don Bogosian's book and information on upcoming events at the Anderson Township Historical Society please visit <http://www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org>

What Does It Take...To Serve Dinner for 8 in the Log House?

By Lyn Scheper



First you start selling tickets at the first May Log House Open House. This year tickets were \$5 a chance for this “priceless” homecooked old fashioned dinner. After a long hot summer, we had between **\$300-400 in ticket sales.**

The Harvest Fair was our final push.

After the Fair, Lyn and granddaughter Silvie went home to count raffle tickets. Once counted, returned to the glass jar and shaken vigorously, Silvie slipped her arm in, stirred the tickets one more time, reached deep and pulled out the winning ticket.

The winner was Geri Fisher from Western Hills. She was overwhelmed and claimed she was “never lucky”. When asked, Geri bought her “chance” from **Sonya Shively.** [This is the second time Sonya has sold a winning ticket. She sells 10-20 tickets each year at other groups she belongs to.]

Now for the main event! After Geri selected Sunday, November 7th

from the three nights offered, **Diane Schneider** organized who would cook what and recruited servers and a fire tender. Yes, we build a fire in the fireplace to keep all our guests cozy and warm (plus a little heater in the far right corner).

Who Did What Beforehand: Diane & Greg Schneider set up two tables to make a 6-foot square. **Nancy Krueger & Lyn Scheper** met Diane on Saturday and set the scene with tablecloths, cloth napkins, placemats and fall decorations around the main room. Dishes, bowls, glassware, flatware, etc. were carried from the Brick House and the table was set.

The Main Event Sunday: By 4 o'clock, **Charlie Wallace** started the fire, then food and servers began to arrive.

Ann King gave a few early birds a tour of the outbuildings and when the last few arrived from Colerain at 5 o'clock, they pulled the latch string and walked in. This group of four couples was delighted by our log house, its history, the room decor and the food. One couple had visited our website to see what AHS was all about. The age, condition, stewardship of this Hamilton Co. treasure was greatly appreciated by everyone. And they loved the food!

As each course was served, dishes were removed to the Brick House and dish-washing commenced in the basement kitchen so clean items could be place back into the cabinets for next time. Between 7- 7:30 the guests headed home, and the workers sat down to eat their meal on Styrofoam plates.

After the “second seating”, the last of the dishes were cleaned and stowed, while table knockdown and car loading took place. Charlie remained until the fire burned down a bit more before shoveling the coals/ashes into a metal can and removing any chance of fire from the log house. Everyone else was home safe and sound around 9 p.m. or so.



Special Thanks to all who helped make this unique experience a great success:

Set Up (Diane & Greg S, Nancy K, Lyn S)
Decorations & Pumpkin Pie (Diane Schneider)
Cheeseball, Beef Stew & Vanilla Sauce (Lyn S)
Mashed Potatoes (Linda Jacobs)
Shaker Tomato Soup (Linda Magee)

Stewed apples & corn casserole (Ann King)
Skillet cornbread & butter (Bob King)
Apple Pies (Sharon Perry)
Fire & firewood (Charlie Wallace)
Safety lights & heaters (George Scheper)



Thought For The Week

A year from now you may wish you had started today.

After being closed for the entire season in 2020, the Miller Leuser Log House was open to visitors May through October.

By Diane Schneider

We welcomed guests on our scheduled open house Sundays, the township's garden tour, Harvest Fair, and a special open house for our urban farmers for a total of **301 visitors**.

Most guests noticed our beautiful corner cabinet, the rope beds, and the bathtub hanging on the wall.

Thanks to our tour guides who make the visit memorable:

Charlie Wallace, Don & Sharon Perry, Linda Jacobs, Lyn Scheper, Nancy Krueger, Bob King, Kathy Hoelscher, Nancy Meyer, Marilyn Stringfield, Kay Lawler, Linda Magee,



New ATHS Members!

WELCOME
ABOARD

Powers, Viola
Lausten, Lexi
Frank, Sarah

Stewart, Kristen
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Watson, Rosa C
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Browne, Suzette
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Earhart, Vicky
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Anderson Urban Farm Update

By Lexie Stevenson

As we head into November, the season is winding down for our Farmers. Most of the plots are put to bed for the winter, although there are still some hardy folks harvesting things like kale and brussels sprouts. People are really enjoying their experience, and all but four Farmers are returning next year! We hope to find someone to install more raised beds, as we continue to get requests for those.

The Harvest Fair was a great success. Although windy, the weather was beautiful. We had over twenty vendors, and the **“Country Store” was very popular, especially the baked goods!** Also very popular, particularly with kids, were the old-fashioned corn sheller and apple cider press. One of the highlights was seeing all the pictures of the barn created by the Mercer third graders, which were displayed on the sides of the tool shed. Thanks again to everyone who helped make it a great event!

Our chicken flock has settled into their permanent coop, and the **younger hens have started laying eggs, including lovely green ones.** Our chicken crew is working to make sure they are warm for the winter, which will be much easier once the electricity from the barn is up and running.

We plan to have more programs in the coming year. In addition to a visit from Raptor, Inc. last week, we hope to have a winter tree identification walk, some hands-on creative workshops, a living history day in collaboration with the lower property, various kinds of musical entertainment over the summer, and maybe even goat yoga!



We Had A Lot of Fun, and Got A Lot Done in 2021!



Summer brought us Garden Clubs that toured the ATHS Grounds and had great discussions with our Skilled Volunteers.



The first new barn door is hung on a new track. Former President Don Perry has designed and built the doors and our volunteers brought their strength to the moment!



The first frost of the fall of 2021 arrived on the ATHS and Urban Farm Property and painted the plants and garden markers with some beautiful results.



Trustee Dee Stone presenting a proclamation to Nancy Kreuger naming Oct. 16 "Miller-Leuser Log House Day".



The grounds of the Urban Farm would not be as wonderful as they are without the hard work of David Vogel. Here he is digging a trench for electrical conduit to the chicken coop



We ended the summer with a wonderful outdoor dinner party on the farm with the archaeological team that was in the area working on the Turpin Site.

Stay Tuned for ATHS December 1st Speaker Thanksgiving on the Ohio Frontier 1820 - By Carol Mundy



Living a mere 25 miles west of Cincinnati in 1820 was like living in another country. It was still wild and required quite a bit of perseverance on the part of the homesteader.

Celebrations were few and far between. In 1820 your harvest time feast looked very different than your Thanksgiving feast today. At this presentation we'll explore how the household of 1820 prepared to celebrate.

Lyn Scheper & Lucy Moore, Program Co-Chairs

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Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the Surveyor are always welcome.

E-mail them to nick@gressle.com or give me a call at 513-680-4771. – Nick Gressle, Editor

ATHS annual dues for the year May 2021 through April 2022 are due on May 1 2021.

Please send in your dues payment renewals. **THANK YOU.**

Please send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230

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