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Fourth Annual Harvest Fair

Saturday, October 29 from 12-6

Live music, food trucks, art and craft vendors, ATHS Country Store, and hands-on activities. Kids can wear their Halloween costumes and Trick or Treat around the Farm!



Marjorie Frame History Award:

Each year Anderson Township Historical Society gives the Marjorie Frame History Award to a graduating senior at each of the high schools in Anderson Township. This year each student was awarded \$250. The three recipients for this year are:

Dillon Cobb - Anderson High School
Gracie Cuntz - McNicholas High School
Claire Mengel - Turpin High School

Congratulations to these outstanding scholars.

Ice Cream Social

Open Houses at the Log House

The ice cream social on Sunday, July 17th was enjoyed by 58 people. The homemade ice cream was delicious.

We're already planning another one for next summer. Stop by the Log House on one of our next four Open House Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00. September 4th & 18th or October 2nd & 16th.

President's Message - Nancy Krueger

Greetings Members,

By the time you receive this edition of the Surveyor, I will have been your president for a year! And what a challenging year it has been. The articles presented make a significant statement of our many activities, challenges and accomplishments. The creativity and talent of so many members is apparent. Another apparent theme of the newsletter is our progress in bringing the Historical Society and Urban Farm more closely aligned, sharing the hard work of preparation and the satisfaction of good outcomes.

I am always looking for more of you to reach out and lend your talents to our activities. Questions and ideas are most welcome. Our Anderson/Mt. Washington Community has responded positively to our fundraisers, and especially our barn renovation. In our busy world we need to continue to offer events that pique imagination. Our diversity of events will keep us vital to the community.

We have four regular meetings per month:

First Wednesday, Membership Meeting, 7:30PM at the Anderson Township Community Center
Second Wednesday, Urban Farm Meeting, 7PM at the Urban Farm on Bartels Road
Third Wednesday, The Board Meeting, 7PM, TBD each month but usually at the Urban Farm
Third Thursday, The Community Garden Committee, 7PM at the Urban Farm

I hope to hear from you with suggestions and ideas. Reach out to friends and encourage them to join us. My contact information: Cell: 513-478-7480 or email: nrunner@fuse.net.

In closing I would like to give many thanks to our newest board member, Allan (Toby) Greer. Allan stepped up to the challenge of putting this Surveyor together and made it happen! Thanks from all, Allan.

Closing Food for Thought "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen" – Michael Jordan

Upper Barn Project

The Upper Barn Project is complete except for minor straightening up and celebration. The restoration took a little over a year to complete and is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished by members of the Anderson Township Historical Society and Urban Farm.

All our goals were accomplished. We raised nearly \$50,000 which paid for all the changes with just a little left over. Nine windows were opened or created to light the interior. This was done by replacement or repair. The electrical system was upgraded to provide light where the sun doesn't reach and provide convenient power. Four new doors were constructed and mounted with new door hardware. The roof was replaced, and the water collection system was upgraded. The exterior was repaired including replacement of the entire South wall. To complete the siding project, the exterior of the barn, including trim, was primed, and painted. Finally, a safe new performance stage was constructed for future events. Members and friends of ATHS contributed throughout the project.

A partial list of contribution activities includes construction, painting, repair, material handing, project management, and the all-important fund-raising. So many individuals lent a hand that we don't have room to name them all! Finally, we had outstanding contributions from area contractors who provided top-shelf services at great prices.

I hope you will find the time to stop up at the Urban Farm and see for yourself the wonderful results of this project.



Plant Sale and Other Events

The **24th annual Plant Sale** was held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Anderson Family Pet Center at 6666 Clough Pike. (This plant sale is always held on the Saturday before Mother's Day.) The annual plants were purchased from Raines Farms in Seaman, Ohio and from the Produce Auction in Bainbridge. The perennials and houseplants were donated by ATHS members as well as community members. The perennials were potted by many ATHS gardeners. The Thursday before the Sale, gardeners put all the plants in wagons that we use for the sale and pulled them to the Pet Center following each other. It was a cute gardener and plant wagon train.

Thank you to all the gardeners, plant donors, volunteers and Daryl Meyerrenke & his employees of the Anderson Family Pet Center for all their assistance to make this event a great

success for ATHS. I also want to thank everyone who supported our sale by purchasing plants! This year's profit was over \$5,200.

The Anderson Township Historical Society participated in the **Anderson Township Garden and History Tour** this year on Sunday, June 12, 2022. We were glad to share with the community our Log House and Urban Farm Properties. We had nice weather and many guests visiting our grounds and gardens. We served lemonade and homemade cookies. The gardens on both of the properties looked great for the tour; visitors seemed to enjoy the Memory Garden next to the Log House and exploring the Urban Farm.

ATHS will be having a Fall Mum Sale on Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18 at the

Anderson Pet Center, 6666 Clough Pike. The mums are being purchased from Raines Farms in Seaman, OH. We could use some help unloading the delivery truck on Friday and selling the mums on Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Ann King if you can help, akc7526@gmail.com or 513-315-1629.



From the TREA\$URER:

Please remember that there are two corporate programs that contribute to ATHS based on your support for their businesses. All you need to do is sign up, select Anderson Township Historical Society as your cause, and they will contribute a portion of your spending to ATHS. Details are listed below:

Kroger Community Rewards – If you are a Kroger customer and are not supporting a charitable organization through Kroger Community Rewards, we would encourage you to do your part to support us! Go to www.kroger.com and register for the

Kroger Community Rewards program and select Anderson Township Historical Society as your cause. **Amazon Smiles** – If you shop at Amazon.com and select Anderson Township Historical Society as your charity, Amazon donates 0.5% of all eligible purchases. To maximize our revenue opportunities, please share this information with family and friends.

IMPORTANT: As the year end approaches, many of us have to take an “RMD” from our IRAs. If you

instruct your financial institution to transfer some or all of your RMD to Anderson Township Historical Society, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization, it will not be taxed by the IRS. (You can check this out at the IRS website IRS.gov.)

FINAL NOTE: Annual Dues were due on May 1st. Please send your payment to ATHS, PO Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230. If you have any questions on your dues status, RMD, Kroger Rewards or Amazon Smiles, please call me – Bob King (513) 315-1880.

Upcoming Programs:

Your Hometown History

Sunday September 25, 2022 from 1-4 p.m.
Cincinnati Observatory | 3489 Observatory Place I Cincinnati, OH 45208
Ticket Information: Free Event

Visit us at Your Hometown History: A Local History Sampler featuring member organizations from Museums and Historic Sites of Greater Cincinnati.
No reservations are needed. Drop in anytime between 1 & 4pm

Event held rain or shine (event held indoors)

ATHS Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m.

INDUSTRIES THAT BUILT THE QUEEN CITY

Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m.
Anderson Center at 7850 Five Mile Road



Cincinnati about 1800: population 750



Cincinnati in 1812: population: 2,000

By 1850 Cincinnati was the sixth largest city in the U.S. - population: 115,435

When Life Gives You Too Many Zucchini... Make Zucchini Casserole

- Lyn Scheper

ATHS Potluck Picnic circa 1980s - Jean Williamson*

*Jean Williamson was a founding ATHS member. She lived in a wonderful historic home on Main Street in Newtown. (Possibly the Doescher's Candies building - circa 1865)

When asked if she would pass on the recipe, Jean sheepishly admitted that she “made it up”. Apparently, she had lots of zucchinis and improvised with her pantry. Note: the image above is taken BEFORE it's baked.



Upcoming Programs:

Cincinnati Museum Speaker Dave Traut will present an interactive discussion of the early industries in Cincinnati. Starting in 1870, we will look at the early industries that made Cincinnati the Queen City.

Become an active participant and guide this talk's focus. We can ensure that you will learn something new about the commercial development in the city we call home.

NOTE: This program is highly recommended by Lucy Moore who had this planned for Spring 2020. The Public Is Welcome to Attend

Speaker to be determined.

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Christmas in 1900

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Cheri Brinkman, author of the "Cincinnati and Soup" books, will present "Christmas in 1900" revealing the practices for celebrating Christmas over a century ago in England, including some that were carried to the U.S. and are still part of the holiday today. In the past, Cheri has entertained us with the story of Ohio Wines and Cincinnati: Festivals and Frolics.

YIPPEE! Our favorite Christmas Cookie Exchange is back! Bring your favorite holiday cookie or candy to share and go home with an assortment after the meeting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

January 4, 2023 – No Meeting

First Meeting 2023

February 1, 2023

We are always looking for good programs/speakers. Any suggestions for next year? Please provide speaker's info, email and/or a phone number to lyn.scheper@gmail.com or 513-232-1559.

MEMBERS POTLUCK PICNIC

Traditional Potluck Picnic Held August 3

- Lyn Scheper

At least 36 people came to our long-awaited Potluck Picnic at the Anderson Center on Wednesday, August 3rd. The wait was worth it! It was noted by many that the food was delicious! Who brought the broccoli with onion rings on top? CW and I want to know!

Bob King ordered the Fried Chicken (an all-time favorite) while everyone else donated a "dish" to share. Diane Schneider made several batches of lemonade. Iced tea and water were also popular.

Thanks to all the "early birds" who put the tablecloths out and helped organize the buffet line and dessert table. Many hands DO make light work! Everyone stayed for quite a while after dinner. Apparently, we really needed to "sit and chat" a spell post-quarantine. I am very grateful for all who helped clean up as well. The last of the crew was driving home by 8:30.

Ingredients:

- Diced celery
- Sliced onion separated into rings
- Sliced rounds of fresh zucchini
- One 16 oz. can diced tomatoes with liquid (see note about fresh below)
- Some black pepper (salt if you like) and herbs (oregano, basil, parsley, or Italian Seasoning)
- One can corned beef hash (Jean added this to make it a "main" dish at the potluck.)
- I sprinkle a bit of fresh grated parmesan on top when it comes out of the oven

Directions:

Lightly sauté the celery, onion and zucchini and place it all in a sprayed casserole dish. Stir in a can of diced tomatoes. (Very ripe/juicy chopped fresh tomatoes can be used instead - and a little water to make up for less juice. I used both above.) Mix in the corned beef hash. Bake at 350 until hot and the little potatoes crisp a bit on top. Great with a skillet of cornbread!

Wish List!

If you are able to help with any of these Wish List items, please contact us at 513-231-2114. Thank you!

- Chimney restoration
- Log splitter
- 5"-7" Brush chipper
- Concrete rubble

Chickens chickens chickens...

Biscuit, Henny Penny, Smokey, Baby Spice, Ruthie, Breakfast, Lilly and Buttercup continue to live the good life at the farm. They are much loved ATHS & UF ambassadors! The ATHS & UF flock continue to be cared for by a team of committed volunteers.

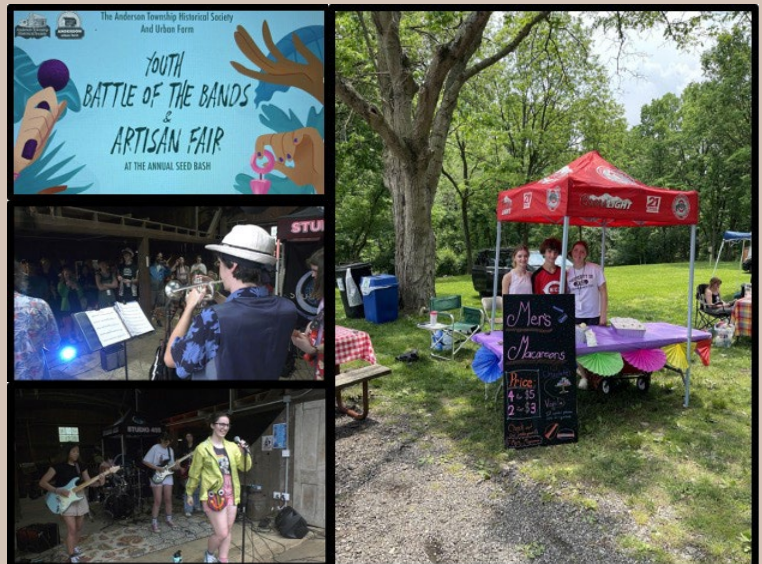
The program has entered its third volunteer cycle on the farm. Volunteers are trained in August and commit to caring for the hens one day a month for the year (Sep. 2022-Aug. 2023). All volunteers are required to join the Anderson Township Historical Society and Urban Farm and each year the program attracts around thirty volunteers. Beyond encouraging community members and students to interact with the natural world, learn about agriculture and understand life cycles, the flock continues to support third grade science curriculum assisting in teaching students about inherited behavioral and physical traits in species.

Looking ahead, the chicken crew is hoping to use extra unused lumber from the barn to create a three bin chicken waste container. This will allow for proper decomposition of the waste so that the manure is available for ATHS and UF gardeners.



Youth Battle of the Bands and Artisan Fair At The Spring Seed Bash

In May 2022, the ATHS & UF hosted a youth battle of the bands and artisan fair during the annual spring Seed Bash festival. This event was designed to give high school students an opportunity to share their musical talents and support entrepreneurial spirit in youth artists. Seven high school bands shared performances and 13 youth vendors sold their arts and crafts at the festival. All participants spoke highly of the event and hope that they will be invited back next year. This was an excellent example of one of many ways the Anderson Township Historical Society and Urban Farm support the community! [Click here](#) to enjoy a quick video of the event put together by Doug Dierking highlighting the spirit of the event.



Around the Farm

- Janet Quilligan

I've been tasked with providing an update about the Urban Farm. It's an easy chore, because we have so much to share! In preparation, I strolled through the garden to take in the sights and sounds. After a light morning rain, the male crickets were escalating their efforts to attract a late summer mate. Have you ever noticed how the cricket song increases in August? Watching the seasons change is part of what makes the garden so interesting. As some of us are trying to keep up with our cherry tomatoes, others are already planting fall crops. The garden cycle has no end.



Gardening can be tricky when we experience weather extremes like we have this summer, but folks always manage to come away with something. Tomatoes appear to be the most popular item overall, but there is such variety in the community garden! Have you ever seen tomatillos grown? Or okra? Many of our members choose to grow flowers. We all get to enjoy the colorful blooms, as well as the insects that are attracted to them. Goldfinches happily harvest the seeds of the spent flowers.

Sharing is caring, and with the leg work of Ann and Bob King, some lucky recipients are periodically gifted with bounty from the garden. They may be society members, or friends who for a variety of reasons may not be able to garden. We appreciate the generosity of our urban farmers who share their crops with these grateful recipients.

Earlier in the season, the Hasson family (Arity, Scott, and Tyler) spearheaded the Kids Garden Club. It was offered to kids and grandkids of gardeners on a trial basis to explore program ideas. The young participants got their hands dirty by nurturing a variety of plants in different styles of garden beds. They performed soil tests, explored the world of earthworms and composting, seeds, and SO much more. The season was capped off by a family potluck that included a session of jam-making!

We hope the program will continue to grow.

The Chicken Collective is going strong, and enters its third year with a new flock of recruits at the start of school. Volunteers are invited each year by program coordinator Erinn Cox who is a teacher at Mercer, but we don't limit the opportunity to school families. Some of our chicken peeps just enjoy hanging out with the hens and helping out. We appreciate the willingness of our volunteers who feed the hens, and scoop the poop! Their payment is any eggs that are laid on their day of duty.



The Urban Farm was included on the Anderson Garden and History Tour in June. We loved sharing the farm (and cookies and lemonade!) with so many folks who visited that day. In addition to seeing the wide variety of techniques our "farmers" employ, visitors were able to appreciate the pollinator gardens and house gardens that have been installed and tended by volunteers.

Other special visitors to the farm this summer were team members affiliated with the Miami Valley Recollections and Reconnections Project. They are a team of archaeologists who have been exploring the history of our area. Part of their local exploration was right in our back yard at the Turpin site on State Route 32 near Clough Pike. You may have happened upon them alongside the bike trail where their tents marked the dig sites. The Urban Farm hosted them for six weeks this summer. They used our facilities for processing and studying the artifacts they collected during their summer field school. Citizen volunteers were invited to participate alongside the scientists and their students. The project is a collaboration between universities, Native American groups, and museums. To learn more about their work, please go to miamivalleyrecollections@gmail.com.

The next major event at the farm is our fourth annual Harvest Fair. Please mark your calendars for a family-friendly autumn festival on Saturday, October 29th, from noon to 6 PM. There will

be food trucks, artists and craft vendors, informational booths, and music! We'll have trick-or-treating for the kids, and plenty to enjoy for the adults, too. Visit our website <http://www.anderson-urbanfarm.com> or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AndersonTownshipHistoricalSocietyUrbanFarm>) for updates about this fun event.

There is a recurring refrain in my farm update, and that is **volunteerism**. We would not be able to accomplish what we do without the community of volunteers who do so much to help keep things going. They are too numerous to list here, but we owe them all a huge **THANKS** for their generosity of time and talent. Projects are sometimes small, but have just as much impact as the big jobs, and we truly value the collective effort of everyone.

If you want to learn more about any of our activities or programs at the Urban Farm, please reach out to us at info@andersonurbanfarm.com. We welcome your interest and support!



A Message From The President – Nancy Krueger

We want to thank Charlie Wallace for his dedication and support as Vice President of ATHS. Charlie will be stepping down as Vice President to have a bit more free time, which is well deserved! However, with his 20+ years with ATHS we are VERY happy Charlie will remain on the Board and active with the Society. Charlie we can't thank you enough for your guidance and wisdom as Vice President!

Membership Information

Your dues help support our work to preserve the history of Anderson Township and develop the Urban Farm. Membership includes monthly meetings with speakers, and discounted admission to programs and classes. ATHS annual dues are due May 1. Please send your check to ATHS at the address listed below. You can also pay via PayPal on our website. Please put "dues" in the comment section. <https://andersonurbanfarm.com/donate/today/>

New Members

Welcome to our new members:

Chuck & Nancy Caine
William Copperthwaite
Susan Cranley
Robin DeLuca
Greg Morath
Joe and Lynn Zistler

Membership Rates

Single: \$10
Single Lifetime: \$150
Couple: \$20
Couple Lifetime: \$200
Family: \$25
Patron/Corporate: \$300

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