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The Anderson Township Historical Society
And Urban Farm



President's Message - Nancy Krueger

"Adopt the pace of Nature. Her secret is patience."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Members and Friends:

This issue of The Surveyor demonstrates the myriad activities that the Society has been involved in for the last three months. Featured in this issue are events and sales that the community has enjoyed and our internal, historical progress with cataloging and organizing our archives and artifacts.

As the bountiful growing season begins to slow down, I would like to reflect upon our organization and how the idea of an historical society and an urban farm are not such an unlikely combination.

The indigenous farmers grew corn, a practice that had spread from Mesoamerica. It is likely that an agricultural method of polycropping, called the "Three Sisters" was practiced by the indigenous communities in Central and South America for millennia. The "Three Sisters" technique involves three plants - corn, beans, and squash or pumpkins. The corn is planted first in hills. After sprouting the beans are planted in the hills followed by the squash. The corn provides a stalk on which the beans can climb, the beans provide nitrogen for the corn and the squash acts as a ground cover to retain moisture and shade.

From May 13th to June 10th the archaeology team of Dr Robert Cook and Dr Aaron Comstock worked in the

Turpin Reserve area off of SR 32 just east of Clough Pike. While here, hospitality was provided by the Knights of Columbus and the Historical Society.

A significant finding at the dig this year was that another indigenous village probably existed at the site 1000 years ago. It is believed that the first indigenous people arrived in North America in 1070 AD, and the Europeans 500 years later. The Turpin Family built a home in the same area in the early 1800s. There is evidence that corn was a mainstay for these groups and the "Three Sisters" technique might have been used.

The Society was founded in 1968. It purchased what is now the Urban Farm in two parcels in 1998 and 2005. In 2018 the Society decided to offer garden rental plots to the community. This past year one of our farmer families chose to use the "Three Sisters" technique. Their yield was a great success!

This story piqued my interest mostly due to the intertwining of our Society with three elements: the archaeologists studying the indigenous villages on the Turpin Reserve, the Society's interest in the Turpin Family supporting their past in our archives, and the Urban Farm family producing a good crop using the "Three Sisters" technique. A complete circle of our area's rich heritage sustained by our Historical Society.

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OUR HARVEST FAIR HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 4TH!

Our Harvest Fair has been moved to November 4th (and we wish Turpin HS all the best with their Marching Band Expo on Oct 21st, our original date. As THS borders our property and Marching Bands are very very loud... date change!) With this, we're SO EXCITED to announce that we've booked the wonderful *Jake Speed & The Freddies* as our headlining act.

Get ready for a day filled with fun and festivities at our annual **Harvest Festival + Holiday Market**. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM as we celebrate everything Fall and ring in the Holiday season.

Jake Speed & The Freddies go on at 4pm, *BluMillion* at 1pm, and *Liz Kelly* at 12pm. Bluegrass, Rock Covers and Folk? Who doesn't love some great music with their Fall events?

We'll be welcoming Food Trucks *The Loaded Goat* and *Italian Ice & Gelato* (who'll be gracing us with some yummy hot beverages alongside their cool treats), and more.



Whether you're a fan of the autumn harvest or excited about the upcoming holiday season, this event has something for everyone. Bring your family and friends along and

enjoy these live music performances, delicious food vendors, both harvest and holiday events and much more. Plus, our Holiday Market offers a wide array of unique gifts and crafts, perfect for getting a head start on your holiday shopping.

So, mark your calendars and don't miss out on the **Harvest Fair + Holiday Market!** It's the perfect way to kick off the holiday season and immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere.

We can't wait to see you there!

This is a free event, donations welcome!



VINTAGE KODAK BOX CAMERA and A MYSTERY PHOTO

By Melanie Woodworth



We do not have names of all of the women and are hoping someone can help with their identification. Can YOU help?

Front row, L-R: Mildred Florence Wolfangel Perry, _____, Ruth Clark Kopp

Back row: _____, _____, Evelyn Grober, _____, Helen Wagner?, _____, and Pearl Steffen.

It is always satisfying when what seems to be two unrelated historical pieces come together and make a good story! Such is the case with a Kodak Brownie box camera No 2A and a photograph of a group of young women posing in front of the new Anderson High School founded in 1929.

With a little super sleuthing it was discovered that the camera had been donated by Nancy Heywood in September of 2023. This camera had been used by her family.

The next clue was that the woman in the front row on the left was Don Perry's mother.

Nancy Heywood's mother was in the same class, so we checked with her about the photo. We learned that this photo had actually been taken by her mother, Margaret Burnes Heywood in 1934. She used the box camera to get a photo of her classmates and best friends in front of the school.

The Brownie was invented by Frank Brownell. It was named after the Brownie characters popularized by the Canadian writer Palmer Cox. The camera was initially aimed for use by children. It was conceived and marketed for its ease of use and the inexpensive cost of the

camera and film. The Brownie was very popular with 150,000 shipped the first year, 1900.

Palmer Cox was famous for his childrens' books and comics which featured fairy-like characters named Brownies.

And now you know the rest of the story!



Museum and Historical Sites History Sampler

By Linda Magee

On September 16th, Anderson Township Historical Society (ATHS) participated in the Museum and Historical Sites of Greater Cincinnati's (MHS) History Sampler. Heritage Village Museum, located within Sharon Woods Park, hosted the event.

Items from our collection were displayed on the porch of one of the historic buildings. Children and adults were fascinated by items they had never seen before. Of particular interest were the mouse trap, complete with (faux) mouse inside, the cornbread mold, (that eleven year-old Leo thought could also be used for cookies), and the carved wooden yoke, used to distribute the weight of water buckets carried across our shoulders.

ATHS has been a member of MHS for many years. We have had opportunity to host monthly meetings, participate in History Day on Fountain



Square and at the Cincinnati Observatory Center, and Chautauqua (presentations where history comes alive) held in New Richmond and on Miami University's Hamilton Campus. We look forward to future opportunities to promote our historical community.

For more information on MHS, please visit:
info@historicgreatercincinnati.org

Notes from the Treasurer

By Bob King

As many of you know we have recently had some major expenses to repair creek erosion damage to the Log House property, and soon there will be additional major costs to repair the Miller-Leuser Log House chimney.

Any and all donations will be cheerfully appreciated. In the past we have had a few generous donors who transferred all or part of their Required Minimum Distribution from their IRAs to Anderson Township Historical Society [a 501(c)(3) charitable organization]. By having their financial institution make the transfer they avoided the income tax effect on the withdrawal. Please consider a donation to help offset these expenses.

Welcome to the new members who joined our society in July, August and September:

Alison Barjaktarovich
Stephanie Bedwell
Marian Boehm
Pattie & Mark Combs
Tom & Patrice Hodges
Marcia Kelly
Marilyn Kuntz
Cher Litchfield
Patrick McCamley
David & Lucy Morgan
Leslie Peters
Elaine Philipp
Anthony G. Schanz
Julia Schrand
Robin Skiff

A special welcome to our new Lifetime Members: Jeff & Gayle Conrad, and Jan & Jim Roth.



Volunteer Spotlight



Marilyn Klump-Stringfield was elected to an ATHS board trustee position in March of 2023. She is very proud of her thirty-five years as an

elementary teacher in the Forest Hills School District serving first through sixth graders, being a reading specialist, and working with students in the Gifted Program. After retiring, she pursued a second passion and became a Master Gardener Volunteer. Marilyn helped restore the Memory Garden at the Log House and has now turned her focus to developing the native perennial gardens at the Urban Farm. Scores of pollinators and birds now harvest the fruits of her

labor with rewards of resources for their survival. Marilyn has recently been helping to update the ATHS membership rosters as the organization revamps communications.

Pam Murphy is one of the Urban Farm's early members. She manages the Urban Farm Gardens, and also has been beautifying the Hornshemeier House gardens. She is one of our hardest working volunteers at the farm.

Her hometown is Wapakoneta, Ohio. You pass it as you drive north on I-75. Its claim to fame is Neil Armstrong. Though she moved away years ago, she has a fond place in her heart for the town.

Pam graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor's degree in International Studies. With that degree, she worked as a research analyst for the National Security Agency, where she met her husband George.

When their children came, she left NSA and became a stay-at-home mother. Eventually, she returned to school at the University of Toledo

and earned a Master's degree in Education. She then worked as a school library media specialist until retirement about fifteen years ago.

Pam learned about the new Urban Farm in Anderson's *Insights* and rented one of the first 36 plots. She has learned about growing vegetables and been treated to new experiences. She has met new people and made wonderful friends, and treasures our Urban Farm community.



Seeking YOUR Time and Talent

There are many small and large projects that the Society needs help accomplishing. If you have a talent to share, or just want to become a more active member, we welcome you!

Listed below are just a few projects that we really need help with. This list will be ongoing with new projects being added, so please watch the list to see what you can do to help us. We rely on our volunteers!

- Assist our current Treasurer, and eventually assume that role



- Help with maintenance on the grounds of the properties
- Help with repairs to the existing buildings
- Assist with general housekeeping in buildings

- Garden helpers are always needed
- Assist with sorting and cataloguing items in the Research Center (Brick House)
- Exclude groundhogs from the upper property buildings

If you have any time to spare and would like to help with any of these projects, the Society will be very grateful.

Please contact the ATHS office and Research Center for additional information: (513) 231-2114

The Community Garden

By Pam Murphy

Some call it the Upper Property. Some call it the ATHS Urban Farm. There are houses with gardens, a shed, a chicken coop with twelve hens, a native garden, a restored barn. The heart of it all is the Community Garden. It is divided into 76 plots that are rented. There are also six raised boxes that are rented.

Despite the lack of rain, it has been a banner year for vegetable production. Maybe the donation of leaf mold compost helped. Maybe we are becoming better farmers. This year, several farmers shared their gardening knowledge. Diane Hamm wrote an article about weeds. (We do have weeds.) Tim Bronsil shared that he uses his greenhouse to grow his own vegetable plants. Bill

Lipsky, our garden guru, gave us expert information based on his lifetime of organic gardening. He explained how he saves heirloom seeds, starts the seedlings in his basement, moves those seedlings to cold frames and then plants them in his raised beds. Bill started new lettuce plants monthly. Did you know you could plant lettuce all summer?

Every year farmers experiment. Andrea and Steve Trapp aimed to increase their corn crop. They sowed beans, corn and pumpkins in hills. This is an old planting plan called Three Sisters. It was successful. They reported a mammoth crop of corn and beans and an okay crop of pumpkins.

This bounty of vegetables and

flowers has officially been shared with ATHS seniors in a program we call the Victory Garden.

Yes, we work hard. We are rewarded with vegetables and flowers. In addition, a true community has developed. It starts by talking to other farmers as you work in your plot. It grows on workdays. And then we farmers have fun. There is a Spring Brunch in March and the Winter Solstice party in December.

Soon we will start the process of renting plots for 2024. We have a list of fourteen waiting and hoping to rent a plot in 2024. Of course, they want to grow healthy food. They will meet people, make friends and have fun. They will become part of our community.



Log House Programs

By Diane Schneider

Revolutionary War Reenactment

During the Open House on Sunday, October 1st, The Sons of the American Revolution, in full uniform, depicted a broad spectrum of life in the 18th century with demonstrations and tales of events during the long-fought War for Independence. The loading and firing of the muskets and the bayonet charge were crowd favorites.

The final Log House Open House for the season will be Sunday, October 15th from 1:00 until 4:00 PM. Please stop by and see the finished creek project which will save our barn from erosion.

Many thanks to these faithful volunteers who share information about the Miller-Leuser Log House with guests: Don and

Sharon Perry, Charlie Wallace, Bob King, Jon and Cindy Brandyberry, Ann King, Nancy Krueger, Lyn Scheper, Linda Magee, Linda Jacobs, Melanie Woodworth, Karl & Cindy Sieber and Diane Schneider.



Log House Programs

By Diane Schneider

Ice Cream Social

The Open House at the Log House was extra special on Sunday, August 20th. Jon Brandyberry and his grandchildren, Luke and Haley, cranked a delicious batch of homemade ice cream for us to enjoy. We relied on electric motors for other batches. According to our “cup count” we served 60 visitors. There may have been some second helpings so that number is approximate!! It was a lovely afternoon.



Third Graders Visit after COVID Hiatus

After missing three years due to the pandemic, 92 Mercer third graders, four teachers, and 29 parents walked down the hill to visit the Log House on May 16th. The visitors experienced several stations as volunteers shared the daily life of the pioneers who once lived there.

Students climbed upstairs to view the rope bed and feather or straw mattresses, then shared the, “Sleep tight, but don’t let the bed bugs bite!” phrase. The spider skillet and feather duster interested the kids as they visited the main room. Why someone would hang a bathtub on the wall was discussed in the middle room. Laundry chores were featured in the enclosed porch. Outside the third graders



read the historical marker and learned about the steeple-cut logs. Tools to build a log cabin were seen in the annex along with a crockery display. The barn and the outhouse are always a highlight for both kids and adults.

Thanks to these volunteer members who helped make this possible: Bob King, Lyn Scheper, Linda Jacobs, Cindy Brandyberry, Linda Magee, Ann King, Don Perry, Sharon Perry, Ben Gressle, and Diane Schneider.



Surprise Gifts from Farm Friends!

We were recently given a beautiful donation by members Chad and Diana Bisbing. They are gardeners and chicken volunteers at the Urban Farm, and saw a need for more outdoor seating. Take a look at

the bench that was handmade by these contributors to the farm. The chickens like it, too! In addition to their care of the domestic birds, Diana has been taking care of the birdfeeders that hang from the large

white pine in the center of the property. The farm is home, or at least a way station, for many of our wild feathered friends, and they enjoy the snacks Diana provides.



The Turning of the Year

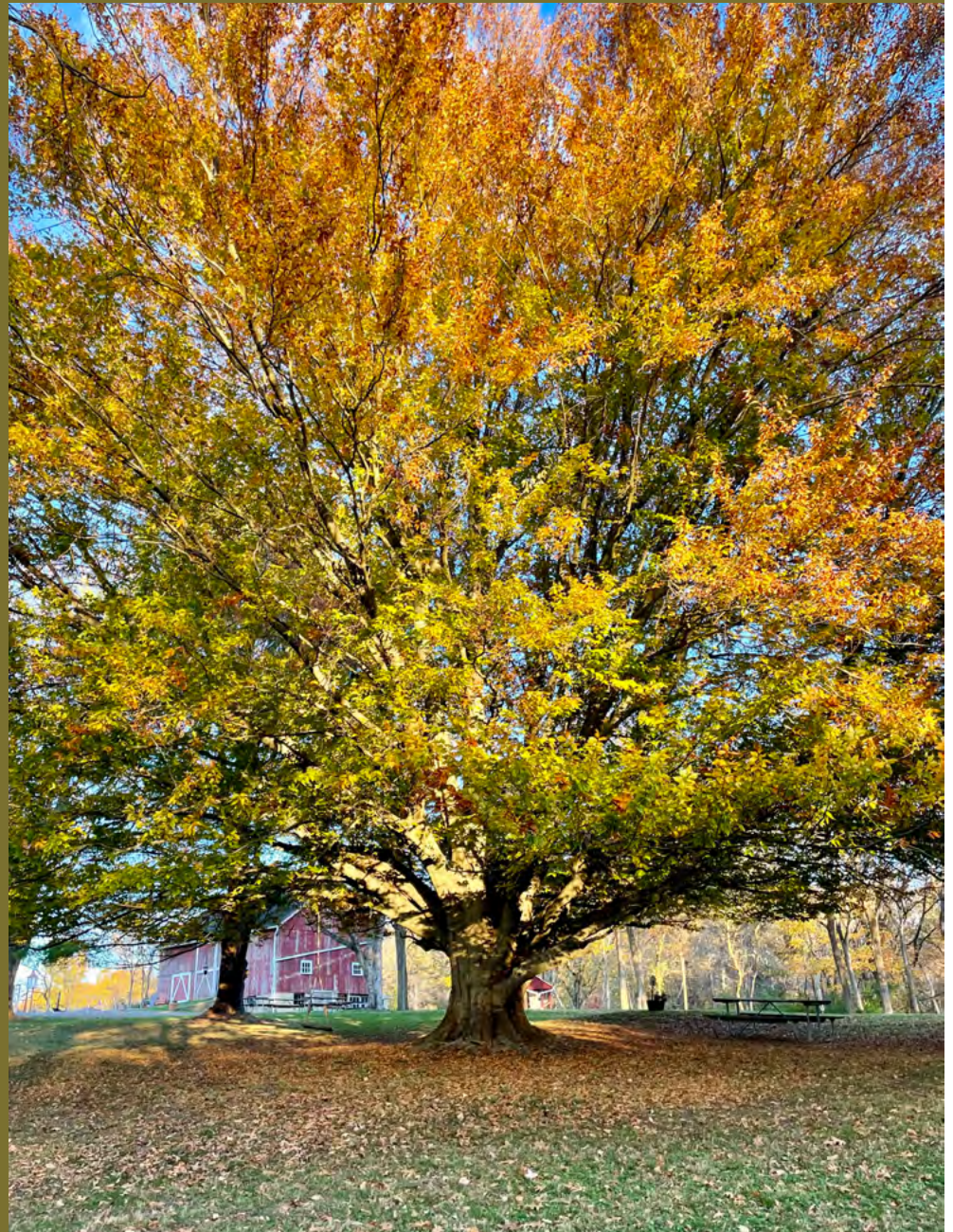
By Lexie Stevenson

Another season at the Farm is winding down. It's been a good year, although things are looking a bit tired now. The tomatoes and zucchinis are tired of producing their bounty (why do we always plant so many zucchinis? It seems like such a good idea in the spring when we are hungry to see things grow.) Our beloved beech tree is tired; it's had a

the people we spent time with, the events that brought the community together. And we look forward to next year when we begin the whole thing again, eager and joyful to be back at the Farm.



rough year, but hopefully it will come back strong next spring, as it has for so many seasons, so many decades. The native prairie plants behind the chicken coop are tired; it's been a long, dry summer, but the flowers struggle on to provide sustenance for the insects and birds. And our volunteers are tired; they have worked hard all summer taking care of the gardens, minding the hens, trying to keep things tidy around the farm. But it is so worth it. As we begin to put things to bed for the winter, we reflect back on all our successes: the produce grown, the chickens raised,



The Chickens of the Urban Farm

By Janet Quilligan



The poultry project is a favorite on the farm. The idea was hatched over three years ago by Mercer Elementary School teacher, Erinn Cox and we now enjoy a small colorful collection of a dozen hens. Visitors of

all ages flock to see them, and often have great questions about their breeds, behavior and antics.

The hens have generally enjoyed great health since they have been in our care, but they are not immune to the occasional issue. We have even lost a few of them on occasion due to unknown causes. Sometimes that just happens. Many of the problems we can handle ourselves. We have given nail trims, and treated for lice! (Rest assured – humans can't get lice from the birds, or vice versa). Sometimes we have to clean dirty bottoms. Most of the time their husbandry is simply the basics – providing food, clean water and shelter. We rely on a great team of volunteers to assist with their daily care, and a team of “bosses” who oversee the volunteers.

Recently, it was discovered that a few of the hens had developed “bumblefoot”. It's a common condition in birds, and was caught fairly early. Two of them have been receiving daily foot



baths, followed by application of medication. One had to have a deeper treatment, so we sought the advice of an avian veterinarian. We are optimistic that all will soon be well with them, and that they'll

be back to scratching the earth for tasty worms and insects, and wallowing in dust baths to keep their feathers in tiptop shape.

When you visit the Urban Farm, please be sure to stop by the coop and greet the Urban Farm Flockers! (Baby Spice, Biscuit, Breakfast, Henny Penny, Lily, Ruthie, Smokey, Chai, Freda, Ginger, Lavender, and Mocha).

To learn more about volunteering, please email: chickens@andersonurbanfarm.com

If you'd like to make a donation to the Chicken Care Fund, please go to: andersonurbanfarm.com/donate-today/

Or, you may send a check to: AHS Treasurer, PO Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230

Sincere thanks to Dr. Alison Cummings and her Veterinary Technician Emily for the care they recently provided our birds. (Avian and Exotic Medical Center of Ohio in Milford, OH)



Property Update

By Ann King

The Property Committee stays busy repairing various items on AHS property. The Outhouse had sustained some critter damage on the creek side that has been remedied. It is in need of some barn siding to cover the outside, and then it will be finished. Another task has been replacement of lightning rods on the Upper Barn. This project is still in the works. Smaller projects include repairing doorbells on the Brick House, replacing a porch light on the Hornschemeier House, replacing a lock on the Log House, storm door repair of the Brick House and eviction of groundhogs. The AHS Property Committee Members have supplied materials and have been completing the repairs themselves. Committee members include: Nelson Hastings, Dave Quilligan, Ben Gressle, Dani Spiegel, Kathy Hoelscher, Ann King, Bart Motz and David Vogel.

The Log House Gardening Group has been busy keeping

the gardens looking nice, in addition to assisting with the Spring Plant Sale and the Mum and Pumpkin Sale. Our Garden Group is seeking additional people interested in gardening as some of our gardeners are no longer able to help. If you are interested in joining our garden team, or know someone who might be, please contact Ann King at (513) 315-1629, or akc7526@gmail.com

The Annual Mum and Pumpkin Sale was held in September at the Anderson Family Pet Center again this year. The owner, Daryl Meyerrenke, has been most helpful with this event. This year we made \$3,000. Many thanks to Daryl, his staff and the volunteers who worked to make this event a great success. The sale was extended for an additional week since there was so much going on in the Greater Cincinnati area, and it paid off! Folks came away with beautiful autumn decorations, and we had a successful fundraiser!

The Victory Garden Produce Project has



completed its third year. The farmers of the Urban Farm donated lots of produce that was delivered weekly by Ann and Bob King to various members of AHS. Thanks to the farmers for their donations, and to Pam Murphy for assisting with this popular project.



What a Project! Largest in ATHS History

By Dannelle Spiegel

Massive undertaking to protect and preserve Historical Society Property



Creek erosion adjacent to the Log House has been an issue for several years. In approximately 2012 a new larger box culvert pipe was installed near the termination point of “our” creek flowing under Clough Pike into Clough Creek. This allowed water to flow at a much greater rate. This, combined with heavy rains caused significant toe scour and thus failure of existing bunker block walls protecting our barn, outhouse and corn crib.

Members voted at the September membership meeting to support a temporary fix to the creek. The barn, as well as other structures next to the creek were being severely and immediately threatened by the erosion. The project was awarded to David Vogel Landscape, and work



commenced soon thereafter. Only invasive honeysuckle, dead trees and a few others were removed to gain access into the creek as shown in the picture. The creek bed was widened to disperse the concentrated flow of water. Fallen large bunker blocks were re-stacked in place and many additional blocks were stacked as a continuation of the existing wall to help aid in protection of structures along the creek. Approximately 450-500 ton of large concrete rubble was placed in the creek to act as a buttress between creek walls as well as to help prevent additional creek basin scour. It is our hope this will eventually silt up and raise the creek basin to previous elevations.



Vegetation restoration (seed and straw) has been completed and should be sprouting grass soon. This construction project, by default, has created a new “canvas” to be painted upon. This will be a wonderful place for future landscape gardens with complements of historical pieces as funds and energy allow.

Hamilton County Soil and Water Department and Anderson Township visited the site and agreed with the plans that David Vogel had proposed. David Vogel met with Hamilton County Engineer’s Department



at the site since they installed the new culvert pipe in 2012. We are hopeful Hamilton County Engineer’s department may provide support. True community effort has brought a significant in-kind donation of products from an outside source.

The ATHS Board members approved an emergency measure at their September meeting to also provide additional funds to this project due to the in-kind donation. This new addition will help hold the creek bed and walls for many years to come.

Many thanks to David Vogel and his company for the time and hard work that went into preserving our property.



Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement. It was created in 2012 by the 92nd Street Y in New York City. Also in collaboration with the United Nations Foundation as a simple idea, a day that encourages people to do good, celebrate generosity and give. The giving may be in the form of a donation of time, making someone smile, helping a neighbor or friend or giving to a charity or nonprofit.

One of our generous members has offered to donate \$10,000 if the membership raises a matching \$10,000. The donations can be made through our website https://bit.ly/ATHS_Donate

Or by mailing to: ATHS, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Additional information will be emailed for the next weeks until November 28th. Please consider donating today to help us reach this goal. Thank you!

Upcoming Meetings – Anderson Town Center

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Note Early Start Time: Business

Meeting at 7:00 sharp – program begins at 7:30.



Join True Crime historian and author, JT Townsend, as he dissects the facts, rumors, and suspicions surrounding the assassination of the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy. It was the crime of the century in America, but newly released records are now available.

Townsend cuts through the quagmire of information to isolate the evidence of all three killings the weekend in Dallas – President Kennedy, Officer J.D. Tippit, and alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

Can JT close this sensational 60-year-old murder case?

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Anderson High School Chamber Choir will entertain us with choral music. They entertained us a couple of years ago and it will be a nice evening. It is a great opportunity for them to perform in public and show what they have learned, including a Christmas song or two. Stacy Haney is the Director of Vocal Arts for Forest Hills Schools. “It’s all about the students.”

Don’t forget our traditional Christmas Cookie Exchange!! Bring your favorite holiday treat to share and go home with an assortment of goodies after the meeting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

January 3, 2024 – No Meeting

February 7, 2024

Local Historian Gary Hicks, who has visited us before, will present a combo program covering: Camp Dennison, Native American Culture and Metal Detecting. Gary is a very entertaining speaker whose goal is to “keep people awake and asking questions”. Come meet Gary and enjoy his eclectic knowledge of local history.

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING at the Patriot Center

Menu and pricing to be determined. The doors will open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. Election of officers will be on the agenda. Watch your email for details or look at our Facebook page as the date gets closer.

Wednesday, April 3rd, 2023, 7:30 p.m. - OPEN

WE NEED A CO-CHAIR FOR PROGRAMS. It’s always easier working with a partner. Please contact lyn.scheper@gmail.com or 513-232-1559.

Send speaker suggestions with contact info, email and/or a phone number if you have been to a great presentation and think they would be good for ATHS.

Also be on the lookout for an announcement on new branding for ATHS. We’ll be planning a launch date soon.

Music On The Farm has wrapped for Summer '23

By Emma Greer

What a successful first year it was! We welcomed many new visitors and members through the series and look forward to setting up our stage for more Cincinnati talent in 2024. Our goal is to find sponsorship for our next season so that we can welcome more talent, more guests and more support for our wonderful organization. If you know any interested parties, please have them reach out!

A huge final thanks to all volunteers, food vendors, community openers and those of you who made it out! And one final shout-out to our '23 headlining musicians: The Matt Tolentino Quartet (Jazz On The Farm), The Clough Valley Boys (Blues On The Farm), Blu Million (Rock On The Farm), John Ford (Blues On The Farm), and Liz Kelly (Folk On the Farm).

If you couldn't attend, check out the farm's Facebook page for some awesome clips and we'll see you in 2024!



Combination Planter Seeder

By Don Perry

Our seeder was donated to the Historical Society by the owner of the Boot Hill Auto Graveyard, John Coyne. He saw it in a junk pile, rescued it and gave it to us to add to our farm tool collection. Don Perry was very happy to receive it and started repair immediately. It will be added to two other seeders in our seeder display in the lower barn. These are the "Corn Jabber" and "Cyclone Broadcast Seed Sower".

The Planet JR No 4 was used by small farmers to do several different tasks. By changing implements, the farmer could plant different types of seeds, plow small furrows, and cultivate the plants. The example shown is believed to have been built in the early 1900's and does not include the cultivating tools.

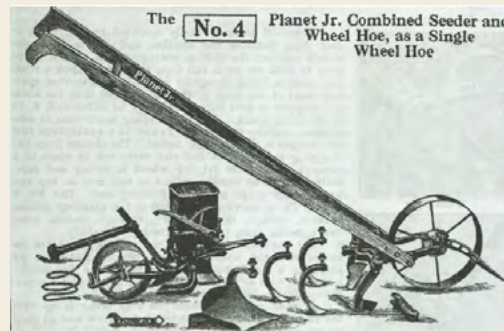
The manufacturer, **S. L. Allen & Company, Inc.** was founded in 1868 by Samuel L. Allen in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Its industry was farm machinery and sleds and its headquarters were located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1968 the company was acquired by the Leisure Group of Los Angeles,

California and was dissolved in 1971.

For seeding, the tool is pushed down the field creating a row. The front wheel rotates

a shaft to agitate the seeds and deposit them in the row. A pair of shoes creates a groove in the earth to accept the seeds. Two additional plows, following the depositor, close the row and the second wheel lightly tamps the seeds into the soil. Implement settings determine the seed spacing, depth, and distance between the rows.

The Allen Company states in an early promotional publication: The Planet Jr. line today includes large seeders for large growers, small seeders for small growers and combined implements for those who want a seeder, cultivator, hoe, plow, rake etc all in one tool. The publicity given to the importance of increased food supply and reducing the cost of living by personnel effort has had



one effect which will be beneficial and lasting, that is that thousands of people are now cultivating gardens which have never done so before; thousands of people are therefore making a large saving in their living expenses and finding out, perhaps for the first time in their lives, what fresh peas, beans, and corn taste like when they are right out of their garden. The labor of cultivating these gardens is made easy by the use of the modern seed drills and wheel hoes, as is shown by the fact that many of the most enthusiastic gardeners are women. A little sunshine and sore hands are the first effects of this garden cultivating, but this is soon succeeded by a sense of pride in achievement, and a toning up of the whole physical system through exercise.

The Anderson Township Historical Society And Urban Farm



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 1st. 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/donatetoday/>

Welcome New Members!

Many folks are from the new group of chicken volunteers. Others have joined the Society by the usual way, or through attending the Music on the Farm events.

Regardless of how you got here, we are glad to have you!

Alison Barjaktarovich

Stephanie Bedwell

Marian Boehm

Pattie & Mark Combs

Tom & Patrice Hodges

Marcia Kelly

Marilyn Kuntz

Cher Litchfield

Patrick McCamley

David & Lucy Morgan

Leslie Peters

Elaine Philipp

Anthony G. Schanz

Julia Schrand

Robin Skiff

A special welcome to our new Lifetime Members:
Jeff & Gayle Conrad, and Jan & Jim Roth.

Membership Rates

Single: \$10

Single Lifetime: \$150

Couple: \$20

Couple Lifetime: \$200

Family: \$25

Patron/Corporate: \$300

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