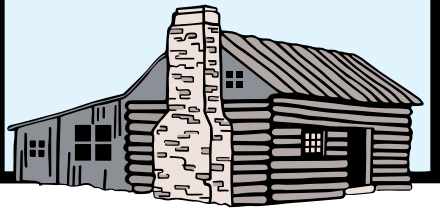


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Anderson Township Historical Society



Rooted in History, Growing Community

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President's Message - Dani Speigel



Greetings to all!

There has been a change in leadership of the society and I am honored to be named president of the Anderson Township Historical Society. Susan Abel is now our vice-president. We also welcome new board member, Bob Hastings. We are grateful for the dedication of Nancy Krueger and Don Perry as president and vice-president for the past several years. Their knowledge is beyond measure. Susan and I have a lot to learn from them. We also would like to thank Marilyn Stringfield for her time on the board. We wish all of them the best.

I grew up in Anderson Township and graduated from Anderson High School. My grandparents owned the Browne House, so I have spent many years on the property that is now the Urban Farm. My parents, Bob and Brenda Greer and my aunt, Kathy Hoelscher, have been part of the society for many years. My brother, Allan Greer, his wife Jill, and daughter Emma are part of the society now. My husband and I have three children and two grandchildren. I am retired from Monroe Township in Clermont County. I began there as a zoning inspector, part-time and moved up to administrator on a full-time basis. I worked in three additional entities in charge of the Zoning Department which included inspector, violation officer and overseer of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission. I worked closely with the trustees in each entity.

As we look to the future, I am excited to see what will happen. Susan has brought together a large group of society members to help direct the future. We have broken down into seven small groups called "Pillars." Each pillar has been charged with a specific task and they are quickly moving forward. I highly recommend coming to the membership meetings to hear some of the goals these groups are working to accomplish and urge you to offer your ideas. We will be sharing their thoughts in the Surveyor when each group has final plans or proposals.

I encourage everyone to follow our Facebook page and to visit our website (links below) to keep up on our events and information. If it is not convenient for you, please call us at 513-231-2114 and leave a message. We will return your call.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=anderson%20township%20historical%20society>

<https://andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org/>

I look forward to working together for the best of the Society.

Dannelle (Dani) Speigel

Grant Awarded from OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION

Exciting news! The ATHS is one of fourteen recipients of a generous \$19,000 grant from the Ohio History Connection. On March 15, 2024 representatives of the OHC presented the “Big Check” to gathered members of the ATHS to kickstart the repair and restoration of both the chimney and firebox of the Miller-Leuser Log House.

The funds are earmarked to help restore both the exterior and interior of the chimney of our flagship log house that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1796 the chimney has witnessed plenty of local history, but is in need of critical and historically appropriate repairs. This general award will partially fund the process and allow for the iconic chimney to stand for decades to come. Please support the good work of these needed repairs by making a tax-deductible donation. See how below.

Please send your check to ATHS at P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230.

Or, donate via PayPal on our website. Please put “chimney donation” in the comment section:

www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org

Also, please support the generosity of the Ohio History Connection by making a



Left to right: Don Perry - ATHS, Megan Wood - Exe. Dir. and CEO, OHC, Dave Quilligan - ATHS



donation so they can continue to support organizations like ours across Ohio.

You can purchase a “mastodon” license plate: <https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserving-ohio/ohio-history-fund-grant/support/>. You can also donate online at: www.ohiohistory.org/donate. Designate your gift for the Ohio History Fund.

Volunteer Spotlight

Kathy Hoelscher: A Dedicated Steward of History

Kathy's journey with the Browne house began in 1943, when she moved in at the tender age of four. The house became her home for the next 16 years, witnessing her grow from a child to a young woman ready to start her own family. After her marriage in 1958, the house remained in the family until 1998, when it was sold to the historical society following her stepmother's passing.

Kathy's connection to the house didn't end there. In 2007, she rejoined the society, reigniting her passion for its history. Partnering with her husband, Jim, they embarked on a project to document the society's history through a book, *Historical Book of the Society*. It was a project that spanned from 2009 to 2014. Kathy's thorough approach



extended beyond writing, as she meticulously captured every important event through photographs.

That same year, 2007, Kathy's dedication extended beyond the written word and pictures. She began volunteering in the society's genealogy room, delving into the past of countless families. Her passion wasn't

limited to the indoors; she also took on the task of maintaining the society's beautiful gardens and property.

Kathy's commitment was further recognized in 2021 when she became a valued member of the society's board. In recent years, she has focused her efforts on the historical society's administration, painstakingly archiving its treasures.

Beyond her official roles, Kathy has also been a friendly face for countless children during the days of the country store. She engaged them in activities from pumpkin and slate painting to, remarkably, even digging up the slate itself. Kathy's resourceful and kind spirit has enriched the society in countless ways.

Chicken Whisperer, Janet Quilligan

The chicken program is lucky to have volunteer and lead chicken boss/manager, Janet Quilligan, on the team. Janet's dedication to the program and care of the flock has led to its continued success and to the enjoyment of so many in our community. The program relies on her expertise and commitment, and we thank her for all she does!

Janet Quilligan has been a volunteer at the Anderson Urban Farm since its inception over five years ago. She might be spotted tending her garden plot that she shares with her husband Dave, who also happens to be an active volunteer for the farm and the Anderson Township Historical Society. Janet enjoys the outdoors more than just about anything, and the Urban Farm allows her to enjoy and share the natural history of our area.

After growing up roaming the swamps of northern Florida she pursued a biology degree in college.

After teaching life science to seventh graders for a few years, Janet completed a degree in veterinary nursing. Upon graduation she was hired to teach in that field, eventually ending up with a position at the University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash College.

When her son came along, Janet took some time off to be a full-time mom, but later returned as an adjunct professor in the UC



veterinary technology program. She also found a part-time gig as a farmer at an educational farm in northern Kentucky called Sunrock Farm. Sunrock Farm hosted scores of visitors over decades, including students from all of the Forest Hills elementary schools. Field trips to the farm demonstrated where our food comes from. Activities ranged from gathering eggs and holding baby chicks, to milking goats, brushing horses and observing tadpoles in the water troughs.

Upon retirement, the Urban Farm came to be, and Janet was thrilled when Mercer teacher Erinn Cox hatched the Chicken Program. Janet helps oversee the husbandry of the Urban Farm flock and gladly shares them with anyone who will listen.

News Around The Coop!

Interested in joining the Chicken Crew?

Please mark your calendar for our annual volunteer training on **Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM** on the farm. This hour-long training opens the door for you to join the crew for the 2024/25 season. As a crew member, you get to care for the flock and collect the eggs on your volunteer day! If you would like to attend the training session, [please RSVP through this Genius Link.](#)

If you are interested, but want to learn more please contact Janet Quilligan or Erinn Cox via email jquilligan@fuse.net or emcox515@gmail.com



History to Schools

Our outreach program at the History Room in the Anderson Center is off to a great start. It is presented to second grade students in the Forest Hills School District. Our membership/informational brochure will go home to over 500 families.

Thank you to these members for sharing their love of history: Bob King, Linda Magee, Don and Sharon Perry, Nancy Meyer, Cindy Brandyberry, Nancy Krueger, Mary Lou Van Eman, Charlie Wallace, Carol Hawkins, Lyn Scheper, Ann King and Diane Schneider.



27th ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The Anderson Township Historical Society is having its 27th annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Anderson Township Family Pet Center, 6666 Clough Pike. We are seeking donations of yard plants and houseplants for the sale. We will also be offering PERENNIALS, ANNUALS, VEGETABLES, HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTERS from Raines Farm in Seaman, OH

and from the Amish Plant Auction in Bainbridge, OH. Proceeds from the sale support ATHS properties and projects.

If you are interested in helping out with donations and/or volunteering your help with potting donated plants or working at the plant sale, please contact Ann King: akc7526@gmail.com or 513-315-1629.



Anderson Township Historical Society & Urban Farm

Spring Plant Sale



Saturday May 11, 2024
10am - 4pm

Anderson Township Family Pet Center
6666 Clough Pike Cincinnati, OH 45244

- Annuals
- Perennials
- House Plants
- Hanging Baskets
- Assorted Vegetables

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Property Committee Report

The ATHS Property Committee has planned some upcoming projects. The society voted to have a metal handrail installed leading from the side of the house to the porch of the ATHS Research Center (Red Brick House). That eventually will become the main entrance to the Research Center. The railing should be installed sometime this spring. Doorbells have been installed at all three doors.

Another project completed was repair of the main plumbing

line of the Farmhouse (Browne House). We received a great deal from Midwestern Plumbing for this repair. The repairs were necessary for when the archeology team stays in the house this summer while they are working on the Turpin Dig off of State Route 32 near Clough Pike. We are also fixing up the kitchen for possible future activities.

If you are ever in need of a plumber, consider **MIDWESTERN PLUMBING** (513-753-0050). Please mention

you appreciate the help they provided ATHS.

As a reminder, ATHS has created an **INCIDENT REPORT** that is available to complete if something that seems suspicious is seen while you are on our property. The forms are on the porch of the Hornschemeier House on the Upper Property and on the porch of the ATHS Research Center (Red Brick House) on the Lower Property.

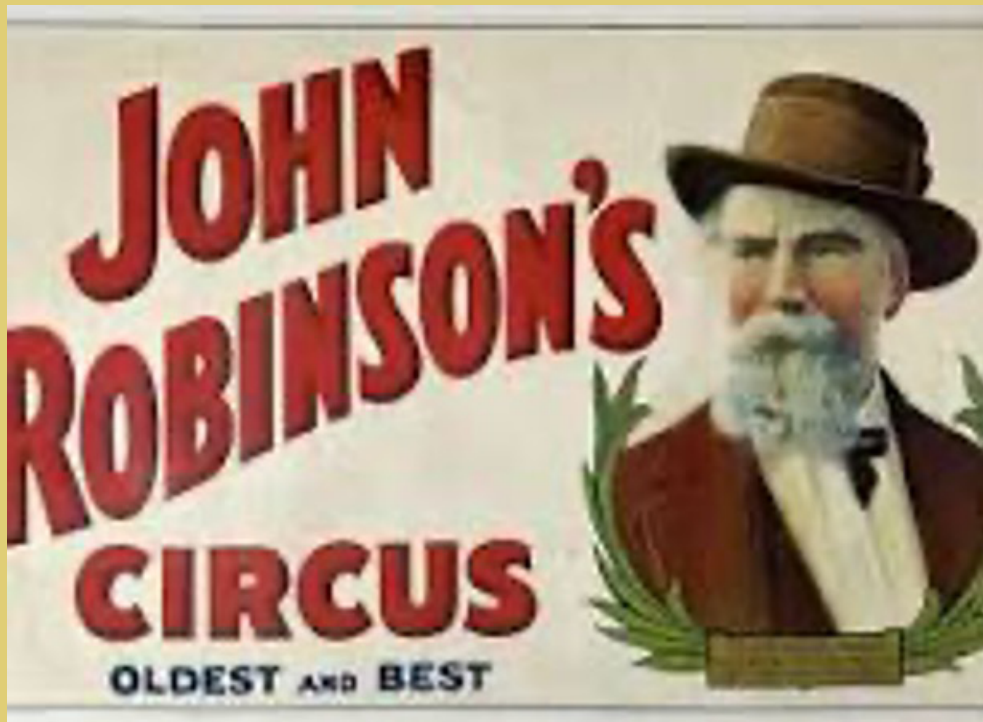
Log House Area Gardening

Gardeners are needed to assist with weeding and garden upkeep around the Log House! We will be busy preparing for the Plant Sale being held on Saturday, May 11th. Additionally, Anderson Township is hosting the History and Garden Tour on Sunday, June 9th, so we need to get our gardens in tiptop shape. Lots of events are happening very soon! If you are interested in gardening, or know somebody who loves to garden, please contact Ann King: akc7526@gmail.com or 513-315-1629.



The Circus is Coming to Town!

Terrace Park Historical Society PRESENTS



Wednesday, May 1st, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

At Anderson Center - 7850 Five Mile Road

About 1822, a 15-year-old named John H. Robinson (the first of the four John Robinsons) ran away from his home in South Carolina and joined “the circus”, starting with small wagon shows as a workman, then a stilt walker, bareback rider or manager at larger circuses. In April of 1842, he left the Ludlow & Smith circus to form the *Great Robinson Circus* with partner Joseph Foster. In 1850, while performing in Northern Kentucky, John H decided to “winter” in Cincinnati and Terrace Park became the permanent home for the next generations of the Robinson Circus. Join historians Paulette and Sylvia for a personal tour of the circus in Terrace Park Ohio.

[Popcorn will be served]

See you at the Anderson Center on May 1st!

Anderson Center on Five Mile Road

The Public Is Welcome to Attend

Urban Farm Events - 2024

We are thrilled to bring back *Music On The Farm* for Summer 2024! Join us every third Saturday of the Month, June - September from 6pm - 9:30pm. Each evening will feature local musical and culinary talent with themed acts and an accompanying food truck. Bookings are still being finalized so please keep an eye on social media and our website for more details; they're coming soon! We look forward to seeing you and your family on June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, and September 21st!

Also, mark your calendars for our *Harvest Fair and Holiday Market* – November 2nd from 12pm - 6pm. We're so excited for another excellent event celebrating local artisans and talent to wrap up the 2024 season.

We are seeking event committee members, volunteers, and sponsors/sponsorship recommendations. If you are interested in being involved, please contact us at: events@andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.com



Clay Pipes Made at Point Pleasant, Ohio (c. 1840's - 1890)

The ATHS has a collection of clay pipes, donated by Elsie Smalley in 1979. It is likely that a collector gave this set of tobacco pipes to Stephen Smalley, the local historian. The pipes are probably defective ones discarded before sale, since they are all missing stems.

In the past, numerous tobacco pipes were recovered from the pottery factory waste dump located at the mouth of Old Indian Creek off the Ohio River. This Point Pleasant site has been totally disturbed by treasure hunters and dealers digging for pipes. B. Thomas and Richard Burnett were collectors and published a paper in 1972. Parker Melvin, also a collector, was reported to have unearthed more than 1,000 clay pipes from this site.



These were trade pipes – Point Pleasant pipes have been recovered from several places. One Pt. Pleasant pipe was found in the remains of the Cairo, a Union gunboat sunk in the

Yazoo River near Vicksburg. Pipes were also found at Fort Union, New Mexico, and from Fort Laramie, Wyoming.

The Point Pleasant factory was located at an ideal spot. The property contained access to good pot making clay, water, and convenient river transportation.

There were several owners of the pottery factory. William P. Lakin is credited with building the pottery. He died in 1843, and Cornwall E. Kirkpatrick purchased the Sarah Lakin property.

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Mathis, Greg – article featured on website: www.bluepottery.org

Murphy, James L. (1976) "Reed Stem Tobacco Pipes from point Pleasant, Clermont County, Ohio," *Northeast Historical Archaeology*: Vol. 5.5, Article 2.



Kirkpatrick relocated from his pot making business at Covington, Kentucky, to nearby Point Pleasant, Ohio, in 1849. The purchase included the William Lakin pottery and a most famous one-room cabin, the birthplace of Ulysses S. Grant in 1822.

Nathan Davis rebuilt the pottery after it burned in a fire. He is found in the Titus 1870 Atlas of Clermont, County.

George, Henry and James Peterson purchased the plant in 1874. In 1880 they made smoke pipes, stove-flues, and drain tiles. Pottery operations seem to have operated until the 1913 flood.

The Cornwall Elihu Kirkpatrick pottery site is today referred to as the LKDP (Lakin, Kirkpatrick, Davis, Peterson Brothers) Pottery site at Point Pleasant, Ohio.

There are ten general pipe designs, but numerous variations. One example in our collection is the "Point Pleasant Indian."

One of our ATHS members, Nancy Krueger, related that her children spent many summer days searching for pipes and to their joy, occasionally found one!

Community Garden 5th Anniversary



All along, the Anderson Township community has supported the Community Garden. For example, leaves are provided by Landers Landscaping, compost by Hafner & Sons, and wood chips by R.W.



On a chilly March 23rd, the annual Spring Brunch was held in the Urban Farm barn for the Community Garden's farmers. It was quite the event. Returning farmers met again after what felt like a long winter, and new farmers were welcomed. This year the celebration had an extra spark: it is the fifth anniversary of the Community Garden! A lot has happened these last five years.

Aufderheide & Son. Accessible raised beds were constructed by Danny Creelman as his Eagle Scout project. In turn, the farmers support the community by delivering produce and flowers to people who are not able to get out.

The story of the Community Garden began in 2018 with the decision by the ATHS to develop the upper property and rent garden plots. The property was cleared of invasive plants and the driveway was improved. In early 2019 the garden area was plowed and divided into 36 5'x20' plots. Water lines were run from the barn's cistern to the garden and a pump was installed. The first vegetables were planted in spring of 2019.



In 2020 COVID was in full swing, and many people clamored to grow their own food. We decided to clear an additional area and expand the garden to 76 plots, and added deer and rodent fencing. The Community Garden was truly a place of refuge for people during this time.

Who knew in 2019 that more than crops would grow? Working together has created a strong community among the farmers. What will the next five years bring?

March Members Meeting

Elections occur each year during the March members meeting. Dani Spiegel has assumed the role of president from Nancy Krueger, and Don Perry has surrendered his role of vice president to Susan Abel. Also welcomed to his new role as trustee is Bob Hastings.

Attendees at the annual election meeting were served dinner by *At Your Service NOW* caterer and Anderson Township resident, Tammy McCauley. She can be reached at (513) 628-8940 or Aysntammy@gmail.com for your catering needs.



Annual Dues Will Soon Be Due!

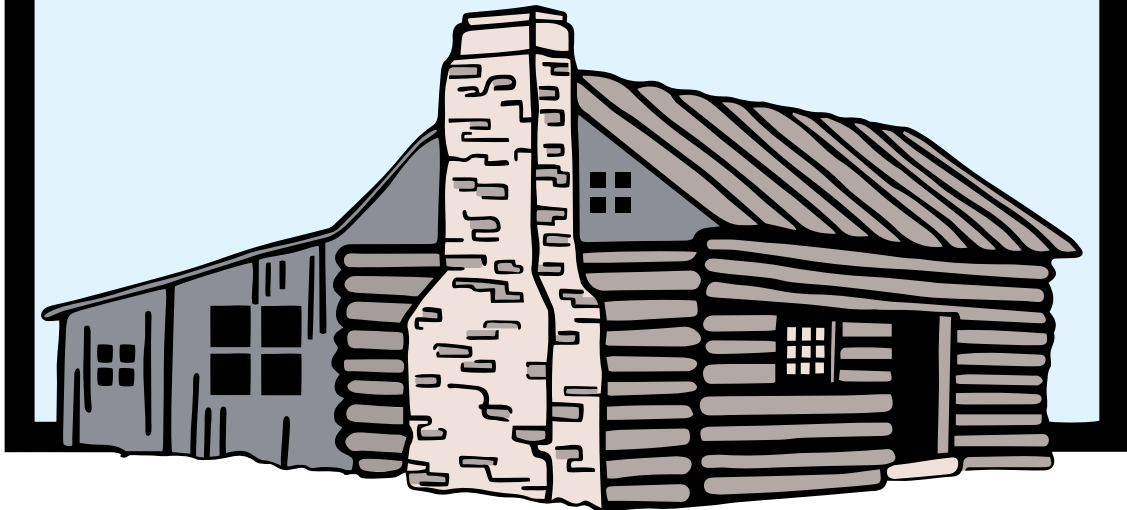
ATHS annual dues are due by May 1. Please note the new membership levels, which were approved at the General Membership Meeting on March 13th. You can pay in one of two ways:

- Via check made out to ATHS and mailed to P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230, or
- Via PayPal through the website:
<https://andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org/auto-draft>

Thank you for your continued support of the Anderson Township Historical Society!

Membership Type	Rate
Single	\$25
Couple	\$40
Lifetime Single	\$150
Lifetime Couple	\$250

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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!

We are always pleased to welcome new members. Thanks for your support of our mission!

Daisy Cunningham (Lifetime Member)

Natalie Hastings

Cynthia Sieber

Membership Rates

Single: \$25

Couple: \$40

Lifetime Single: \$150

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