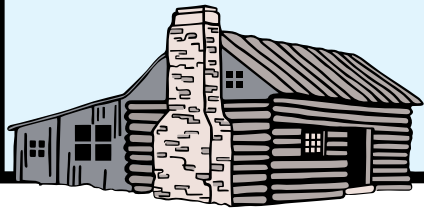


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Rooted in History, Growing Community

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President's Message - Dani Speigel



The Anderson Township Historical Society and Urban Farm has had another successful summer and is looking forward to fall! Our success is due to the volunteers who work very hard every week in the gardens, at the research center, as Log House docents, and as chicken "tenders." We also must credit those who help keep the properties maintained, as well as the many committees and their members who manage events and chores behind the scenes. Your dedication to ATHS does not go unrecognized and is greatly appreciated.

Many minds and hands are needed to help keep this Society moving forward. If you have an hour or two out of your very busy schedule, we always welcome help and new ideas. We are currently looking for people to assist our treasurer, Bob King, and our secretary, Lyn Scheper, with their duties. We also welcome new members to join any of our committees. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact me at: president@andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org.

As many of you already know, a tree fell on the garage/tool shed of the Bartels house. Bids were obtained for demolition of the structure based on the recommendations of our insurance company. We thank **Spring Demolition Wrecking Company** in Clermont County for completing the work. There are several ideas for what to do with this area - perhaps a picnic shelter or similar structure? We will keep you updated on any plans.

Some of our large and small successes have been:

- Hand railing leading to the Research Center installed
- New benches for the machine/equipment barn so visitors can view video regarding the chimney project and the Log House
- Research Center open during the same hours as the Log House on certain Sundays
- Some dead trees removed from the Urban Farm area
- Screen door repaired on Log House
- Doors repaired and sink removed from the machine/equipment barn
- Security system moved to help improve the system

Once again, many thanks to everyone who dedicates their time or resources to make ATHS a great success.

Dani Speigel, President



Music On The Farm Summer Series

by Emma Greer

Thanks to everyone who came out to attend a Music On The Farm event this summer! We showcased four amazing bands and welcomed some great local food trucks.

Bands included:
June: Dusty & Backwoods Drive
July: Matt Rouch & The Noise Upstairs
August: Blu Million
September: Clough Valley Boys

If you missed any of these talented acts be sure to keep an eye out for them playing around town!





ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND
URBAN FARM

HARVEST FAIR + HOLIDAY MARKET

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2024

2550 BARTELS RD. CINCINNATI, OH 45244

12:00PM-06:00PM

ARTISAN VENDORS - MUSIC- FOOD
FALL FUN FOR ALL AGES!



FEATURING MUSIC FROM
FOREST HILLS BLUEGRASS BAND
12-2:30PM
BLUMILLION
3-6PM



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

by Ann King

The Property Committee has installed a metal hand railing leading up the walkway to the Research Center (Red Brick House). Our current project is upgrading the Equipment Shed (Annex Building) by repairing the barn side doors and removing the sink. Next we will be working on the ceiling and repairing the back door. Currently in this

building there is a tool display, a stoneware pottery display and a viewing area featuring a video about the area and the Log House. A future project is to repair the lightning rods and cables on the Upper Barn; we feel that this is a safety concern.

This summer George Scheper and I have been daily watering the American Beech tree at

the Urban Farm because of the drought. This tree species has many surface roots as well as below-ground roots; water has been very critical to help this tree survive. It is important that we protect these roots so we continue to have this beautiful specimen that was planted in 1946 by Kathy Browne Hoelscher and her father, Joseph Browne. **S**

LOG HOUSE GARDENERS

The Log House Gardeners have been busy much of the summer - even with all this heat! We finished putting mulch around the gardens, bushes and trees with mulch donated by David Vogel Landscape Company. Grass cutting has been donated for many years by Landers Landcare. After the Mum and Pumpkin Sale, we will begin to prepare the gardens for the winter.

VICTORY GARDEN



The Victory Garden Produce Project had its beginnings after COVID arrived. Gardeners of

our Urban Farm Community Garden donated some of their produce and flowers which was

delivered to twenty-five of our members this season. Some live in their homes while others are in retirement homes. This project makes many of our members so very happy because we are thinking of them. This project was begun and still exists thanks to the weekly deliveries by Ann and Bob King and the donations from our community gardeners. **S**



The ATHS 2024 Mum and Pumpkin Sale

was held on the weekend of September 21st - 22nd at the Anderson Township Family Pet Center again this year.

Weather was not fall-like; it was 90 degrees! Great volunteers assisted with this fundraising project. We were able to extend the sale at the Pet Center for an additional week. All of the mums were sold but we still have several pumpkins left. The pumpkins are currently decorating the Log House area.

Come on down to enjoy our display and choose some pumpkins – we want to sell them! Prices have been reduced. Pick from either traditional pumpkins, or decorative gourds.

Thanks for your support, and Happy Fall to All!!! 



PAPER MAKING WORKSHOP

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY, GET MESSY, HAVE FUN!

Join us for a creative workshop where we turn nature into art! Learn the basics of paper making and decorate your creation with leaves, flowers, and other natural objects.

Appropriate for kids and adults alike.

This program is free; donations are always appreciated!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
11:00 AM -1:00 PM**

**ANDERSON URBAN FARM
2550 BARTELS RD.
CINCINNATI, OH 45244**



Belle Ayer Philhower (1874-1961)

by Melanie Woodworth

The Research Center discovers many interesting and unique items as we continue to organize.

One such item is a painted box lid from a Shaker cheese box. Inside was the penciled name – Belle Ayer, painted 1892. Belle would have been eighteen years old.

An additional box of Philhower/Ayers materials was found containing photos and another painted item – a tambourine.

Also discovered was a painter's palette. Although we have not been able to substantiate the owner, we believe it is Belle's palette.

A search on Ancestry.com discovered another of Belle's paintings from 1902 of Mt. Moriah Church. This painting was owned by Roger L. Ludlow, a relative of the family, whose photo is among the discovered materials.

Who was Belle? She was the daughter of John Ayer and Mary Elizabeth Griffin, and was born 1874 in Clermont County. Belle married John E. Philhower in 1908. They had one daughter Elizabeth, who was a teacher in Terrace Park.

Now the challenge is to identify photographs.

If you have any additional information about the Philhower or Ayer family members, please contact us at the Research Center, 513-231-2114. [S](#)



Log House Chimney Project

by Susan Abel



As you may know, the Log House has stood since 1796 as a testament to our area's rich heritage, offering visitors a glimpse into the past and serving as a hub for local history and culture. However, we recently discovered that the chimney, an essential component of the building's structure and function, is in urgent need of repair.

Due to the efforts of a dedicated team of volunteers, we have received a grant from the Ohio History Connection for \$19,000 to help cover a portion of the repairs. This is great news! However, the total cost of this project will be significant.

A fundraising campaign will be launched to membership in November to help raise additional funds. We hope you will include this project in your year-end giving. [S](#)

Urban Farm and Community Garden Update

As we transition into the next season, we want to take this opportunity to thank every one of our farm and garden friends for their contributions to our community. Without your interest, dedication, and gifts of time and resources, none of this would be possible. We also must thank all of the members of the ATHS who support our activities, and to the residents of the community at large who attend and value events such as Music on the Farm, or the various educational workshops we have offered and hope to continue offering.



It would be difficult to name everyone here, but please know that every effort, no matter how large or small, helps to sustain the farm and gardens. Maybe you simply picked up some fallen branches, or helped to weed a garden path. Maybe you



donated some tomatoes or zucchini to the Victory Garden table. Perhaps you assisted in stage assembly before a concert. You might have been a scout who helped to clear honeysuckle, or a local business who sent volunteers for a few hours

to spread mulch. Every effort is valued and helps to grow and nourish this special place.




If you are already a member of the ATHS – thank you! If you aren't, we encourage you to join. Your dues help support all that the organization does. Additionally, you'll receive communications about all of the activities we have going on. You are always welcome to join one of our committees if you have a hankering to become more involved. To learn more, please reach out via one of the emails listed below.



With our gratitude,

The Urban Farm and Community Garden Committees

urbanfarm@andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org
garden@andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org 



Wish List

Our archivist, Melanie, is seeking metal file boxes to accommodate 4 x 6 inch index cards. If you have one to donate please call the Research Office at (513) 231-2114.

She is also seeking wooden spools for a vintage spool cabinet.

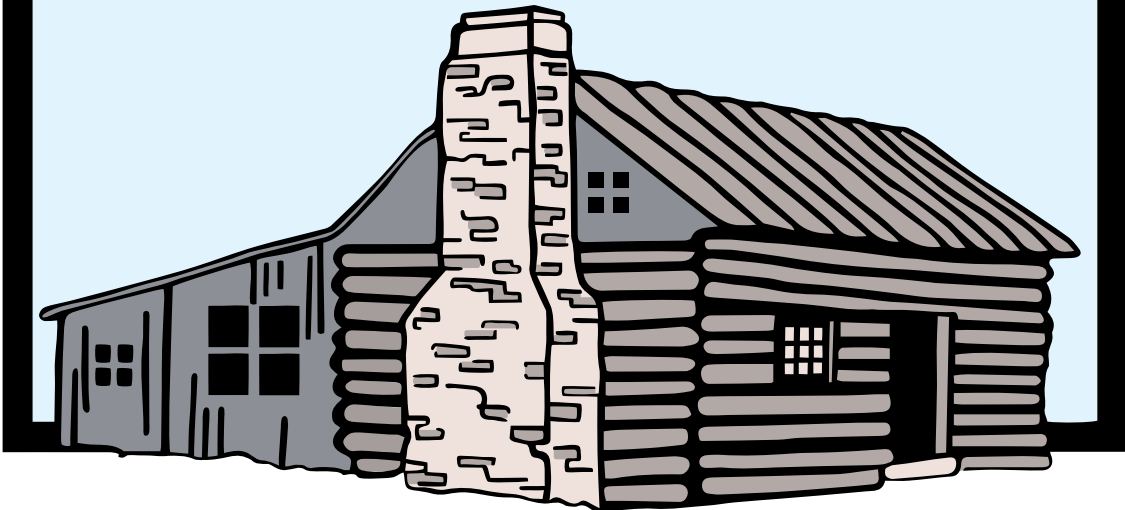


Our Chicken Program can always use some “scratch.” We can accept donations on our website with a mention of “chickens” in the comments section. Gift cards in any amount for Tractor Supply work, too!

We appreciate your support!



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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/>

Membership Announcements

Bob King, Treasurer

Thank you to everyone who renewed your memberships. We appreciate your continued support.

The following joined as new members; please make them feel welcome:

Chris Cunningham
Sally Keene
Rebecca Pace
John and Valerie Ratchford
Connie Schott
Ed and Virginia Wolf

Membership Rates

Single: \$25
Couple: \$40
Lifetime Single: \$150
Lifetime Couple: \$250

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