

History at a Glance

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“The Progressive Era: Creating Modern America, 1900-1917” at the Wapakoneta Library, February 9-March 9, 2016

Opening Reception:
Thursday, February 11, 5 to 7 p.m.
Wapakoneta Library

Keynote Presentation:
*"Playing it Forward:
The Progressive Era & Beyond"*
Dr. William D. Angel, Jr.
Thursday, February 11, 7 p.m.
Wapakoneta Library Basement

The Auglaize County Historical Society is collaborating with the Friends of the Wapakoneta Library to host a national traveling exhibit, “The Progressive Era: Creating Modern America, 1900-1917,” which will be installed at the Wapakoneta Library, Perry Street, from February 9 through March 9.

This exhibit includes letters, cartoons, pictures, and broadsides that illustrate America’s transformation into a modern, industrial society. During the Progressive Era (1900–1917) a broad-ranging reform movement worked to make government more democratic, to lessen the effects of industrialization, and to regulate business.

“The Progressive Era” comes to us from the Gilder Lehrman Institute, New York City. Founded in 1994, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a non-profit organization devoted to the improvement of history education. The Institute has developed an array of programs for schools, teachers, and students that now operate in all fifty states, including a website that features more than 60,000 unique historical documents in the Gilder Lehrman Collection. Each year the Institute offers support and resources to tens of thousands of teachers, and through them enhances the education of more than a million students. The Institute’s programs have been recognized by awards from the White House, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Organization of American Historians.

About Dr. Angel's presentation:

The Progressive Era changed the paradigm for how Americans view government. Considerable technological, economic, social and cultural change had occurred in the latter third of the 19th century. By the 1890s events had become so chaotic, that educated elites began engaging what historian Robert Wiebe has called “A Search for Order.” The process included creating a more active and interventionist government—especially at the local level—that changed the role of government in the U.S. The Progressive Era, therefore, was really was somewhat conservative in efforts by political elites to assert more control over social and economic problems that had emerged by the close of the 19th century. We are still living with the effects of Progressive reform today. William D. Angel, Jr., holds bachelor's and master's degrees from The Ohio State University in education and political science, respectively. He also holds a doctorate in political science from the University of Texas. He served as an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at The Ohio State University at Lima from 1978 through 2012. He has since held the title of Associate Professor *emeritus* from the institution.

Dr. Angel's works in progress include “A City in Revolt: The Political Transformation of Cleveland, 1928-1948” and “The



Death of Polonius: Frank Lausche, Ohio, and the Politics of Race, 1941-1968.” Among his many community affiliations, Dr. Angel has served as a member of the board of trustees for the St. Marys Community Public Library since 2007, and chaired Citizens for the Library, the PAC that organized the successful library levy-renewal campaign in 2015. He is a member of the Wapakoneta Waves Summer Swim Board, for which he serves as president.

More Programming in Conjunction with *The Progressive Era!*

A Cold Case of Yeggs

Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m.
St. Marys Community Public Library

by John Carnes, Curator of Collections,
The Allen County Museum

Mr. Carnes' presentation tells the story of his own great-grandfather's murder on November 6, 1901. John F. Shively owned a saloon and hotel in Kossuth. A group of three yeggs rode from Lima to Kossuth in a stolen buggy, shot Shively, and escaped first to St. Marys, and then back to Lima. They, with others, proceeded to commit other crimes (interspersed with terms in the Ohio Penitentiary) in Allen and Auglaize counties, as well as in Southern Ohio.

Lunch and Learn with
Ken Burns' *Prohibition*
Thursday, February 18, Noon
Wapakoneta Library Basement

The question of Prohibition had gained strong momentum by the first decade of the 20th century. The issue was one of the most controversial in the history of the country, rivaled only by slavery a century before. However, the level of Americans' dedication to the enactment of Prohibition and the degree in which alcohol would be prohibited varied greatly among the population, depending upon geography, ethnicity, religion, and even economic status. Bring a brown bag lunch—we'll supply the drinks!—as we watch and discuss a segment of the fascinating documentary *Prohibition* and see how the subject relates to the Progressive Era and our exhibit.

Join us for the 1st Quarter Membership Meeting Thursday, February 4, 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Moulton

Following a brief business meeting, local collector Glen Farley will speak about his numerous artifacts from native peoples of northwest Ohio. He will also bring a number of his artifacts for exhibit during the program. Please join us!

Looking way ahead: Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m., at the Wapakoneta Library

Ohio Furniture 101:

An Introduction to Styles and Cultural Groups, 1788-1888

with Andrew Richmond, Wipiak Consulting and Appraisals, Sunbury



RESEARCH by the Historical Society

Looking for information about family history, but short on time? Let the Historical Society help. ACHS president Chandra Hoffman has extensive experience in research, especially in genealogy, and is available to conduct research, including the documentation necessary for the Ohio Department of Agriculture's CENTURY FARM designation. The fee is \$15/hour. All fees are then donated to the Historical Society.

Contact our office, 419/738-9328 or wallpaperproject@bright.net, for more information.

New Docents Needed

We're looking for more docents, both at the Mooney and Wapakoneta museums. If you like people and like history, this could be a great fit! We'll provide all the training, and your commitment could be as little as once every two months. Please call the office, 419/738-9328, or email auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net to learn more.

Staying in the Loop...

Don't forget that the Historical Society has begun sending out occasional e-updates about events and happenings. But you won't receive this information unless we have your email address! Please contact us, auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net, and we'll add you to the mailing list. Join the more than 530 individuals and families who LIKE the Auglaize County Historical Society on FACEBOOK as well.

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**Request for Assistance and
News about an Upcoming Program!**

ACHS is assisting the Ohio History Connection in its search for photographs of Civilian Conservation Corps members working at Fort Amanda during the period 1934-1937. If you have any photographs we can borrow, scan, and return, please contact ACHS, auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net, as soon as possible. Thank you!

Meanwhile, don't miss

Dollar a Day Boys:

A Musical Tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps
Wednesday, March 2, 6 to 7:30 p.m.,
at the Wapakoneta Library

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a 1930s federal works program that gave employment to 126,000 young men in Ohio. They planted trees, fought forest fires, built roads, and constructed state and national parks. Come hear the story of the CCC in Ohio, told through songs and stories by author, filmmaker, and songwriter Bill Jamerson. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Wapakoneta Public Library.

Earn Money for the Historical Society!

Support the Society's programs and services each time you shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card. If you registered for Kroger's Community Rewards program last year, you must re-register. To register or re-register:

Log onto www.kroger.com

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Select the *Auglaize County Historical Society*.

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Thanks to all who came out to visit the newly renovated Mooney Museum on December 6 and 13! We had a wonderful time.



Watch the newspapers and Facebook for future open house dates in January, including **Sunday, January 24**, which will include a book signing with Robert "Buzz" Howard, in honor of his new anthology about St. Marys history.

The 2015-16 Annual Fund is underway!

We have already contacted Life Members of the Historical Society, and have been gratified by the response.

We are well on our way toward this year's goal of \$2000.

Enclosed with this newsletter all members will find an appeal letter for the current Annual Fund campaign, which is integral

to the organization's financial health.

The campaign runs through January 31, 2016.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

The Annual Fund is supported by the Board of Trustees.

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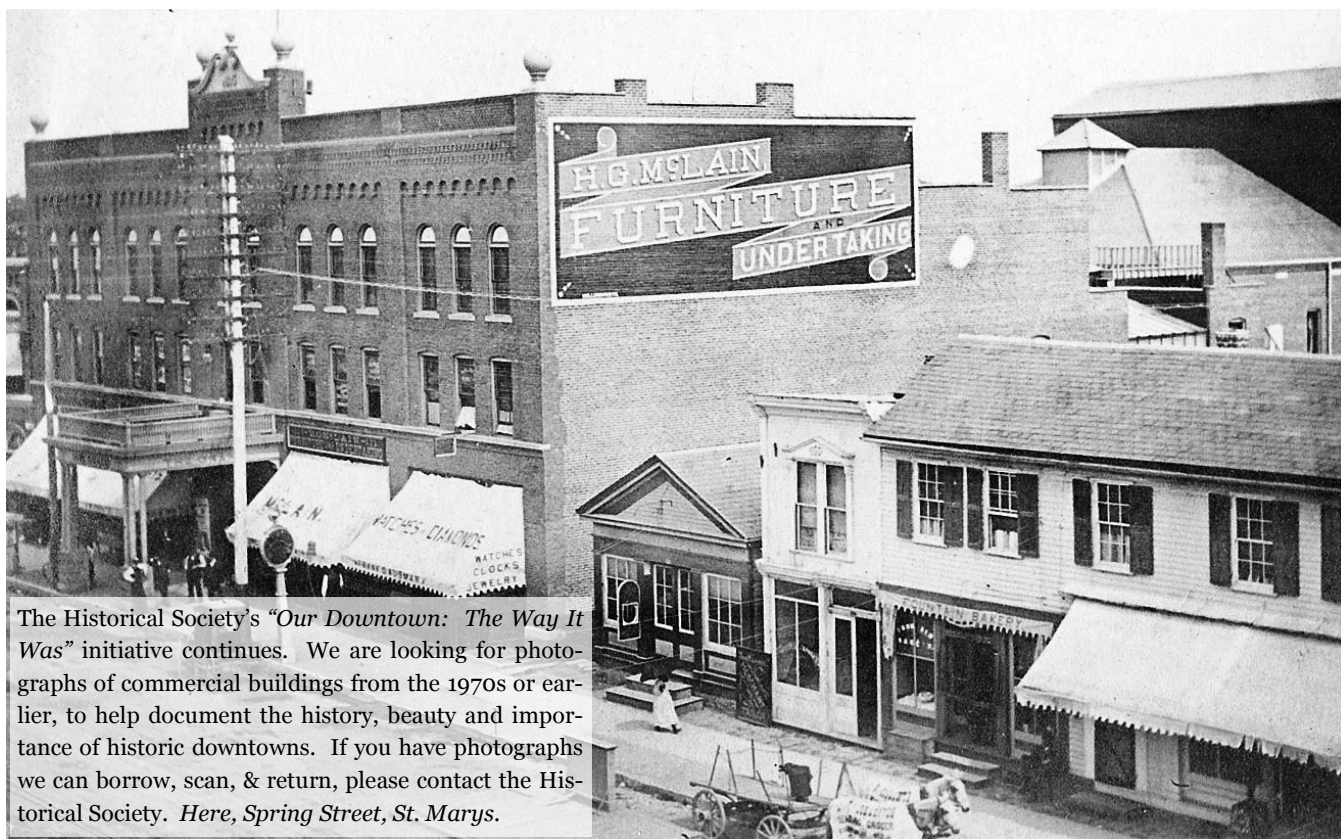
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The Historical Society's "Our Downtown: The Way It Was" initiative continues. We are looking for photographs of commercial buildings from the 1970s or earlier, to help document the history, beauty and importance of historic downtowns. If you have photographs we can borrow, scan, & return, please contact the Historical Society. *Here, Spring Street, St. Marys.*