

History at a Glance

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World War 1 on the Ohio Home Front: “Your Country Calls!” Thursday, June 7, 7 pm St. Marys Community Public Library



From 1917 through 1919, thousands of Ohio men and women engaged in the battles of the “Great War.” At home, in community organizations, on the farm, and in the workplace, Ohioans were exposed to new roles, new beliefs, and a new sense of national unity. People, young or old, were urged to support the families of soldiers, to purchase war bonds and stamps, to dig and tend Victory Gardens, to undergo the hardships of rationing, and to report spies and hate the “Hun.” Ohio women, many of whom were already suffragettes, entered the workplace for the first time, supported wartime charities, and joined organi-

zations like the Women’s Land Army. Ohio manufacturers and their employees, shifted to producing munitions, dramatically increased their work forces; some actively recruited African Americans from the South to operate assembly lines. Immigrants from overseas were exposed to programs that would “Americanize” them. This presentation explores how Ohioans participated in the Great War and how participation shaped important social and political changes.

Susan Talbot-Stanaway is retired Director of the Zanesville Museum of Art. She is an art historian, concentrating on American Art, and has curated over 500 exhibitions. Recently her research and curatorial efforts have focused on World War I posters, American illustrators, and contemporary art quilts.

“Your Country Calls” is made possible by the Ohio Humanities, state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Since 1972 Ohio Humanities has provided leadership, resources, and financial support for the humanities in Ohio.

This program is presented as part of the Historical Society’s second quarter membership meeting, and is open to the public.



The Historical Society needs your help to assist with a 50th Anniversary



The Auglaize County Public District Library's building in Wapakoneta opened fifty years ago. The *Wapakoneta Daily News* provided frequent updates on the building project. As some long time county residents may remember, the community's library was previously housed at Blume High School. Construction of the new building would necessitate moving all the collections from Blume up Blackhoof Street and over to the Perry Street building. The Historical Society is working with the library to create an exhibit with photographs of and stories about the library over the past fifty years. If you have any photographs we can borrow and scan or if you have any memorable stories about how the library has influenced your life, please contact the Historical Society at auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE Thank you! We're still hoping to assemble a fun exhibit about the library and its important role in the community over the past half century.

RESEARCH *by the Historical Society*

Looking for information about family history, but short on time? Let the Historical Society help. Our former trustee has extensive experience in research, and is available to assist with applications 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 auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net, for more information.

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 940** individuals and families who LIKE the Auglaize County Historical Society on FACEBOOK as well.

Earn Money for the Historical Society!

Support the Society's programs and services each time you shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card. The process is easier than ever. To register or re-register:

Log onto

<https://www.kroger.com/account/update>

Scroll down to the bottom of the page to Community Rewards and click edit.

Type in Auglaize County Historical Society as your charity.

Click the circle to the left of *Auglaize County Historical Society* and then click ENROLL.

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There's still time to attend the Building Doctor Clinic on Thursday, April 19, 7 pm, at St. Paul UCC, Wapakoneta. Call the office, 419/738-9328, and we'll register you. Co-sponsored with Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership/



2018 has been busy so far, with Chandra Hoffman and the Oregon Trail, the Columbus Maennerchor at Throwback Thursday, training new docents Sarah Zabka and Linda Knerr, celebrating Daniel and Carrie Mooney's Centennial Anniversary, the Women of Auglaize County exhibit at the New Bremen Library, and the annual trivial competition (The Girty Half Dozen, 1st Place; Librainians, 2nd Place; Night's Watch, 3rd Place). Much is yet to come, including the Bus Trip to Cleveland on April 26 (information enclosed)!



Log House Dinners will be rescheduled for the fall. Thank you.

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You are cordially invited
to the dedication of
the Ohio Historical Marker
commemorating

***Sts. Peter and Paul Church,
Mother Church of the
Petersburg Parishes***

of Botkins Immaculate Conception,
Fryburg St. John,
Rhine St. Lawrence, and
Wapakoneta St. Joseph

11 am
Tuesday, May 8
at Petersburg

(Santa Fe-New Knoxville Road, east of Cemetery Road)

*And don't miss the
Cemetery Walk*

*Sunday,
May 6, 2 pm*

*Greenlawn Cemetery
West Auglaize Street
Wapakoneta*

Learn more about this
historic cemetery
and the many notable
Auglaize County resi-
dents interred there!

Hosted in cooperation
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