

Museum Supporters,

As I look forward to the opening season of the Museum, I want to take this opportunity to update you on the happenings of the Museum and Fort, to thank you for your past generosity and to ask for your continued support.

Blockhouses and Fort Wall

As Site Manager for the Museum under the ownership of the Ohio History Connection (OHC) and management of the FR Historical Society, I oversee the daily operations and communicate frequently with OHC on ongoing maintenance and capital improvement projects. The largest improvement project funded by OHC this year has been adding support structures under the blockhouses to stabilize these iconic structures. Once stabilized a new palisade wall will be constructed.

Gift Shop Remodel

A project I have undertaken this winter with volunteer help is renovating the Museum gift shop. We uncovered and restored 2 existing windows in the gift shop, hung drywall and restored the original counter and wood trim. I couldn't have done it without the help of Paul McDaniel, Dave Rammel and Chris Bechtol.

Upcoming Events

May 7 – Museum Opening Day: I welcome everyone to the Museum to check out the renovation of the gift shop. You can also enjoy the display of many items from the historical society's collection in the basement community room. This exhibit was originally shown during the town's Christmas Open House and was very well received.

August 12-13 – Beyond the Battlefield: A cultural event featuring citizens from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, and Wyandotte Nation. These young dynamic speakers will be available for two days to discuss and inform visitors about their tribal heritage and culture from a past and present-day perspective.

Oct. Date TBA – St. Clair's Defeat Revisited: New View of the Conflict: This exhibit looks at St. Clair's Defeat from the perspective of Tribal citizens whose ancestors fought and were victorious at this battle. The exhibit will be on display in the Museum from late October until the end of December. After that it will travel on to the Fort Wayne History Center, Northeastern A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma, and the Ohio History Center in Columbus. This project was funded by National Endowment for the Humanities grants through Ball State University. Many thanks to the Tribal Humanities Scholars and Ball State archaeologists who have been working nearly five years on this exhibit.

Between these events I will be involved in school tours, bus tours, and private tours. I feel the history of Fort Recovery is the foundation of the village. The story of how we came to this land and all its past inhabitants is integral in understanding who we are as citizens now and the direction future citizens will take. I feel it's a privilege to share this history with anyone interested in learning it.

Please see the next page for patron donation and volunteer options.



Fort Recovery Museum & Monument

We need you and appreciate you! A small museum run by a non-profit organization, such as ours, is dependent on volunteers. It's my hope to increase community involvement so we are able to offer more free educational events to the public. Any donation of time or services would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me (Kim Rammel) at 419-852-0028.

Please indicate if you would like to help with any of the following. Many can be scheduled at your convenience.

- Yard work** – Adopt a flowerbed or park area! Or pick up sticks and trash. Krenning park, Monument Park, Museum grounds, Pioneer Cemetery.
- Cleaning** – Dusting and sweeping log cabin and tool cabin monthly; cleaning at the museum.
- Tours** - Learn how to give a short (15-20 minute) informative tour of the Blockhouses, log cabin and pre-contact room. Training out line provided. This is a fun way to interact with young students and interesting visitors! College and High School Students are welcome!
- Work in admissions/ gift shop** - Shift is 11-4 Wednesday-Sunday in the summer season. This is a fun way to meet many interesting visitors! Any number of days volunteered is welcome.
- Help with Special Events** – planning and/or assistance on the day of these fun and exciting events!
 - Annual Historical Society Auction (October)
 - 5-K Run (July)

Your past generous contributions of time and money have been appreciated by the community, museum trustees and the students and visitors who come here. Without exception people are surprised and impressed with the quality of the Fort Recovery Museum, the fort, the log cabins, the monument, the wayside exhibits, the extensive grounds, parks, and the 5 impressive murals.

Following are the patron categories. If you can help, **please check your level** of support. All levels \$25 and above are immediate family memberships. The \$10 level is an individual membership.

<input type="checkbox"/> President Washington	\$2000	<input type="checkbox"/> Weyapiersenwah (Blue Jacket)	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Gen. Anthony Wayne	\$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> Buckongahelas, Delaware Chief	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Mihšihkinaahkwa (Little Turtle)	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Haired Nance	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Gen. Arthur St. Clair	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen. Richard Butler	\$10

In return for your donation, **you receive:**

- 1) Satisfaction - knowing you contributed in an important way to museum daily operations, upkeep, renovations, educational presentations and community promotion and support
- 2) Free museum admission (normally \$5 adults; \$2 children); and Free or reduced rates for special events
- 3) 10% discount on any gift/book shop purchases
- 4) Informative Spring to November Newsletters

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please make checks payable to the **Fort Recovery Historical Society**. (Tax deductible)

Include this form with your check and mail in the enclosed FR Museum envelope to:

Treasurer: Nancy Abels, 1708 Watkins Road, Fort Recovery, 45846

Thank you for your continued support of the Fort Recovery Museum!