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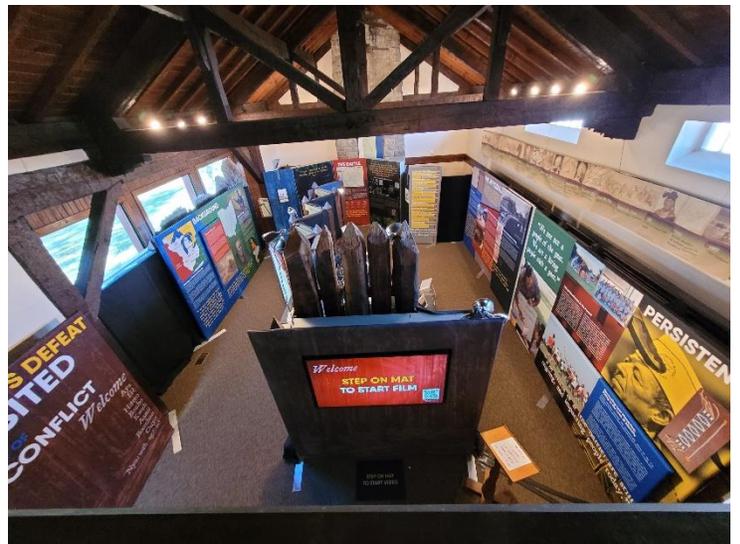
Museum Supporters,

As I look forward to the 2024 season opening 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.

“St. Clair’s Defeat Revisited: A New View of the Conflict” was a huge success!

Temporary exhibit “St. Clair’s Defeat Revisited: A New View of the Conflict” had an astounding run at the Fort Recovery Museum from November 4 to January 11! The exhibit told the story of St. Clair’s Defeat, its aftermath, and Tribes today from a Native perspective. Over 1,200 guests from 16 states visited on the 29 days that the exhibit was open. We thank every single person who attended, and loved the insightful comments, questions and discussions shared by so many visitors.

It takes many partners to put on an event of this type! We want to thank Ball State University, Applied Anthropology Laboratories and the 11 Tribal Humanities Scholars who co-created the exhibit. Special thanks to Nekole Alligood (Delaware Nation) and Diane Hunter (Miami Tribe of Oklahoma) who spoke on opening weekend. Funding was provided by the National Endowment of the Humanities and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. And finally, we very much appreciate the volunteers who assisted with this exhibit including Rose Cain, Dian Kaiser, Paul McDaniel, Carol Ranly, Jack Staugler, and Kathy Thobe.



“St. Clair’s Defeat Revisited: A New View of the Conflict” now travels to the Fort Wayne History Center, where it will be open from January 19 to May 11. In May, it will travel to Northeast Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma. The exhibit will be at the Ohio History Center in Columbus in 2025. And stay tuned, the Fort Recovery Historical Society is working on ways to make this exhibit content part of the Museum’s more permanent displays, hopefully in fall 2024.

Stockade Wall Update - I’ve had several people ask when or if the stockade wall is going to be installed. I can verify a new stockade wall will be built this summer. Ace of Trades will be doing the work.

Art Contest - The Historical Society is co-sponsoring an art contest with the Fort Recovery Merchants. This contest takes place in May and will include school age children. The contest topic will center around a rare piece of local history, a horse drawn mail buggy used in Fort Recovery in the early 1900’s. It will be on display in Krenning Park by late spring. Be sure to take a stroll through Krenning Park this summer and check it out! Getting this buggy to FR, repaired, transported and reassembled in the Walk by Museum took several volunteers! Many thanks to all who made this exhibit possible.



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Upcoming Events

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5, 11:00-4:00 - Museum 2024 Season Opening and Harry McDaniel Photo Exhibit

McDaniel, a Fort Recovery resident and postmaster in the 1910s, took hundreds of glass photo negatives in Fort Recovery and surrounding areas. These negatives were salvaged years ago and have now been digitized, with future plans to make them available on-line to the community. Come see a first preview of over 75 photographs in McDaniel's collection. You will be amazed at the quality of both McDaniel's photography and the digitization of these images! Free Museum admission both days.

Sunday, May 19, 12:00 & 3:00 - Battlefield Tours

Battlefield tours by Ball State University Archaeologist Christine Thompson at 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Approximately 1-hour tour time. Battlefield tour included with Museum admission.

Sunday, June 16, 12:00 & 3:00 - Battlefield Tours

Battlefield tours by Fort Recovery Museum Site Manager Kim Rammel at 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Approximately 1-hour tour time. Battlefield tour included with Museum admission.

*** Please note that this is the afternoon of the Fort Recovery Fireman's Parade, part of the Fort Recovery Jubilee which runs from 1:30 – 2:30 pm.

Sunday, July 21, 12:00 & 3:00 - Battlefield Tours

Battlefield tours by Ball State University Archaeologist Christine Thompson at 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Approximately 1-hour tour time. Battlefield tour included with Museum admission.

Sunday, July 21, 1:30-2:30 "Ohio: See the Signs"

We welcome Don and Sheila Painter who will present a fun and interesting visual tour of historical markers throughout Ohio. Presentation is free of charge in the Museum Community Room.

Sunday, August 18, 12:00 & 3:00 - Battlefield Tours

Battlefield tours by Ball State University Archaeologist Christine Thompson at 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Approximately 1-hour tour time. Battlefield tour included with Museum admission.

Sunday, September 22, 12:00 & 3:00 - Battlefield Tours

Battlefield tours by Fort Recovery Museum Site Manager Kim Rammel at 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Approximately 1-hour tour time. Battlefield tour included with Museum admission.

Saturday & Sunday, October 19 & 20, 10:00-4:00 - 2nd Annual "Beyond the Battlefield and St. Clair's Defeat: Connecting with Tribal Nations Today"

This event gives visitors the opportunity to experience Native cultures, past and present, from citizens of Federally Recognized Tribes whose ancestors were victorious in St. Clair's Defeat (1791). This unique 2-day event will showcase interactive historic programming featuring Shawnee, Miami, Ottawa, and Wyandotte history and culture, with special children's programming. Presentations will include discussions about Tribes today and modern Tribal perspectives, and traditional skills.



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Become a Museum Patron Today!

We need 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.

Your past generous contributions of time and money have been appreciated by the community, museum trustees and all museum visitors. 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 five impressive murals.

If you can help with a gift of time, please indicate if you would like to help with any of the following.

- _____ **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; Museum cleaning
- _____ **Tours** - Learn how to give short (15-20 minute) informative tours of the blockhouses, log cabin and pre-contact room. Training outline 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.
- _____ **Special Events** – planning and/or assistance on the day of these fun and exciting events!
 - _____ Annual Historical Society Auction (October) _____ 5-K Run (July)
 - _____ Beyond the Battlefield (October) _____ Battlefield tours (helping set up headsets)

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

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| _____ President Washington = \$2000 | _____ Weyapiersenwah (Blue Jacket) = \$100 |
| _____ General Anthony Wayne = \$1000 | _____ Buckongahelas, Delaware Chief = \$50 |
| _____ Mihšihkinaahkwa (Little Turtle) = \$500 | _____ Red Haired Nance = \$25 |
| _____ General Arthur St. Clair = \$250 | _____ General Richard Butler = \$10 |

In return for your donation, as a Museum Patron, **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, and free or reduced rates for special events
- 3) 10% discount on any gift/book shop purchases 4) Informative newsletters and email updates

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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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:

Fort Recovery Historical Society, Box 533, Fort Recovery, 45846

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