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Fort Recovery Museum Newsletter – Summer 2024

Museum Supporters,

The 2024 Summer season is well underway! It's been a smooth season so far, with lots of interesting visitors. We've been getting **positive reviews** on Google about the helpfulness of the Museum staff and volunteers. Visitors also appreciate the care we take of the site.

Nancy Abels recently retired from her position as Museum and Historical Society Treasurer. **I want to thank Nancy** for her decades of service! It is greatly appreciated.

I have been working with the Ohio History Connection to develop a **volunteer program**. As with implementing anything new, it turned out to be more involved than anticipated. However, it is well worth the effort as we are building a solid well-organized group of volunteers. I appreciate everything they contribute! Current volunteers include: John Ranly, Esther Heitkamp, Cheryl Perkeybile, Jack Staugler, Jill Walter, Mike Walter, Mary Barman, and Tim Barman.

It's a given that all **Historical Society members** give invaluable amounts of time to various projects and fund raisers. This time is included on our tally of volunteer hours given to our site. Members include: Carol Ranly, Paul McDaniel, Dian Kaiser, Chris Thompson, Kathy Thobe, Ken Lamm, Marie Osterholt, Rose Cain, Helen Lefevre, Nancy Abels, Janelle Braun, JoAnne Glentzer, and Pat Hull.

A huge thank you to all of our 2024 Museum Patrons! We use patronage funds to support special events and to support updates and renovations to the Museum. If you would still like to become a patron for this year, the patron form is attached for your convenience. You can either mail it to the address listed or drop it off at the Museum, Wed thru Sun, 11:00-4:00. We also have copies at the Museum, if you don't want to print. Thanks to all current and future patrons!

In preparation for a new exhibit coming to the Museum in October (see below), the **Museum basement room was completely renovated**. Thank you to Paul McDaniel, Marie Osterholt, Rose Cain, and Carmen Shoemaker for their assistance!



The **traveling exhibit “St. Clair’s Defeat Revisited: A New View of the Conflict”**, which was displayed at the Museum in November through January, opened at the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma on May 20. A reception was held on May 30 with 100 people, including Tribal Humanities Scholars who worked on the project, attending the exhibit and two presentations. In December, the exhibit will travel to the Ohio History Connection in Columbus.

I am proud to announce that the Historical Society received a **grant from the America 205-Ohio Commission** to partially fund the creation of retractable banners of “St. Clair’s Defeat Revisited: A New View of the Conflict”. These banners will form a permanent exhibit in the newly renovated Museum basement room (pictured above), opening in October 2024.

The Museum is excited to host the 2nd annual **“Beyond the Battlefield and St. Clair’s Defeat: Connecting with Tribal Nations Today”** on October 19 and 20. This event is partially funded by a Ohio Humanities Council grant, and will give 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). Interactive historic programming will feature Shawnee, Miami, Ottawa, and Wyandotte history and culture, with special children’s programming. Presentations will include discussions about modern Tribal perspectives, and traditional skills.

Historical Society News

Historical Society members have approved the demolition and **construction of a new wall in Krenning Park**, which will span the space between Park National Bank and Chuck Meinerding’s building along Wayne Street. To add to the functionality, there will be an area for seating and various other uses during events. We are excited to be able to add to the beauty of the town in a practical and useful way! Steve Stone at Natures Green has been contracted to do the project.

The **log cabins** are due for some maintenance work. This will include a power wash, filling of any cracks followed with application of a sealant.

The Historical Society, in collaboration with the Opera House Committee, has a long-term objective of **creating exhibits in the lobby and gallery space of the Opera House**. This is in the development stage with some creative minds coming up with some fantastic ways to tell the history of Fort Recovery after the 1791 and 1794 battles.

Ohio History Connection News

We are happy to report that the Ohio History Connection has contracted with local construction company Ace of Trades to **construct a new palisade wall** between the two blockhouses. Work is scheduled to begin August 19. Many thanks to OHC for the completion of this major project.

Upcoming Events

Keep updated! <https://fortrecoverymuseum.com/> and facebook.com/FortRecoveryMuseum

Sunday, August 18, 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.

Sunday, September 22, 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.

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

Sunday, November 3 – Annual One of a Kind Auction, in collaboration with Project Recovery



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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 _____

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:

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

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