



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, blacksmith shop, 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)
 - _____ Native Days with FR Elem/MS (October) _____ Battlefield tour assistant

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.

- _____ 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

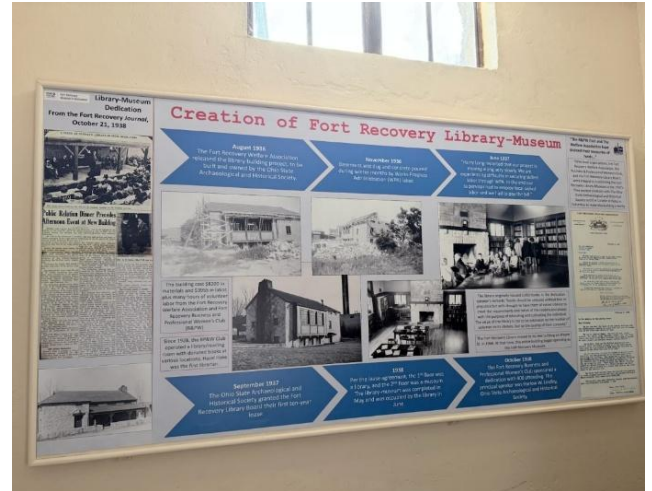
Thank you for your continued support of the Fort Recovery Museum!

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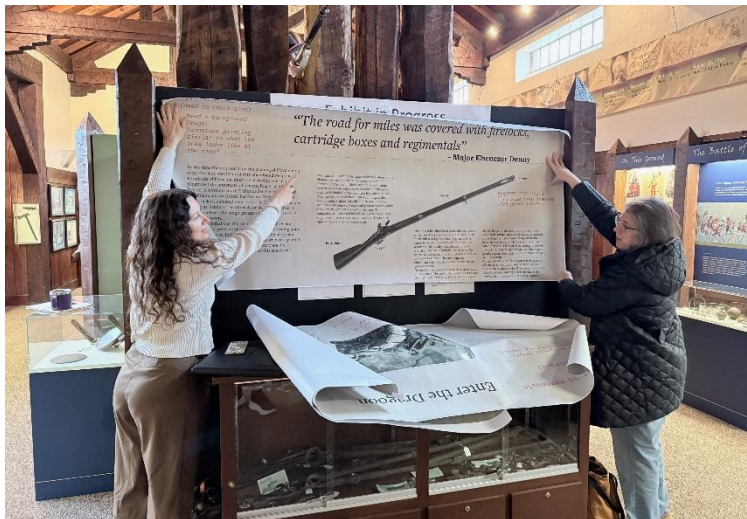
By Kim Rammel, Site Manager, Fort Recovery Museum & Monument
 President, Fort Recovery Historical Society

What's happening at the Fort Recovery Museum & Monument

New Panels & Exhibits - A chance conversation with a young Fort Recovery native, who had no idea the museum started out as a library, was the spark that led to several **new museum panels** telling the story of the construction of what is now our museum, the original Fort reconstruction, and the collaborative efforts behind these land acquisitions. There was so much interesting information to go through; it was hard to choose what to include on the panels! I am pleased to tell these stories, displayed permanently in the museum, so the history of this important Ohio History Connection site is never forgotten. Thanks to Chris Thompson, Elena Evers, and Messenger Press for their assistance with this project!



One of five new panels in the Museum that detail the land acquisition and construction of the library-museum, original fort reconstruction, and the Monument.



Hadley Drodge (Interpretive and Content Specialist) and Kim Koloski (Lead Graphic Designer) from the Ohio History Connection testing out some graphics for the new Charleville exhibit. Not shown is Steve Jacobs, Exhibition Manager.

New Charleville Musket and dragoon exhibits are coming along nicely. In collaboration with the Fort Recovery Historical Society's Museum Committee, the Ohio History Connection's Exhibit Team are using their creative talents to bring my vision for a new exhibit to life. The Exhibit Team has made several trips gathering information from the Museum Committee and taking measurements.

The goal is to have the exhibits completed for the **May 31 presentation "Charleville - How French Infantry Muskets became the Standard Weapon of the U.S. Army"** by Zachary Distel (Curator & Director of Collections, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution).

Your patron contributions helped fund all of these panels, exhibits, and upcoming events. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Visit us at <https://fortrecoverymuseum.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/FortRecoveryMuseum>

Beyond the Battlefield: Native Days - Oct 22-24

We are happy to bring back the Beyond the Battlefield event which was held in 2023 and 2024. This year we are collaborating with the Fort Recovery, Coldwater, St. Henry, and Marion Local elementary schools and Tribal partners from the Wyandotte Nation, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

The first two days will feature Native cultural programming for ~400 4th grade students in alignment with Ohio curriculum standards. This programming will be free to the public on Saturday October 24 at the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School. There will also be free admission and battlefield tours at the Fort Recovery Museum. Mark your calendars for this fun family event!



Wyandotte social dance at 2024 Beyond the Battlefield event.

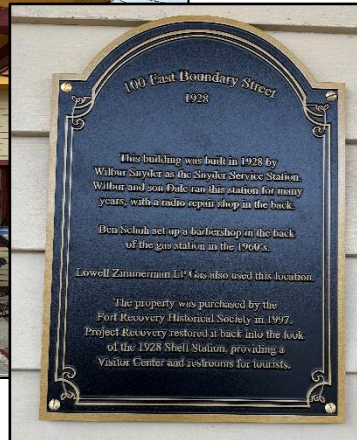
This Beyond the Battlefield event is funded in part by the Ohio History Fund, a grant program of the Ohio History Connection. Your donations to the Ohio History Fund make this program possible. www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund

Fort Recovery Historical Society Updates

Historic Building Plaques - The Fort Recovery Historical Society collaborated with Project Recovery to resume the historic building plaque project which was initiated many years ago. Using information from Helen LeFevre's book - *Fort Recovery Businesses – Then and Now*, Chris Thompson condensed the information to be



One of 38 historic building plaques on the Fort Recovery Visitor Center.



used on the plaques, with Kathy Thobe proofreading. Thanks to Tom and Tess Kaup, and Project Recovery for funding this project, to the village staff for installing these plaques, and to the building owners for letting us preserve a little bit of this history. We are excited that High School sophomore Cora Pearson will be using these plaques as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award

project. Cora will be creating a map with the locations of all 38 historic building plaques, and will unveil her project at the Fort Recovery America 250 celebration on July 25.

Fort Recovery America 250 Event – Saturday, July 25

The Fort Recovery America 250 committee (myself, Amy Wendel, Maria Bruns, JoAnne Glentzer and Debbie Zumstein) are busy planning a fun day-long family event on July 25 to celebrate America's 250 birthday! A good portion of the event will be located on Museum and Historical Society grounds. I have applied for funding through the America 250 Ohio Commission who are working with the Ohio History Connection to promote the hosting of Community Picnics across the state. There will also be activities planned for in the Opera House.

**** 2026 Schedule of Events ****

Museum open Sat/Sun in May, Sept, Oct; and Wed-Sun in June, July, Aug; 11:00-4:00

May

- 2** – Museum opens for 2026 season!
- 8** – Fort Recovery Car Show, museum open free of charge 5:00-7:00
- 10** – Battlefield Tours, 12:00 & 3:00
- 31** – Presentation on “Charleville Muskets” Zachary Distel, 1:00
- 31** – Battlefield Tour, 2:30

June

- 14** – Battlefield Tours, 12:00 & 3:00
- 18** – Annual Pie Auction (with Taste of the Town)

July

- 12** – Battlefield Tours, 12:00 & 3:00
- 18** – St. Clair 5K Run
- 25** – Fort Recovery America 250 Celebration, free admission

August

- 9** – Battlefield Tours, 12:00 & 3:00

September

- 13** – Battlefield Tours, 12:00 & 3:00

October

- 10** – Fort Recovery Car Show, museum open free of charge, 4:30-6:30
- 11** – Battlefield Tours, 12:00 & 3:00
- 24** – Beyond the Battlefield: Native Days and Battlefield Tours
- 31** – Last day of 2026 season
- TBD** – Annual One-of-a-Kind Auction

November

- 15** – Christmas Open House carriage rides & free admission, 11:00-4:00

*Battlefield Tours listed above are guided, ~1 hour, and included with Museum admission

For additional event details, see www.fortrecoverymuseum.com and www.facebook.com/FortRecoveryMuseum

**We are excited about our upcoming school field trips in May.
Thanks to all of our volunteers who make these field trips possible!**

