

FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



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Upcoming Spring Events

(April—June events)

2016 Museum Opening “Fighting for Freedom: Fulton County in World War II” Special Exhibit

Sunday, April 10 Noon—5:00pm
229 Monroe St. in Wauseon. Members FREE,
Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, Students \$1

St. Caspar’s Fish Fry (partially benefits society)

Friday, April 15, 2016 4:30-7:00pm
St. Caspar’s Roman Catholic Church, North
Shoop Avenue, Wauseon, OH

Old-Fashioned Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, April 24 11:30am (till gone) at the
Fulton County Sportsman’s Club 7700 County Rd. 14,
Wauseon. An \$8.50 or more donation for the
construction of our new museum will allow you
to dine in or carryout a meal of chicken, mashed
potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, drink and
dessert.

1941 “Gold Star Mother’s Tea” Living History Event

Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 21
*The United States is not officially at war yet, but
soldiers’ mothers are gathering for tea
(complimentary scones, finger sandwiches and
desserts) to discuss upcoming events abroad
and at home. Theatrical performances held
throughout the day on the museum porch.
11:00am – 3:00pm (reservations only)
\$12.50 admission (\$11 for members)*

Wauseon Strawberry Festival & Barney Oldfield Day (Oakshade Raceway in evening)

Saturday, June 18 11:00am-4:00pm
Downtown Wauseon, OH

*Historical Society Downtown Walking tours,
including courtroom, depot and museum.
9:00, 10:30 and Noon, \$5 members, \$7 non-
members meet at steps of courthouse.*

Canfield Cabin & Reighard Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations

Thresher’s Convention Friday June 24 and
Saturday, June 25 10am-4pm
Fulton County Fairgrounds, State Route 108

From the President

Dear Members & Friends,

Our Monroe Street museum in Wauseon has been a busy place this winter. We have been working with our county Heritage Alliance partners accessioning artifacts, and removing our long running Civil War exhibit to replace it with a new World War II era exhibit. We’ve also been touring other history museums in our area to get inspiration and behind-the-scenes advice for our new museum that is scheduled to begin construction this spring.

On the Capital Improvement fundraising efforts, we have received over \$208,000.00 to date. Gifts have been received at the room naming levels, our three Donor Circle levels, and through tile purchases for our foyer wall mural. Other than cash donations, some people have chosen to donate investment stocks, and some have made 5 year pledge commitments. We still have a way to go, so if you haven’t given yet, please consider a donation. Every amount counts toward our new goal of \$792,000.00.

Feel free to speak with me or our society director personally about the project at one of our upcoming events or call to meet with one of us over lunch.

Sincerely,

Carl Buehrer,
President



The first and last sunken U.S. vessels during the war contained Fulton County men. We see young Corwin Porter at left just before he was killed by Nazi forces 75 years ago in October of 1941. See this year’s temporary exhibit, “Fulton County Fighting for Freedom in World War II” at the Fulton County Museum, 229 Monroe Street, Wauseon, OH open Tuesdays through Saturdays at 10am. Several items from Sauder Village are on loan for this exhibit.

Heritage Alliance Events:

Metamora Area Historical Society and Evergreen Community Library Spring Benefit Tea: "Thinking Outside the Book- What's Your Story?"

Date/Time: Saturday, April 9th, 2-4pm
Location: Evergreen Community Library
Admission: Tables of 4 for \$80.00 table decorations: favorite novel, author, childhood book or character.
Reservations: Evergreen Community Library

FCOGS Speaker, Donna Christian, Toledo Public Library, "Using Newspapers for Genealogy"

Date/Time: April 12, 7pm
Location: Trinity Lutheran, 410 Taylor St. Delta, OH
Admission: Free

Bean Creek Valley History Center, "Down Home at the Opera House"

Date/Time: Saturday, April 23, 7:30pm
Location: Fayette Opera House
More Info:(419)388-3518 colleenrufenacht@yahoo.com

Sauder Village, 40th Annual Quilt Show

Date: Tuesday, April 26 – Sunday, May 1
Time: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sunday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Founder's Hall

Bean Creek Valley History Center, Speaker Ambassador David Rothman

Date/Time: Sunday, May 1, 2pm
Location: Fayette Opera House
More Info:(419)388-3518 or colleenrufenacht@yahoo.com

Sauder Village Spring on the Farm

Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 10am – 5pm
Admission: \$16 adults, \$10 students, 5 & under free

Sauder Village Antique Car Gathering

Date: Saturday, May 21
Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm **Admission:** (see above)

Sauder Village Gospel Music Concert

Date/Time: Sunday, June 12
 Concert at 4:00 pm, Historic Village Open Noon-4pm
Admission: \$16 adults, \$10 students, 5 & under free

FCOGS Speaker, Deborah Carder Mayes, "Finding and Using Ancestor Death Records"

Date/Time: June 14, 6pm
Location: Trinity Lutheran, 410 Taylor, Delta, OH
Admission: Dinner Reservation (419)533-2083

NEW! Sauder Village Agriculture Adventures

Date: Tuesday - Sunday, June 14-19
7th Annual Antique Tractor Show
Date: Saturday, June 18
Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday noon – 4:00 pm.

Donation/Membership Form

Name(s) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Address _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please check below what your check (payable to FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY) is including:

- New Museum Director's Circle Gift (includes a FREE year family membership) \$10,000
- New Museum President's Circle Gift (includes a FREE year family membership) \$5,000
- New Museum Sponsor Circle Gift (includes a FREE year family membership) \$1,000
- New Museum 9 Tile Wall image (includes a FREE year membership) \$900(enclose your photo) *
- New Museum 4 Tile Wall image (includes a FREE year membership) \$400(enclose your photo) *
- New Museum 1 Tile Wall image (includes a FREE year membership) \$100(enclose your photo) *
- Historian Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) \$1,000
- Council Oak Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) \$500
- Pioneer Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) \$250
- Native Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) \$100
- Patriot Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) \$30
- Adult Individual Annual Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) \$25
- Senior Couple Annual Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) \$20
- Senior/Student Annual Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) \$10

TOTAL Check Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail to P.O. Box 104 Wauseon, Ohio 43567

If above is a gift membership, then the gift is from: _____

2015 Donations (including our Capital Campaign)

*(names appear at the entrance to Fighting for Freedom Exhibit and in the township hall during the
Fulton County Fair)*

**Thanks to all of our friends and members who have given so generously toward our local
history preservation efforts:**

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Pioneer (\$250-\$499 given in 2015)

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Natives (\$100-\$249 given in 2015)

<i>Mary Franz</i>	<i>Barbara Baker</i>	<i>Nancy Henry</i>	<i>Diane Shull</i>
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2015 Year End Acquisitions

Recent acquisitions added to the permanent collection:

- Veteran Books from the Fulton County Office of Veterans Affairs
- Barney Oldfield award from Saginaw Michigan Hall of Fame
- Martin Gerken Nazi Prisoner of War Collection
- E. L. Barber Collection
- Spengler-Windish Military Collection
- Pettisville Savings 1920 Calendar (*right*) object #2016.52.1



Visit our Facebook pages and learn more about our collection and progress on the new museum!



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