



The Historical Society Chronicle

Trivia Corner

Can you guess what this is?
It was a device used for cleaning.



Answer at bottom of newsletter.

Village Happenings

Spring cleaning of all the buildings has taken place to prepare for the coming tours and activities. The village grounds have been mowed, raked, and trimmed. School tours have already started, and more are scheduled for the upcoming months.

Final touches are being completed for our **2023 Open House** to be held on **Saturday, May 6th**. Door prize donations continue to come in and activities for visitors have been finalized. The Open House kicks off our 2023 season which runs from May 6th through October 29th. The Historical Village will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM for FREE tours. Our new Gift Shop has its Grand Opening on May 6th and will be open each Saturday & Sunday from 1pm to 5pm.

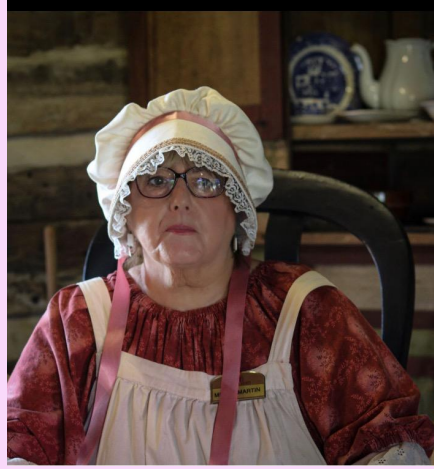
Inquiries about venue rentals continue to come in. We have the chapel for weddings, the pavilion for receptions, the gazebo for music and the SBC pavilion for small parties. To learn more, go to our website HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com, click on the menu, then click on Venues.

The Archival Library continues to receive inquiries for Hilliard historical information. We are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00AM to 1:30PM or call 614-876-5880 with your questions. You may also email us at HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.

We will have a **Walking Tour of Old Hilliard** again this year on Saturday, May 20th at 10AM. Join longtime resident Tim Woodruff for a guided tour of historic Old Hilliard. Listen to stories, learn fun facts like where the first silent movie played, where the first Hilliard bank robbery took place, where the first integrated school was in Hillard and where the first hotel was located plus much, much more. To save your spot, go to our website, HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com, click on the menu, then click on Events. Then scroll down to Walking Tour of Old Hilliard and click on the picture to register.

Registration of artists and crafters continues for the **Art and Craft Fair** that will be held **Saturday, June 17, 2023, 10a.m. – 3p.m.** To register as an exhibitor, go to our website HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com, click on the menu, then click on Art & Craft Exhibitors. Simply fill out the online registration and complete the online booth space donation fee, and you are all set. This year's Art & Craft Fair is shaping up to be the largest so far.

Profiles in Stewardship



Megan Martin

Megan Martin is the society’s Volunteer Coordinator and expert on the Historical Village’s Log Cabin. She frequently can be seen dressed in a period costume telling visitors about 19th century life. “I like to teach people about the past so they can appreciate the future and what they have,” she said.

[Read More about Megan](#)

Local Business Spotlight



Rich’s Products - Hilliard

Rich Products Corp. has donated donuts to the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society for various festivities over the past ten years. Those donuts come from Rich’s Hilliard plant at 4600 Northwest Parkway, said Michelle Hurtt, senior master production scheduler and Hilliard resident. It is Hurtt’s job to facilitate the company’s charitable donations to local organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, the Franklin County Fair, and several elementary schools. Rich’s supports local groups as part of its philosophy which seeks community improvement. The company has a list of corporate

values including treating customers as family. “Associate and product safety is number one,” said Hurtt.

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Gift Shop

Our gift shop at the Historical Village in the museum is officially open. We have several items related to Hilliard. Our gift shop hours are Saturday & Sunday 1PM to 5PM.

Country Store (on website)

We have a variety of greeting cards available. Please go to our website at HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com, click on “Country Store” in the menu to see the selection and prices.



Upcoming Events

May Historical Village Open House - Saturday, May 6th, 1 PM - 4 PM, tours start at the Norwich Pavilion, snacks & drinks available, open to the public, FREE admission (donations welcome).

Walking Tour of Old Hilliard - Saturday, May 20th, 10 AM - noon, starts at the Historical Society Library, 5274 Norwich St. Fee is \$10 per person.

June Art & Craft Show – Saturday, June 17th, 10 AM – 3 PM at Weaver Park, featuring local artists with original art. Food and drink available. FREE admission (donations welcome)

Starting May 6th and running through October 29th, the Historical Village will be open Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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Trivia Corner Answer:

This antique device is a rug beater. Before manual sweepers and before electric vacuum people had to clean their rugs. The rug was hung on a clothesline (we will cover that on another trivia questions) or hung over a fence. The wire formed device was used to beat the dirt out of the rug.

A carpet beater or carpetbeater (also referred to as a rug beater, carpet whip, rug whip, clothes-beater, dust beater, carpet duster, wicker slapper, rug duster, or pillow fluffer, and formerly also as a carpet cleaner or rug cleaner) is a housecleaning tool used to beat carpets to shake dust and dirt out of them. The rug or carpet was hung on a clothesline (we will cover that term on another trivia questions) or hung over a fence and beat until clean. Originally designed by Melville R. Bissell in 1876, it was in common use until the vacuum cleaner became widely affordable.

Typically made of wood, rattan, cane, wicker, spring steel or coiled wire, antique rug beaters have become very collectible. Some wire-formed carpet beaters were creatively shaped like pigs, butterflies, and hearts.



Antique Carpet Beater



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