



# The Historical Society Chronicle

## November 2023

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### Trivia Corner

Can you guess what these are?  
A common home item in the mid 1800's



**Answer at bottom of newsletter.**

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### Village Happenings

**Hilliard Horizon School Tour** – On November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes from Hilliard Horizon School came to tour the Historical Village. The group was so large they had to be split over two days. They were able to tour all the buildings in the Village and learn about the history of the Village and what life was like a long time ago as part of their local history studies.

**History Night at the Library** – Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> the Hilliard Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library hosted a history night. Three of our Society volunteer docents took various historical artifacts for display and presentation. Our presenters included Megan Martin on what pioneer life was like, Dick Argo presenting history about trains, and Ann Richards on what education was like in a one-room schoolhouse.

## Venue Rental

If a wedding or reception is in your future, please keep our venues in mind. We have the Colwell chapel for weddings, the Norwich pavilion for receptions, graduation parties, reunions and more. Our gazebo at the Village is great for music and we have the SBC pavilion for smaller parties. To learn more, go to our website [HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com](http://HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com), click on the menu, then click on Venues.

## Archival Library

Do you have a question for our archival library? They are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00AM to 1:30PM or call 614-876-5880 with your questions. You may also contact them by email at [HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).

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## Profiles in Stewardship



## Ron Snider

Ron Snider has been a member of the Historical Society for some 11 years. Like so many others, he was invited to join by someone already involved - former president, the late Harry Smith. Ron knew Harry when they worked together. Ron was a math teacher for 32 years at the old-Hilliard and at Davidson high schools until he retired in 2001.

“Harry was always on me to join. I turned him down for about two years before he finally wore me down. Harry was right: this is a good thing to do,” said Ron.

[Read More about Ron](#)

## Local Business Spotlight



### Hilliard Floral Design

Hilliard Floral Design is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Located at 4120 Main St., the flower shop supplies single rose arrangements to the Historical Society for funerals of deceased society members. The owner is Christine A. Buroff.

Why did you choose to locate in Hilliard?

We moved from New Jersey to Hilliard for my husband's job. My husband and I were eating at a restaurant in Old Hilliard when we noticed a for sale sign in the window of 4036 Main Street (our old location). We decided that we would buy it and that I would open my own shop.

## Gift Shop (at the Village)

Our gift shop at the Historical Village in the museum is closed for the season. It will reopen in the spring of 2024 on Saturday's & Sunday's 1PM to 5PM. We will have several items related to Hilliard.



**We have recently added Historical Village souvenir T-shirts!**



## Country Store- (on our website)

We have a variety of **Holiday Greeting Cards** along with other printed materials available. Please go to our website at [HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com](http://HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com), click on "Visit" in our menu then select "Country Store" to see the selection and prices. Below are a few examples.



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## Upcoming Events



**December Annual Tree Lighting at the Hilliard Historical Village** Sunday, December 3, 2023, 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM at the Historical Village in Weaver Park ([map](#))

FREE Trolley rides to & from the Village to downtown Hilliard, Mrs. Claus and elves in the one-room schoolhouse helping children write letters to Santa.

FREE tours of the Historical Village, Holiday music at the Village Gazebo, FREE admission (donations welcome).

Pizza available at \$3.00 per slice, plus refreshments provided by Buckeye

Shaved Ice.

Additional activities include Face Painting, Balloon Twisting and a Live Snow Globe.

Tree lighting at 6:30PM

## Santa in the Train Station



**December Santa In The Train Station** - Sunday, December 10th, 2 PM - 5 PM, at the Historical Village train station. Children can share their Christmas list with Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse drawn wagon rides, music in the chapel and hot chocolate & donuts available, FREE admission (donations welcome).

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**Trivia Corner Answer:**



## Wash Board

In 1868 the *New York Times* called washboards "a great American invention" and ran a story about a man taking "a wooden grooved washboard" home to his sister in Germany as a novelty. Yet "it is believed that ribbed wooden scrubbing boards originated in Scandinavia and the manufacture spread to other countries during the 19th century," said **Edward Pinto**, an expert on domestic objects crafted from wood.

At the turn of the 19th century washboards were not yet standard household equipment in the US. Specialist opinion at **Mount Vernon** (Virginia) says there's no evidence they were in use in that area. Meanwhile inventors were starting to experiment with "machines" including grooved boards, grooved tubs, and more, as they tried to lighten heavy laundry work.

On February 9th 1833, Stephen Rust of Manlius, NY patented a new idea: a "Wash Board" with a piece of "*fluted tin, sheet iron, copper or zink*".

Click here to see a washboard in action [https://youtu.be/VizKJelf4tI?si=G9rNK6Qt41\\_JH2vI](https://youtu.be/VizKJelf4tI?si=G9rNK6Qt41_JH2vI)



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