



THE HILLIARD STATION CHRONICLE

Winter 2021-22 -- 55 years since 1966

Happy New Year 2022

**The Hilliard Ohio Historical Society was founded in 1966
Originally named the Northwest Franklin County Historical Society**

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In spite of our Covid 19 Virus problems we had a very successful 2021 program year. We were able to present all of our planned events: Open House in April, Walking tour of Hilliard in May, Classic Car Show in June, Franklin County Fair in July, Heritage Day in August, Old Hilliardfest in September, Haunted Village in October and Santa in the Train Station in December. Plus participation in Hilliard city events: The 4th of July Parade, Memorial Day Parade and the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in December

Letter from Our President –Tim Woodruff

First I would like to thank the membership for a year of many accomplishments. Your support in many different forms has allowed the society to be more than mildly successful and the community is beginning to recognize that we have a real gem in Weaver Park's Historical Village. Thank you. I want to highlight our new attractions for the members who have not been able to visit the Village this year. we installed a jail cell on the porch of the museum using bars from the old Hilliard jail. It has been extremely popular to our visitors. We also installed an elevated model train in the train station to help visitors better understand the routes that the CP&I railroad ran. We hope it will be a popular attraction this Spring when we re-open the village. We also cleaned the freight area in the train station, painted the walls and displayed antique railway tools on the walls. We want to thank the city of Hilliard for painting the 12 light poles and staining the Gazebo and for all the they do in the Historical Village to make it more attractive to visitors. The City also decorated the Historical Buildings with Christmas lights for the holidays. The village looks great.

Over the winter months, we hope to complete several projects in the museum. We are getting quotes to enclose the kitchen display area to make it look like a room as we have done elsewhere in the museum. We also want to remodel the poultry, dairy, and bee display area to make it look like they are inside a barn. This will enhance the professional appearance of our museum. The third museum project is to enclose a majority of the porch and move some of the bigger items out there and open a lot more display area inside the new part of the museum.

We have had many new items donated this past year. We are in the process of assessing them so we can put them out on display. The nicest item we have received in many years was an early 1800's

horse drawn funeral hearse in excellent condition. Thank you Rick Tidd from the Tidd Funeral Home.

We are adding another monument close to the Harrington Monument and plan to make a nice memorial garden with two monuments and a paved access area around them. We received several thousand dollars worth of pavers free so this area should look very nice when it is finished.

So much more to report, with so little space available Hopefully members will stay involved and/or get more involved. We need your support. We will continue to keep you informed as to all the happenings with the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society Stay safe and remain healthy.

**Your President,
Tim Woodruff**

Tim Woodruff – Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade



Tim Woodruff was honored by the City of Hilliard for all his years of support for all the city's programs and events the city offers over of many years. Tim was named the 2021 Grand Marshall for the City of Hilliard 4th of July parade.

Below are photos of Society member Peggy Trump as Mrs. Santa from Hilliard Tree Lighting and dressed in costume for the Haunted Village Event

Peggy Trump in Costume for Tree lighting & Halloween events



Our Historical Village has 11 Buildings and structures and is open for planned events, summer hours, and school tours.



THE LOG CABIN
WITH WPA Outhouse in Back

The Log cabin is one of the special buildings in our Village. This early 1800's Log Cabin was made from 3 log cabins that were in fields along Hilliard Rome Road. It is a rare 2-story structure. The

stone chimney was made from the local Hilliard quarries. It is furnished with authentic furniture and frontier artifacts that were used by the early settlers who lived in that era.

**Here are some shared experiences from Megan Martin about the
Log Cabin**

After volunteering in the log cabin for our last Christmas event, I always find it so rewarding to tell my stories of pioneer life and see the smiles of those who comment....."I didn't know that" and "always wondered where that comment came from! "

The one story that always brings the most comments is about "The Rope Bed." In the upstairs of the cabin we have a double bed with a mattress that is filled with corn husks. Unfortunately, I always have to explain what "corn Husks are" Also I tell the visitors that this bed is very small because people were very small back then and would have easily fit a Mom and Dad in this size bed. It is just a little bigger than a twin bed of today. Then I have to explain that the mattress is not on wooden slats but in fact is laying on ropes. The ropes are tied horizontally and vertically to the frame. I tell them that the ropes have to be tight so they don't break while you are sleeping or sag so your bottom touches the floor. I tell them that is where the saying "sleep tight and don't let the bed bugs bite" comes from. The reaction I get is always the same. They leave with a big smile on their faces, perhaps bringing back memories of grandma tucking them into bed with a kiss and saying : "sleep and don't let the bed bugs bite" There are also many artifacts and and furnishings in this original old log cabin in the village that bring memories of growing up in "the Good Old Days."



This is the Historical Village Library and is actually located at 5274 Norwich Street. It also serves as our historical society business office and archival library. Included in the library are many historical books and maps of Old Hilliard. It is also used as a resource for all Hilliard residents to do genealogical searches of their family trees and history.

During January and February our staff will change. Marilyn Evans and Randy Smith will work from home. At the library will be: Monday's - Bob Poling, Tuesday's - Megan Martin and Thursday's Donna Olenhouse. Also note that if the public schools are closed due to inclement weather, the library will also be closed. Call ahead for help, if needed: 614 -876-5880.

Thanks to Society member Jenny Spring Starr, we have more new genealogies of Hilliard families. Randy Smith and Bob Poling have been researching the various railway lines and stations of Hilliard over the years and that will be available in the Spring. Marilyn has been cataloging the new material and will be working this winter on organizing some old documents and materials on Hilliard schools in the early years of the 1900's. We welcome all visitors and are more than willing to answer your questions on Hilliard History. You do not have to be a Hilliard Ohio Historical Society to use this facility.

We recently had our annual Christmas Dinner and membership meeting and our President, Tim Woodruff shared with us all the changes, upgrades that we have made to our Historical Village and new plans for our museum changes and additions. Tim has shared them in a special letter to the membership.

We also recognized two members Kathy and Jim Chandler with individual 2021 Certificates of Appreciation for their volunteer efforts at all our Village events and in particular the spectacular event of the Haunted Village on October 8th & 9th.



Kathy & Tim



Jim & Tim

Thank you, Kathy and Jim, we hope 2022 will be as successful.

Here are our planned events for 2022

Historical Village Summer Hours: April 1st – October 1st

Open Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

January MLK Day of Service – Monday, January 17th, 11 AM – 2 PM at Hilliard Senior Center, the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society will have a display table to show artifacts, talk about the historical village and ask for volunteers.

April Historical Village Open House - Saturday, April 23rd, 1 PM - 4 PM, starts at Norwich Pavilion, snacks & drinks available, open to the public, FREE admission (donations welcome). Rain date: Sunday, April 24th.

- May** **Walking Tour of Old Hilliard - Saturday, May 14th, 10 AM & 2 PM, starts at the Historical Society Library, 5274 Norwich St. Fee is \$10 per person. Rain date: Sunday, May 15th.**
- Memorial Day Parade - Saturday, May 28th, starts at 10 AM at the Historical Village.**
- June** **Art Show – Saturday June 18th, 10 AM – 3 PM at Weaver Park, featuring local artists with original art. Food and drink available. FREE admission (donations welcome),**
- July** **4th of July Parade - Saturday, July 2nd, downtown Hilliard, the Historical Society will have antique cars in the parade.**
- Franklin County Fair - Monday, July 18th – Sunday, July 24th, the Historical Village will be open each day.**
- August** **Memorial Garden Dedication – Saturday, August 13th, 10 AM at Weaver Park. Dedicating the addition of the Miles Ohara monument.**
- September** **Walking Tour of Old Hilliard - Saturday, September 3rd, 10 AM & 2 PM, starts at the Historical Society Library, 5274 Norwich St. Fee is \$10 per person. Rain date: Sunday, September 4th.**
- Old Hilliardfest - Saturday, September 10th, 10 AM - 4 PM, the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society will have a booth in downtown Old Hilliard.**
- Gospel Sing – Sunday, September 18th, Time TBD, local choirs and singing groups to perform at the Village. FREE admission (donations welcome).**

October Heritage Day - Saturday, October 1st, 11 AM – 4 PM, the historical village will host Civil War reenactors, artisans, craftsmen, village tours, bean soup prepared in a cast iron kettle on the village green, other food and drinks available plus a bake sale. FREE admission (donations welcome)

Haunted Village – Friday, October 21st, 6 PM – 9 PM & Saturday, October 22nd, 7 PM – 10 PM, at the Historical Village, Halloween tours, wagon rides, sandwiches, chips & drinks provided. Admission: \$7 per person, kids five and under are FREE.

December Tree Lighting Ceremony - Sunday, December 4th, 4 PM – 6:30 PM, trolley rides from downtown Old Hilliard to the historical village, Ms. Claus and elves will be in the schoolhouse with children writing letters to Santa and many other activities including village tours, balloon twister, face painting, holiday music and more. FREE admission (donations welcome).

Santa in the Train Station - Sunday, December 11th, 2 PM - 5 PM, at the Historical Village train station. Children can share their Christmas list with Santa, horse drawn wagon rides, music in the chapel and hot chocolate & donuts available, FREE admission (donations welcome).

Bob Peterson, Editor