

Mission Statement

The **MISSION** of the Amherst Historical Society & Sandstone Museum Center is to promote and educate the general public on the history of the City of Amherst, South Amherst, Amherst Township, Whiskeyville, Henrietta, Brownhelm, and pertinent surrounding areas; to promote the history of the above area's sandstone industries and its importance to Northeastern Ohio history; to preserve locally produced sandstone architecture and other historically significant structures; to cooperate with area schools and educators in the teaching of our local, state and national history.

Our **VISION** is to be the premier "living history" educational facility in the Central United States.

Our **COMMITMENT** is to preserve, display and exhibit our local history and sandstone heritage to provide excellence in educational programming and historic preservation.



Blacksmith Shop

Hours of Operation And Tours:

There is staff in the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The office is closed during all holidays.

The Quigley Museum is open Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until noon and every Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. during the months of May to 1st Sunday in December.

The Sandstone Museum Center is open every Sunday 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. during the months of May through September.

Tours of the Quigley house and/or Sandstone Museum Center outside of this time frame can be arranged. Please call 988-7255 for information on scheduling tours.

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QUIGLEY MUSEUM:

710 MILAN AVE.
(ACROSS FROM MAIN OFFICE)

SANDSTONE MUSEUM CENTER:

**MILAN AVE. (A FEW YARDS WEST OF
QUIGLEY MUSEUM)**

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FOR INFORMATION
CONCERNING TOURS.**

Quigley Museum

One of Amherst's early inhabitants, Joseph Quigley, built this house himself in the 1820's using sandstone that was quarried from land he owned in Amherst. Many Amherst residents lived inside this charming house until it became the Amherst Historical Society's main museum in 1989. This museum houses several exhibits that celebrate the life and accomplishments of Amherstonians since the founding of our city. The latest main exhibit features military artifacts from wars in which Amherstonians participated.

Sandstone Museum Center Buildings

Harris/Dute House

A two-story 1840's house is a beautiful example of Greek revival architecture, and bears the surnames of the two families who inhabited it for the greatest amount of time. Volunteers and hired contractors completed reconstruction and restoration of the house in 2001. Because of their efforts, visitors can now enjoy lovely rooms representing the style of the 1840's to the 1880's.

Hickory Tree Grange/ One-Room Schoolhouse

Constructed in 1879, the building was originally a one-room schoolhouse before becoming a Grange. Since 1988, it has been maintained and preserved through a collaborative effort between the Nord Family Foundation and the Hickory Tree Grange. The Amherst Historical Society's award-

winning "One Room Schoolhouse" program takes place here. In addition, people from all over Amherst and beyond can rent the Grange for special events while enjoying the historic feel of the building!

St. George Chapel

This 1882 chapel has been a schoolhouse, church, and apartment, is now remembered and restored for the Episcopalian church that gave its name in 1913. It contains artifacts and information donated by numerous Amherst churches. Today, people also have the option of hosting weddings at this beautifully restored vintage setting.

Blacksmith Shop

A replica of a Vermont blacksmith shop was constructed almost entirely of pre-Civil War maple wood and Amherst sandstone. Visitors can also see this piece of history in use while our talented blacksmiths perform an ancient trade!

Octagonal Barn & Carriage House

An early 20th century 8-sided barn represents a rare sight in America today. Built to withstand high winds and to conserve lumber, this geometric barn now houses vintage farm tools and farm equipment.

Farrier Shop and Machine Shop

The machine shop is currently being restored, and will be operated by a steam belt. The farrier shop was important because this was where one's horse received new horseshoes.

Art Gallery

The Jenne Building, built in memory of Marilyn Jenne's late husband Burton Jenne, is a replica of an early 1900 storefront. The gallery contains the works of Neal Jenne, Artist in Residence as well as the works of many area artists.

Amherst Auto Garage

On display in the Auto Garage are two vintage autos – 1920 Model T Ford and 1920's Model Chevy Stake Truck donated by Evan Nord. The 1900's Auto Garage is in a building that is original to the property and contains many interesting items you would have found in a repair garage of that time period.

Sandstone Quarry Equipment

A channeling machine, water tower, and motor gear provide valuable insight as to how they functioned and how they related to Amherst's booming sandstone quarrying industry.

Pig Barn

This charming stone building is made entirely of cut sandstone quarried around 1890-1900 from the Amherst Quarries and was used as a pigsty.



Octagonal Barn