

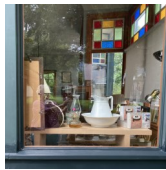


# The Amherst Historical Society Grindstone Newsletter

September/ October 2023

For questions about events or to make reservations please call 440-988-7255

## Donations are Encouraged



### “Fabulous and Affordable Finds”

The Shops at Sandstone Village are open each Saturday through November 18. Our sales are a consistent fundraiser and we are grateful for your support! Donations are gratefully accepted, from household goods to small furniture, and can be brought any time to the box at the White Barn. Items not accepted are clothes, fabric items or electronics.

Please call with any questions that you may have about donations. We accept donations throughout the year!

## Congratulations!

Marilyn Orseno, a teacher at North Royalton High School (NRHS), was recently named the 2023 Ohio History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History! Marilyn is a member of AHS and on behalf of the Amherst Historical Society, we extend our congratulations to her! After being nominated by her colleagues, a panel of Ohio teachers and administrators selected Orseno as the winner based on: a commitment to teaching American history, a creative and imaginative classroom, and the use of documents, artifacts, historic sites, oral histories, and other primary sources to engage students. This award honors Marilyn Orseno’s achievements and thanks her for her outstanding work and dedication to educating her students about American History.

“The study of history teaches so many lessons that inform the present,” said Orseno. “I love to reference the idea that 'history doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme' in the classroom. Also, historical moments and people of history are complex that require analytical and critical thinking skills that historians use in the profession. I love having the opportunity to equip students with the tools to peel back these complex layers.”

## Amherst Community Opportunities



Join friends and neighbors Downtown Amherst for Walkin’ on Wednesday, September 13 from 4-7:30 pm Enjoy classic cars, artists, food vendors and non-profit groups. Stop at local pubs and restaurants for a meal or a drink. This is the final event for the 2023 season! For more information, call Main Street Amherst at 440-984-6709.

### Connect to a Cause

Connect to a Cause Day is September 21st. Please consider making a donation to AHS. You can donate directly to us at any time leading up to then or donate via the **Connect to a Cause event which is 8am-8pm on Thursday, September 21st.**

Community members can donate directly to non-profit organizations that align with their interests and values.  
<https://www.peoplewhocare.org/c2c2023>

### **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

**September 19 and October 17**

An Alzheimer’s Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30—8 pm at the Amherst Public Library. Build a support system with people who understand. Groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for people living with dementia and their care partners. For more info, please contact the Amherst Public Library at 440-988-4230.

## A Letter from the Executive Director...Sandy Kaiser

Dear Members and Friends,

What an amazing year we are having! AHS has been able to attract many new visitors to The Sandstone Village with our great variety of events and programs. Thank you our awesome board of directors, staff and volunteers for putting their creativity, time, talent and treasure into each project. The Sandstone Hall continues to be a popular choice for celebrations and meetings, be sure to make your reservations early for 2024. We are continually developing new educational opportunities and partnerships with local schools and businesses. We love new ideas, please share yours. Follow our posts on Facebook, Instagram and our website to keep abreast of current events and announcements.

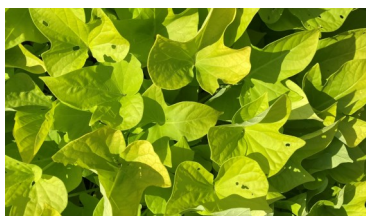
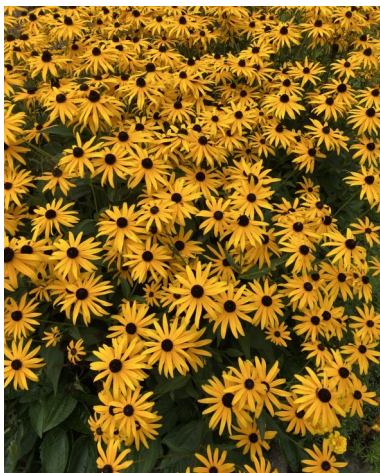
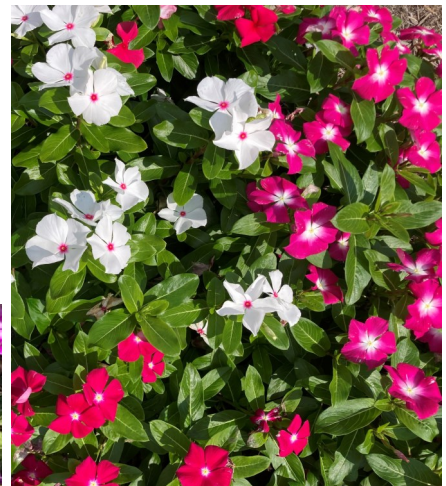
September begins our 2024 membership drive, so we have enclosed a form in this Grindstone for your convenience. Be sure to check the back of the form for a listing of the special benefits available with each different membership level.

Stay safe and healthy,  
Sandy

Congratulations to our Monthly Gift Card Winners!!  
September - Marilyn Law      October - Jill Dinger

## Thank you Amherst Garden Club

The members of the Amherst Garden Club beautify our grounds. They plant, water and weed throughout Sandstone Village, the Quigley Museum and the AHS office gardens. Thank you for adding vibrant, beautiful flowers!



## THE CURIOUS CURATOR.....by Joan Rosenbusch

The Amherst Historical Society celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a calendar of events over the years is listed below. Enjoy the memories.

### **April 10, 1973**

The Amherst Historical Society was established on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North Amherst, a name that was later changed to Amherst.

### **July 14, 1974**

The Amherst Historical Society hosts its first Old Time Jamboree.

### **1978**

The Society held its meeting at the home of James and Anona Henry. The Henrys are avid antique collectors, gathering such things as dolls, clocks, dishes, music boxes and many nostalgic items. They were happy to explain their collection to the members.

### **September 12, 1979**

The Past Is Not Forgotten! That is what a large crowd of Amherst residents and friends learned when the Amherst Historical Society honored Nordson Corporation with a plaque recognizing them for their restoration of the Freight Depot.

### **1989**

In 1988 the Nord Foundation bought the property we know as Quigley House. One year later in 1989 the Quigley Museum was opened.

### **April 10, 1998**

Our Anniversary date fell on Good Friday. Good Friday services were held at St. George chapel by Amherst Ministerial Association.

### **1984**

Orville Manes began researching the lineage of early settled families of Amherst and surrounding areas. Genealogy has been one of his greatest interests and he will enjoy continuing as Genealogist of the Amherst Historical Society for years to come.

### **February 23, 1984**

For the third year the Societies' Dinner Theater was held at the Mullinax Ford Showroom.

### **February 11, 1998**

The Amherst Historical Society has received an unexpected birthday gift for its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary- a house at 157 Jefferson Street, from an anonymous source. They have been using the Quigley building's 2<sup>nd</sup> story as their office and holding their meetings at various places.



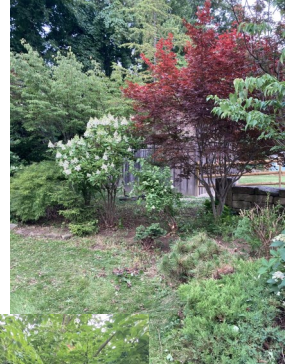
## Thank you to Scout Troop 427

A dynamic team of Scouts, working with Ray Stewart and Kaeth Shaughnessy, weeded and pruned the Memorial Garden created in memory of Jennifer and Sylvia Zilch, wives of Ralph Zilch, and Mary Alice Kovach, Ralph's mother.

Before



After



### **AHS Beautiful New Front Doors!**

We extend a special thank you to Bob and Martha Pallante for their generous donation and also Nordson Corporation Foundation for their matching gift. We love our new solid, secure entry doors. What an amazing difference!!

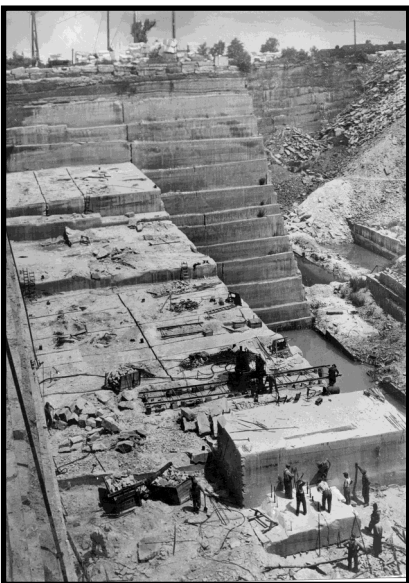


### **Lights, Please!**

We are in need of white lights for our "Light Up the Village" efforts this upcoming holiday season!



## **We could use your help**



Do you know someone who worked at the sandstone quarries or do you have experiences to share? We are gathering information about the quarries and their impact on our local area. Why you ask? Our plans are to create a Sandstone Museum to increase awareness of how the stone quarried from the Amherst and South Amherst brought abundant economic and social benefits to northern Ohio, which influenced its businesses and social development. Sandstone had a huge impact and created a major change in the construction industry. Amherst sandstone is well known for its quality, durability, and rich texture and has been utilized across the United States and throughout the world. With the assistance of Marion L. Steele Audio/Visual Arts students, stories and interviews will be conducted and recorded for future display. Please contact us with any questions or for more information!



## 50th Anniversary Celebration

Thank you for volunteering and attending our 50th Anniversary Celebration! There was much to entertain and delight. Demonstrations included the sawmill brought by the Nahorn family, Mayor Mark Costilow and Luke Costilow's duck carving, blacksmithing, candle dipping, fiber arts, wood working, Victory Garden, wedding dress display, children's games, face painting, a balloon artist, painting with water colors, alpacas, dogs and more!

Our new POW Barracks Museum was open with a historian sharing details about the German POWs who worked at local quarries and farms during WWII. Our historic buildings were open where volunteers shared the important history of each building. We are grateful to our community for supporting AHS the past 50 years and for celebrating this milestone with us!



Jacob Harmych as the Conductor



Luke Costilow



Bill and Matt Nahorn



Matt and Becky Squires, and Brian Goodwin



Outlaw Farm Alpaca



Jeannie Rice, Gina Welch, and Val Farschman

"Thank you for having such a wonderful event! My granddaughters and I stopped by around 3pm on Saturday. The first booth they saw was the balloon lady and that alone made their day. But, then the face painting, games, watercolor painting, alpacas, shaved ice, candle making—you put on quite the party. The girls are 5 and 7 and never experienced a basket raffle. So I bought them tickets and watched them decide. When I got home I received a call that we had won 2 baskets!! I picked them up Monday morning and here's a picture of the girls with their baskets. They were dancing around and so excited they had won! Thank you to all that planned, executed and volunteered to give us this event." -Kathy O'Shaughnessy



Mattie, 5 and Ali, 7

## A Step Back in Time ...to U.S. History The Constitution...by Martha Pallante

It seems as of late we are inundated with political ads; many of which repeatedly refer to the Constitution. I must admit I hadn't thought a great deal about the Constitution and wondered just how much I remembered since early Civics class! The textbook defines it as a document that serves as the fundamental law of the country. It established how the federal and state government should be organized and guarantees basic rights and liberties to American citizens; simply speaking, it is a document that determines the way our government operates, as well as a set of established rules that we live by.

But how much do any of us recall from our early Civics class? Here are a series of questions. Some are taken from the U.S. Naturalization Test; others from an Eighth Grade U.S. Constitution Test. I only recalled a few. If nothing else...a good reminder.

1. What year was the Constitution signed?
2. The Constitution begins with what three words?
3. The Constitution contains 7 articles. What do the articles contain?
4. There are 27 Amendments in the Constitution. What are the first 10 amendments called?
5. What Amendment grants freedom of speech, religion, the press and assembly?
6. What Amendment prohibits self-incrimination and double jeopardy?
7. What Amendment gives the right to bear arms?
8. What Amendment gives women the right to vote?
9. What Amendment banned the sale, use and distribution of alcoholic beverages?
10. What Amendment gives citizenship to all persons born in the United States?
11. What day is recognized as Constitution Day?
12. Who is the Governor of the State of Ohio?
13. Who are the two U.S. Senators for the State of Ohio?
14. Who is the Ohio Senator in the Ohio Senate representing the 13th Senate District?
15. Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

**Please send your answers to [office@amhersthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:office@amhersthistoricalsociety.org)**

The U.S. Constitution answers and names of individuals submitting the correct answers  
will appear in the November/December issue of the Grindstone.



2023

PRIZES

**Amherst Historical Society Presents:**

A 1920's Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre By Jack Pachuta

## **Murder She Rhymed**

**Saturday, September 16 & 23**

**At 6:00 pm (Doors Open at 5:30pm)**

**Sunday, September 17 & 24**

**At 2:00 pm (Doors Open at 1:30pm)**

**At Amherst Historical Society 113 South Lake Street, Amherst, OH**

**Tickets are \$40 per person**

**\$35 per person for AHS Members**

**Seating is Limited**

**Reservations Are Required**

**By September 8, 2023**

**Call 440-988-7255**

**or**

**Email: [office@amhersthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:office@amhersthistoricalsociety.org)**

**It Will Be a Night Filled With Intrigue and Mayhem!**



In 1928 Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan has earned the nickname "Little Chicago" because not only is it filled with vice and corruption, but it is also a place where "Scarface" Al Capone himself calls the shots. AND... murder is as common a commodity as bootleg liquor!

**Dress for a 1928 Party!**

**Directed by Valerie Farschman**

**BUFFET**

**BYOB**

**RAFFLES**

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## Event Calendar

**Saturdays, 10am-2pm**

Visit The Shops at Sandstone Village “Fabulous and Affordable Finds”

NEW!! Foresthill Farm Stand offers a variety of fresh produce daily located by the Caboose

**Saturday and Sunday, September 16/17 and 23/24 - Reservations due by Sept 8**

Murder Mystery Dinner “Murder She Rhymed” at Sandstone Event Hall

**October**

21st and 22nd— By My Lantern’s Light at Cleveland Avenue Cemetery

Third Grade One Room Schoolhouse Program throughout the month

**November 17-19**

1930’s Living History Event in Sandstone Village

**December**

Holiday Event and Open House in Sandstone Village