



The world around us is changing at amazing speeds. Gas prices are going up, waistlines are moving out, hairlines are slipping back and penny candy is now a dime. No sooner have we developed cutting edge technology or equipment, they are rendered obsolete by the next generation of improvements. The message that is being delivered is that we either change with the times, or be left behind. So then, why should we concern ourselves with the past and the concept of historic preservation?

Just look around as you drive through some nearby towns. Urban sprawl and cookie cutter developments are prolific, and result in neighborhoods in which everything looks the same, it becomes even more important for communities to hold on to their identities through historic preservation efforts. Sometimes one or two historic buildings can serve to define a community.

We're lucky in Bloomfield. We have a beautiful Commons with some fantastic historic structures and a downtown area that has seen more economic activity in the past few years than in the past 10 . Not many places are left that you can enjoy the slower pace by grabbing a bottle of cold pop from the store and sitting on a bench under a shade tree watching a baseball game. You can catch a Rodeo on a Friday night or sit in a History Presentation in our Historic Town Hall. Don't forget to visit the train display!

Here, civic pride runs strong. It's evident by the flags you see flying along the streets, the pride seen in the Volunteer Firefighters and in the meticulously maintained Cemetery. Sure, we have our issues, I mean— Who Doesn't? But I bet we are much better off than you may think.

I have had a love for local history for as long as I can remember. Not only did Bloomfield serve as a hub in the fight for the abolition of slavery, townspeople were also early promoters of the Temperance Movement.

Almost half a dozen Bloomfield Men were awarded Patents for their inventions. Looking at the early **industry located east of Town, it's amazing the things Bloomfield Residents were able to build and produce** using steam power and ingenuity.

Consider becoming a Historical Society Volunteer. We always need help with everything from guest speakers to floor sweepers.

In conclusion, I'm thankful to call Bloomfield my home and I hope you are too.

Roger M Peterson Jr

North Bloomfield Historical Society President

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HARVEST
Dinner



Join us at the Bloomfield Town Hall for the annual Harvest Dinner October 9th starting at 6:00pm. It will be a potluck supper with the Historical Society providing the main dish, tableware and beverages. Guests can bring salads, vegetables or desserts.

Everyone is invited to hear Tim Rodgers, who grew up in Bloomfield, tell us about Walnut Crest. It was to be the largest country club in America and was supposed to be right here in Trumbull County. What happened and how did it become the Begg Ranch.

Model Trains Return For The 7th Year!

The area's largest free model train layout will be back in the Town Hall starting on Saturday, December 1 and continuing each Saturday afternoon. It is also open on Wednesday evenings. The exhibit laid out and built by Historical Society volunteers has had thousands of visitors from near and far over the years. It has grown larger with new buildings and track designs making it a treat for both children and adults. The summer layout features several buildings from the Bloomfield square plus industrial buildings that were part of the local scene. The winter village is a snowy Victorian extravaganza with homes, shops and churches. Popcorn, cookies and punch add to the fun of watching the trains roll around the villages.

Each date will include refreshments, popcorn, scavenger hunt and coloring pages. As always, there is no admission charge. Donations are accepted at the door.

If your youth or church group would like to visit on a non-scheduled date, inquire with us.



TRAINS IN THE TOWN HALL SCHEDULE

Each Wednesday in December 5-8 pm

Each Saturday in December 2-5 pm

Closed on Christmas

Like our Facebook page to keep up to date on special announcements and unscheduled events.

Facebook—Trains In The Town Hall

Spring Tea Party a Success

Thanks to the culinary skills of Holly Ward, Liz Wildman, Linda Viney, Jan Schmidt and Judi Sheridan more than 40 ladies enjoyed a spring luncheon that featured a hot salad along with several cold accompaniments. That was followed by a tempting selection of sweet desserts including scones, mini cream puffs, petit fours and other scrumptious treats. Lunch was followed by a presentation about fashion trends from the Victorian era until today. The speaker was Stacie Murry from Cleveland and she brought some vintage clothing as examples. This was supplemented from **Judi Sheridan's collection of historic items such as hats, bonnets, gloves, aprons and early undergarments.** Holly Ward did a magnificent job of making the Town Hall into a flowery bower and also created themed centerpieces for each table. Thanks to all the helpers who made this an event to remember!

Memorial Day Luncheon

Following the parade, the band returned to the town square and paid tribute to Memorial Day by playing patriotic music at the foot of the flag before the Town Hall. Lunch was then served to the band members, parents and the community. The lunch included hot dogs, potato chips, baked beans and juicy watermelon. Over 50 people enjoyed fellowship and remembered the reason for the day.

Brownwood Farm Celebrates 200 years With a Tour

The Historical Society is hosting a tour of the home built 200 years ago by Ephraim Brown, Jr. and known as Brownwood. Owners Terry and Judi Sheridan are opening the historical home listed on the National Register of Historic Places on Sunday, August 18 from 2-5pm. The home is furnished with antiques and many collections that have been gathered over the 45 years **that the Sheridan's have lived** there. The house has more than 17 rooms, 7 fireplaces and two bake ovens. The tour is a fundraiser for the Historical Society and there will be a charge of \$5.00 for adults, children 15 and under will be free. The converted



granary and the apartment in the 1930's milk house will also be open. Tickets will be sold the day of the tour at Brownwood. The house and other buildings are not handicap accessible. Please use the driveway from Route 45 to enter.

MEMBERSHIP

NORTH BLOOMFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ **STATE** _____

ZIPCODE _____ **e-mail address** _____

ANNUAL DUES:

SENIOR CITIZEN \$5.00 (55 years and over)

SINGLE \$10.00 (under 55 years- individual)

FAMILY \$15.00 (includes children under 18 years)

LIFETIME \$250.00

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION FOR _____ **\$** _____

Multiple year payments are accepted.

MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO:

NORTH BLOOMFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PO BOX 94 NORTH BLOOMFIELD, OH 44450

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Historical Society**

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Meetings are the 1st Thursday
at 5pm



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