



Modern Times



2020

Grant Funding Takes Museum in New Direction

The Granville Community Foundation unanimously approved funding in October for two ambitious projects that are taking the Granville Historical Society in a new direction.

The Foundation has granted a total of \$3,874 for two projects. The first project is for three Storyboards that will be located outside the museum and will allow the Granville community and visitors to read about early – very early! – Granville. The second project focuses on a previous endeavor from 2001 and 2002 where Granville voices were recorded on cassette tapes that now need to be updated to current technology.

The Storyboards initiative involves the addition of three 18- by 20-inch visual storyboards outside the museum telling the stories of (1) pre-historic Granville, (2) the settlement of this area by Welsh immigrants prior to the 1805 arrival of the Massachusetts settlers, and (3) the early development of the downtown business district.

Led by volunteer Lyn Overholser and the Society's Office Administrator Jodi Lavelly, this project will involve placing three Storyboards inside the white iron fence that surrounds the museum in front and down the alley walkway. All three boards will be elevated on pedestals and will be eye-catching, colorful depictions in hopes to prompt a desire in residents and visitors to explore the museum and our community.

Photos, maps and text in 12-color HD printing will be used to tell these stories about the area that would become Granville. The storyboards will be similar to boards placed at the Old Colony Burying Ground and, more recently, Maple Grove Cemetery.

The cassette-tapes conversion project is entitled "Bringing Turn of the Century Granville Voices Forward" and involves the Oral History Project on which Society members embarked in 2001 with grant assistance from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Ohio Humanities Council. At that time, 66 Granville area residents were interviewed about their impressions of the community at a time when the village and township, including northern Union Township, were about to undergo considerable change due to rapid population growth driven in part by the influence of Columbus.

A total of nineteen 90-minute cassette tapes with not only the Oral History Project interviews but many other interviews, along with eighty 60-minute cassette tapes of various other oral history interviews, will be updated to a digital format.

The cassette tapes were transcribed, with the interviews available on paper. However, this project will ensure that these Granville voices are preserved by updating them to current technology. This project will be led by archives assistant Janet Procida, who is also a member of the Society's Board of Managers.

The Granville Community Foundation has been a reliable source of funding for a number of years, granting financial support that has allowed some of the Society's best projects and work come to life so that we can better serve our community and visitors.



Annual Meeting Utilizing Zoom Platform

The Granville Historical Society's annual meeting will take place December 2, 2020 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This year's meeting will be conducted utilizing the online platform Zoom. All members wishing to be a part of the meeting will need to RSVP to the historical society by November 12th in order to receive a special link for the Zoom meeting. The link will be emailed to the members on the 19th of November and again as a reminder the day of the meeting.

See page two for officers and candidates up for election. (Yes, you will get to vote via Zoom!)

Museum Hours

The museum is currently closed for the duration of the Public Health Emergency. We are continuing to provide research assistance by appointment only.

Board of Managers:

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Archivist - Janet Philipps Procida

Collections Manager

Cynthia Cort

Volunteer Coordinator

Lynn Overholser

Annual Meeting Candidates

The following is the 2020 slate of candidates for election to the Granville Historical Society Board of Managers:

Officers:

PRESIDENT: Heidi Drake - Heidi is one of the newest members of the board, currently serving as vice president.

VICE PRESIDENT: Chuck Peterson - Chuck, who was board president in 2017 and 2018, moves to the vice president post from an at-large board position

SECRETARY: Amy Welsh - Amy will retain her position.

TREASURER: Kim Manley - Kim will retain her position.

For three 3-year at-large board terms: Class of 2021 - 2023

- Tom Lee
- Steve Thaxton
- Jennifer Graham

Tom, Steve and Jennifer are all new to the board.

Tom Lee has agreed to be buildings and grounds chair and Steve Thaxton will chair the technology committee. Jennifer has agreed to be the new membership chair as Rita Kipp steps down from this position.

For one year remaining in a vacated three-year at-large term:

- Nancy Rush - Nancy will be taking the one-year slot on the board left vacant by Chuck Peterson

Leaving the board will be Ron Sherwood and Rita Kipp. Ron will continue to volunteer as our tech support and Rita, former membership chair will be passing that title on to Jennifer Graham.

During the annual meeting all members with current paid memberships will have the right to vote.

If approved the board members for 2021 will be:

PRESIDENT: Heidi Drake
VICE PRESIDENT: Chuck Peterson
SECRETARY: Amy Welsh
TREASURER: Kim Manley

Class of 2019 - 2021

Janet Philipps Procida
Nancy Rush

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Sam Schnaidt
Elizabeth Wilson
J. David Rinehart

Class of 2021 - 2023

Tom Lee
Steve Thaxton
Jennifer Graham

All members joining the Zoom meeting on the 2nd of December will have the opportunity to vote for this years officers and candidates.

Be sure to RSVP to

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to receive your link for the meeting.

