

TWINSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW



Museum pre-1920



Museum present day

Founded in 1963, the Twinsburg Historical Society is located at 8996 Darrow Rd. in the center of Twinsburg. The stone Museum, built in the 1860's, was originally the Twinsburg Institute and later the Grange Hall. The adjacent Freeman Barn dates from 1870. The 1850's Riley House at 9577 Liberty Rd. is owned by the City of Twinsburg but furnished and maintained by the Historical Society. The Moses Roach House, 9044 Church St., is owned by the Twinsburg Historical Society and is currently occupied by the Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce.



Moses-Roach House



Freeman Barn

The Twinsburg Historical Society, a proud member of the Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce, has been in existence for over 61 years. Through the ongoing efforts of dedicated volunteers, we have continued to expand our programs and offerings to the community.

It is our mission "to inspire the community by collecting, preserving and exhibiting artifacts from the city's past and fostering connections to people and ideas". In order to meet this mission and provide services in our community, we rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support.

As you can imagine, we are very proud of our museum and barn. They work with us to help retain and pass down our heritage to younger generations. The Historical Society endeavors to share & educate visitors like yourself who are interested in our fascinating way of life, both past and present.

Events & Presentations:

- Valentine craft making @ Open House
- Technical Help by National Honor Society on February & April Open Houses
- History of Geauga Lake by John Kudley (President of Aurora Historical Society)
- Black History "Unity Celebration" program
- Summit County Prosecutors Office program on cyber & personal security
- Important role Organizations have played in America by Bill Lavezzi (retired Aurora teacher)
- "Beyond the Monument" presentation by Veronica Hughes @ Open House
- Historic Fun & Games @ Open House
- Special Twins Days Open House
- Two day "Olde Thyme Fayre" event
- Writer's Series "The Sea Was Never Far" by Marion Boyer
- Our 15th.year of presenting the two day "Tales of Locust Grove" event
- Hosted Open Mike Night @ Freeman Barn
- Writer's Series with Twinsburg native W. Frank Lattimore
- Participated in Twinsburg Annual Community Expo
- Presentation by USCG 30 year veteran Mr. Mike Zronek on search for the Edmund Fitzgerald
- Presentation of Halloween Stories @ the Freeman Barn for K-4
- Ongoing articles & event notifications on our web site, Facebook and monthly newsletters
- Our 13th. year of awarding the Robert Culhan Scholarship to a graduating Twinsburg senior
- 12 Monthly Trustee Meetings, Newsletters & Open Houses at either Museum or Riley House

Fund Raisers:

Special commemorative T- Shirts of Old School, Shady Grove, Babka's

The Basement Restaurant

Queen size Quilt "Chocolate Charm" by our Tuesday Quilters

Amazon Smile program

Olde Thyme Fayre

Society Crafters

Museum Gift Shop

Tales of Locust Grove

How much time is volunteered to the Twinsburg Historical Society you ask?

In 2019 we started tracking all the hours that the Trustees and Volunteers put in at the Museum and its properties. Every Trustee has a Volunteer hours sheet that they keep at home to track hours they put in at home and there is a sign in/out sheet at the museum for when we are working at the museum or the other properties. We started this in June of 2019. As of December 31, 2023 we have a total of 4177 line item entries in the data base. These numbers do not even include the amount of time that has not been recorded for documentation. We have a very dedicated group of Trustees and Volunteers. But as you can see, there are a lot of volunteer opportunities at the Museum and its properties.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Hours</u>
2019	443.96
2020	1854.11
2021	1724.82
2022	1772.50
2023	1908.17
Total:	7703.56

If you are interested in Volunteering, please go to our website, twinsburghistoricalsociety.org, click "About" then click on "Volunteer" and you can sign up to be put on the Volunteer list. We have it set up several different ways for you to do this. Volunteering is one way to see if you would like to become a Trustee!! Hope to see you soon!!

The Twinsburg Historical Society wants to thank everyone who contributed their time, energy, special donations and personal monies to make our Society a significant & prominent addition to our city & surrounding neighborhoods. It takes a lot of special & dedicated people to make that happen.

223 Active Members
112 Perpetual Members
12 Business Partners
16 Trustees