Trumbull County Historical Society
2017 Annual Report
2017 was our first year with a full time Executive Director. The board was kept busy with all the details that are needed with a permanent employee. Who knew all the policies, procedures, government forms, information needed, etc. that had to be done!! Thanks to a committed board of trustees and executive director, this was accomplished without delay.

An important aspect going forward for the TCHS was to have an updated strategic plan. The Director and board worked diligently this past year with work sessions, planning sessions, meetings and conversations to develop a new plan to guide the TCHS for the next five years.

Another important aspect for the TCHS is to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Accreditation increases our profile, credibility and value to funders, policy makers, insurers, and our peers. This is a long process that may take two years or more. Our Director has started that process with a Museum Assessment Program that involves more meetings for a few board members but will benefit the TCHS immensely.

One of the most important updates that occurred in the past year is the new mission statement. This had not been changed since the TCHS original adoption of by-laws in 1938. Times have changed and it was past time to adapt our mission statement to more current times.

The success of all the events, programs and collaborations with other organizations is proof that the TCHS, with the hard work of our Executive Director Meghan Reed, is going full steam ahead.

I hope to see you at one of our events this coming year.
TCHS is a unique institution in Trumbull County. Built on the values of preservation, legacy, and pride in our community’s past, our organization has grown into itself in tandem with our residents. Since our founding in 1843, we have collected and preserved Trumbull County’s heritage. It is with continued pride that we end 2017 to celebrate growth in our capacity for community impact and enhancing our programs, events, and preservation standards to ensure that both our organization and our collections are relevant for future generations.

Throughout this report you will read of the work our Board of Trustees, our staff, our volunteers and committee members have exhausted to grow your repository for our community’s history. We passed our first strategic plan, with input and support from our stakeholders and community leaders, to pave the road for an expansion of our exhibit and collections storage facilities. We increased our budget and fundraising initiatives to ensure steady operations and a strong foundation for future growth. With over 1,100 volunteer hours logged, our membership has been a steady support and linchpin for this process. We are very fortunate to have so many dedicated community supports who encourage the work we do.

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, researchers, and history aficionados who dedicate their time, energy, and resources to ensure that Trumbull County’s past remains an integral part of our vibrant future.

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Meghan E. Reed
Director
Trumbull County Historical Society

Impact Numbers
Events: 2,077
In-House Visitors: 442
Outreach & Programs: 698
School Tours: 387
“Membership in the TCHS is its own reward. Members sustain our current work, but they also build capacity for our future. Be a part of our vibrant and energizing group. Join us by investing in a TCHS membership.”

– Jan Vaughn
Membership Committee Chair

Building Capacity

Crucial to any organization’s success is building capacity for the future. 2017 saw increases in grant funds, membership dollars, and volunteer support, with over 1,100 hours tracked from 64 community volunteers. Through the American Alliance of Museums, TCHS was awarded a grant to participate in the Museum Assessment Program, and began the process of completing an organizational assessment to develop a plan for future growth and sustainability.

Financial Snapshot for 2015–2017

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Strategic Planning

After garnering input from the community through 5 outreach meetings, TCHS Board of Trustees and staff developed our first five-year strategic plan. The first of these meetings resulted in our new mission statement, and additional meetings created three strategic priorities that will guide the future work we do: Preservation, Education, and Keepers of the Flame.

Preservation – To maintain industry standards of collection care and proactively preserve our collection for future generations

Education – To offer a diverse variety of programs for audiences of various ages and interests that highlight who we were, who we are, and who we can become.

Keepers of the Flame – To raise awareness of our county’s rich history, our institution’s resources, and the importance of history and preservation on a local, state and national level.

Our Mission

The Trumbull County Historical Society collects, preserves, and interprets the history of Warren and Trumbull County to educate diverse regional communities about the people and events that have shaped its rich history.”
With 786 donations processed this past year, our staff and volunteers have been busy documenting newly accepted items as well as preserving the treasured gems already housed in our collection. A huge shout-out to our three interns who worked diligently to assist with rehousing, assessing, and inventorying artifacts: Austin Johnson, Olivia Johnson, and Melisa Lambe.

Above – Main St., Downtown Warren detail, showing the headquarters for the Trumbull Democrat newspaper. Painted by Richard Rawdon on wood in 1846.

Right – Thomas Denny Webb’s desk. Built c. 1840-1860 in Ohio. This desk was brought home to the Edwards (Webb) house through a donation by the Estate of Harry Spencer.
Oral History Project: Voices of Trumbull County

In 2016, TCHS launched Voices of Trumbull County, a resident oral history project, with the following goals:

- Create an accessible oral history archive of Trumbull County voices
- Engage underserved audiences whose experiences and traditions are not currently reflected in TCHS’s permanent collection
- Empower residents to value their experiences as part of the county’s collective identity
- Work with community members to foster advocacy efforts to raise awareness of the human experience within Trumbull County

With an eye to expand this program, we applied for and received a grant through Ohio Humanities to plan for an expansion of this project and target neighborhoods that we have not yet reached.

All oral histories are a part of our archives and are available by request to the public.

Top right – Janice McGarr Bland’s parents owned McGarr Apothecary in Warren. She and her husband, Raymond, were actively involved in bringing the historical marker for the Pennsylvania & Ohio Canal to Courthouse Square, and believed in the power of history to shape a community.

Center right – Mary Theis owned and operated her own real estate company in Warren, one of the first women to do so in the real estate industry. She was named in the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1970, as well as one of the Outstanding Professional Women of America.

Bottom right – Thom Duma Fine Jewelers had its start in downtown Warren as Kliven’s Jewelers, opening in 1896. Thom Duma, Sr., purchased the store in 1957. We sat down with the current owner, Thom Duma, Jr., to learn about the history behind the company and how they operate today.
This year, the TCHS Historic Sites Committee awarded 19 plaques to buildings in Trumbull County. With the requirement that all buildings are 75 years or older, the plaque program showcases the historic nature of our housing stock to local residents and tourists.

Historic Building Recognition Program

The committee, comprised of members Bill Abell, Tami Candella, Chris Klingemier, Cindee Mines, Lisa Ramsey, Meghan Reed, Bob Smith and Researcher Michelle Walker, worked in cooperation with Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership and The Trumbull 100 to fund plaques within Warren to showcase the historic nature of the buildings in the City. Also, thank you to the Newton Falls Preservation Foundation for funding up to 10 plaques in their village and promoting the program in their area!
Education and Outreach

This year we brought back the Industrial Warren trolley tour and Garden District walking tour, as well as launched two new Millionaire’s Row walking tours. Along with the Warren Historic District Alliance, we participated in the Taste of Warren event during Homecoming Weekend as well as collaborated to organize multi-organization outreach efforts to display the many facets of the historic district in our community. Additionally, TCHS played a vital role in gathering content for the Cafaro Company’s exhibit at Eastwood mall, “This Place We Call Home,” which was dedicated in December 2017. This semi-permanent exhibit celebrates the heritage of our region and the people who made it what it is today.

This year we launched the Museum in a Box program, in partnership with the Sutliff Museum and through a grant funded by the Raymond John Wean Foundation’s Neighborhood Success program. The four boxes were developed to supplement teachers’ in-class programming and come with touchable objects and maps, content standards by grade, and possible activities and writing prompts. The four box themes are Civil War/Underground Railroad, Pioneer Life, Victorian Life, and Native American.

A huge thank you to the Upton Association for again organizing the 4th grade field trips for Warren City Schools. This year, over 380 students visited the John Stark Edwards House, the Upton House, and Warren’s City Hall.
Oktoberfest on the Square

A huge thank you to our Oktoberfest Planning Committee for making our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest on the Square such a success! This year’s event was filled with music by the Youngstown Saxon Brass Band, grape stomping and strudel baking competitions, a traditional tapping of the keg, as well as over 7 different types of beer and tons of delicious, German-inspired food.

Enjoying beer provided by Birdfish Brewing Co. & Noble Creature Cask House.

Above – The 2017 winners of the annual grape stomping competition, Team Grapest Generation!

Left – Volunteers serve up brats purchased from the Youngstown Saxon Club & cooked by Cockeye BBQ.
Life Members
Gerald Aurand
Eileen Blaney
Gina Bodor
Nancy Brant
Tami Candella
Martha Ellers
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John & Lynn Gibson
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John Stark Edwards Society ($500-$1,000)
John & Lynn Gibson
Marti Gilbert

Louisa Morris Montgomery ($250-$499)
William Mullaney & Patricia Latham
Nat’l Fire & Water Repair

Thomas Denny Webb Society ($51-$249)
Frank Bodor
Margaret Chiarella
Richard Ellers
Julie & James Green
Charles & Roslyn Hahn
Janet Hazlette
Ed Lavelle
Cindee Mines
Nancy & Robert Reed
In memory of William C. Reed
Harry Spencer

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Carolyn Anderson
Jan Bland
Laura Boich
Marcia Buchanan
Michael & Sarah Buzulencia
Mauro Cantalamessa
Liz Clark
Donald Dedow
Roberta Duda
Charles Fitch
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Suzanne Frederick
Pat Galgozy
Elizabeth Glasgow

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