A Message from the President

Thanks to the past and present Board of Trustees, committed volunteers, our Executive Director and staff, the Trumbull County Historical Society has flourished over the last five years and 2018 was no exception! TCHS increased its budget and membership rolls exponentially and tripled visitation to the John Stark Edwards House Museum. I am pleased to report that our strategic plan action items are on track and continue to guide the organization’s work. Grant funding and donations have been secured to carry out these projects and activities, many of which you will read about throughout these pages.

In 2018 many changes occurred. The entire Board signed a resolution of support and a request for annual funding was sent to the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners. We ultimately received a commitment of $15,000 in funding for operational support in 2019 that will allow us to increase exhibits and programs. We also completed negotiations for 328 Mahoning Avenue from the City of Warren and the Western Reserve Port Authority and launched the Operation: Restoration campaign to fund the renovation of this new community space.

We are so very grateful to each and every person who commits their valuable time towards carrying out the mission of the Trumbull County Historical Society. It is remarkable that persons living 175 years ago joined together as a community to ensure history was preserved for us living here today. It is the goal of the Trustees to now ensure that the mission of the Trumbull County Historical Society lives on and is preserved for generations to come. We can accomplish anything together!
TCHS is dedicated to making our community a vibrant, engaging, fun, impactful, and inclusive place to live. This year we grew with these goals more than ever before, listening and learning from a wider audience to ensure we are aware and respectful of all voices, experiences, and identities.

It is with this eye toward community outreach, inclusion, and the preservation of our community’s rich experiences and stories that this year’s organizational focus shifted to impacting our neighborhoods and meeting residents where they are. We reached higher numbers of school children than ever before, implemented outreach exhibits and community history projects, revitalized our oral history program, and put our money where our mouths were to properly preserve, inventory, and digitize our collections to make them more accessible to the public.

It became clear as we grew our staff and programs that the John Stark Edwards House could not hold enough space for our offices, collections storage, exhibits, and programs. Staff spent much time last year coordinating efforts for a new expansion, which culminated in the purchase of an 1894 now vacant home and the launch of a capital campaign, Operation: Restoration, to renovate that building as our Cultural and Education Center.

We are dedicated to listening and learning from a variety of audiences to best understand our community’s past in order to grow a bright future. A HUGE thank you to our staff, volunteers, community partners, and especially our tireless trustees for their support, talents, gumption and vision as we move into this next year of development.
Impact Numbers

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Capacity Building

Capacity building is essential to program growth for organizations like ours. This year, we were fortunate to have the support of many community partners and funders that strengthened our work and allowed us to increase the number of people we reached. This year, we impacted more people than ever before and increased our operation and program budgets to fund more staff, digitize more of our collection, create exhibits for the community, and preserve many of the items in our care.

Financial Snapshot for 2016–2018

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Community Partners

Edwards House Audio Tour

The Raymond L. & Janice M. Bland Trust

Harriet Taylor Upton Association
Operation Restoration

TCHS embarks to transform the 1894 Owen Morgan house as the TCHS Culture & Education Center. Now vacant, the home’s restoration process will include repairs to the roof, the installation of HVAC and environmental controls, the construction of new restroom facilities, and renovating the rooms for public use to serve as a cultural tourism hub, research center and classroom space.

A dedicated public research facility will give the community physical and digital access to our vast collection of records, books, newspapers, maps, photographs, and more.

A dedicated twenty-first century classroom will host schools and their students as we implement our expanded educational offerings in a child-friendly learning environment.

A community room will serve as a collaborative, adaptive space for meetings and events.

This restructuring process will also allow the John Stark Edwards House to transform into the fully interpreted historical and architectural artifact that it is meant to be. Three upstairs rooms will be curated to better represent life throughout different time periods based on feedback from the community. These rooms, now closed to the public, will be a part of our weekly tours.

History of the Morgan House

The Morgan House was built in 1894 by Owen Morgan and his wife, Mary. An immigrant from Wales when he was an infant, Morgan moved to Warren from Hubbard when he was grown to start a carriage manufacturing business. The business, founded in 1889, built the carriage for the first Packard automobile. In the 1970s it served as the home of the City of Warren Health Department and would later become the Public Defender’s offices.
Collections and Archives

Ohio History Fund: Textile Rehousing and Inventory Project

TCHS received one of nine statewide grants to rehouse and inventory our textile collection. The project, completed by Project Manager Stephanie Petcavage, ultimately preserved over 700 items including clothing, accessories, flags, and quilts. Thank you to our wonderful collections volunteers that assisted Stephanie in this work, including Margaret Chiarella, Suzanne Frederick, Marilyn Pilch, and Cindee Mines.

Thank you to the following generous donors to the history fund project: Bill Abell, Dave Ambrose, Laura Boich, William Flevares, Cindee Mines, and Bob & Nancy Reed.

Ohio Local History Alliance Digitization Project

The OLHA Digitization Project allowed us to purchase a book scanner and begin digitizing the Perkins Family collection. Photographs and over 400 letters from Henry Bishop Perkins were made accessible online through www.ohiomemory.org. Leading this process was Kristin Reeves, Project Manager, with assistance from the staff at the Ohio History Connection.

Meghan Reed accepts a History Fund check during Ohio Statehood Day

33-star, 1863 flag made by women of Trumbull County

Collections volunteers enter data and make padded hangers
Historic Building Recognition Program

2018 saw 12 historic site plaques awarded to homes throughout Trumbull County. This program focuses on homes that are 75 years or older and promotes recognition of our area’s historic structures to local residents and tourists. All plaque locations can be found on our website for customized self-driving tours.

Trumbull County homeowners can opt for a historic home report, which includes the architectural significant of the property, a list of homeowners, and biographical sketches of those owners over time. Our historic sites committee scores all properties for the possible award of a historic site plaque to highlight the historic housing stock throughout the county!

Thank you to our historic sites committee, Chair Tami Candella, Bill Abell, Korey Gall, Michelle Walker, and consultant Chris Klingemier for their work to make this possible.
Education and Outreach

The **Voices Oral History Project** was managed by Rita Dorch, Education & Outreach Manager, and funded through Ohio Humanities in 2018. The project focuses on identifying five key neighborhoods in Warren that are underrepresented in our permanent collection. Meetings were initiated with community groups to gauge interest and learn about the themes and events that impacted neighborhood history.

**In-School Programs** were launched countywide through a generous sponsorship by Paige & Byrne Insurance. Acting on feedback from teachers seeking supplemental hands-on lessons in their classrooms, this initiative includes a fourth grade timeline and journaling lesson focusing on the people that impacted our area and an eighth grade local history board game and lesson that looks at community change over time.

**Museum in a Box** continues to allow teachers to rent one of four history-themed boxes filled with objects to use in their classrooms. This is a partnership with The Sutliff Museum and the Raymond John Wean Foundation’s Neighborhood Success Program.

**Warren City School’s Fourth Grade Field Trips** were again organized by the Harriet Taylor Upton Association. This long-standing program saw 350 students tour the Edwards House in the Fall.

*This year as we hired our second staff person, Rita Dorsch, as Education & Outreach Manager. Rita spent her first months reworking our guide-training program, writing informational brochures on families who lived in the Edwards House, and creating educational supplements on a variety of themes throughout the house.*

*Fourth graders at Baker Elementary in Vienna showcase inspiring people  
Melissa Karman shows off two Museum in a Box kits  
Students at Warren’s Lincoln School learn about preservation*
2018 Special Projects

**Look Here!** – In partnership with The Sutliff Museum and with the support from the Raymond John Wean Foundation’s Neighborhood Success program and the City of Warren, we were thrilled to stall ten “Look Here!” historic signs around downtown Warren! Each sign showcases a historic image from that particular view and is intended to give viewers a space to reflect on Warren’s historic downtown. All ten locations are listed on our website. Walking all ten locations takes approximately 45 minutes.

**Warren: Then & Now** – The “Look Here!” project culminated in an exhibit at the shortcut gallery in Warren during Homecoming Weekend. The exhibit asked residents to submit historic images that were not in museum collections and twenty images were selected for inclusion in the “Warren: Then & Now” exhibit. Four volunteer photographers in Warren, Sarah Bokone, Rachel Hatthorn, Mikenna McClurg and James Shuttic were then set on a mission to capture those same views today. Shown side by side, the photographs were supplemented by a map of Warren asking residents to leave memories of those places that do not exist today.
Events

**Oktoberfest** – Thank you to all of our volunteers who made our 3rd Annual Oktoberfest on the Square a success! This event is a culmination in community collaboration and we cannot say how proud we are to host this fundraiser each year to support the work we do. From local restaurants for providing food to Mayor Franklin for tapping the keg to local businesses who sponsor the event or buy tickets, Oktoberfest on the Square is a community-wide party. This year saw music from the Youngstown Saxon Brass Band, over 12 types of beer, children’s games, the blowing of the alp horn, and of course the traditional grape stomping!

**Race Thru the Past** – In its inaugural year, 40 people came out to compete in a history scavenger hunt throughout Trumbull County! Congratulations to our winners, Team Meema, on their victory!
2018 Members

Life Members
Gerald Aurand
Eileen Blaney
Gina Bodor
Nancy Brant
Tami Candella
Martha Ellers
John & Lynn Gibson
*Marti Gilbert
Sarah Grant
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Shelley Taylor-Odille

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Mike Wilson
Barbara Wright
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John Stark Edwards Society ($500-$1,000)
The Cafaro Foundation

Louisa Morris Montgomery ($250-$499)
William Mullane & Patricia Latham
National Fire & Water Repair

Thomas Denny Webb Society ($51-$249)
Bill Abell
Frank Bodor
Michael & Sarah Buzulencia
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The Mocha House
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* In memory of William C. Reed
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