“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.”

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Trumbull County Historical Society
2019 Annual Report
A Message from the President

Working with the great men and women of the Trumbull County Historical Society is an honor. This group of dedicated, hardworking and passionate individuals led by our award-winning Director Meghan Reed, along with the staff, Board of Trustees and volunteers have accomplished so much this past year.

In 2019, working in collaboration with the City of Warren and the Western Reserve Port Authority, TCHS purchased an historic home on Millionaire’s Row in the heart of Warren’s central business district in order to create a research and welcome center space that will also serve as a focal point for a growing downtown cultural heritage district.

Oktoberfest 2019 was a huge success in September drawing more people than ever. It is TCHS’s most productive fundraiser and friendraiser! We work with so many different groups throughout the county and the region to make it a success each year and it is now a welcome annual tradition for the community. TCHS understands the importance of historic preservation and works tirelessly towards the goal of preserving oral and written history as well as object preservation through our collections numbering in the thousands. We want to make sure that EVERYONE’S story is included in Trumbull County’s history; now and for centuries to come.

Amazingly, this organization has been working together since 1843 to further our mission. It is humbling and a little daunting to work with an organization that has been in existence for 177 years and my goal is to build on their preservation efforts alongside our excellent staff and board throughout my tenure as President. I encourage anyone who has an interest in history and love their community to join us!
A Message from the Director

2019 was personally the most fulfilling year I have had at the Trumbull County Historical Society. We challenged ourselves to grow our capacity to create a larger impact in our community, and the staff, the board of Trustees, along with our funders and members met the task of expanding our facility and broadening our vision.

In March, TCHS purchased the Morgan History Center to provide a public space to make our archive of over 7,000 images and documents available to all. This process included plans to restore the John Stark Edwards House, built in 1807, as a historic artifact and expand the stories we tell at the Edwards House through community input.

As we planned to grow our campus, we also launched outreach initiatives to reach a wider audience and deepen the reach TCHS had in Trumbull County. This included starting the Second Saturday Township Tour series as well as launching the Voices Oral History Project, which are most highlighted in the following pages.

As a nonprofit organization that relies on community support, TCHS thrived this year through local donations, local feedback, and the drive of Trumbull County residents to understand the importance of history-based programs and historic preservation. Thank you for your faith in us as your historical society plans for a future that is relevant, useful, and inspiring for future generations.

Our Team

Sarah Moell
Education & Outreach Manager

Mia Owens
AmeriCorps History Service Corps Member

Jonathan Cambouris
Intern

David Ford
Intern

A HUGE thank you to our weekly collections volunteers Margaret Chiarella, Karen Dahmen, Ashley Grimwood, Cindee Mines, and Kathy Seemann
Community Investment

$138,000 Grants received for collections, education and historic preservation.

$36,000 Private donations received.

Impact Numbers

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Community Partners

The Raymond L. & Janice M. Bland Trust
Harriet Taylor Upton Association

Financial Snapshot for 2017–2019

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The support of many community partners and funders strengthens our work and allows us to increase the number of people we reach. 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.
Operation Restoration

In March 2019, TCHS purchased the Morgan House, located at 328 Mahoning Avenue, in partnership with the City of Warren and the Western Reserve Port Authority. With funds from an Appalachian Regional Commission grant along with a generous bequest from the Raymond L. & Janice M. Bland Trust, TCHS underwent the first steps of soliciting architectural drawings and developing plans for the building. This process developed a three-phase restoration to open the Morgan History Center to the public:

**Phase 1:** Complete the interior restoration of the Morgan House, along with exterior paint and minor foundation and porch repairs, to open the building as a welcome center, public research facility, classroom, and administrative offices.

**Phase 2:** Extensive exterior restoration, including brick tucking and porch restoration.

**Phase 3:** Construct an addition to the back of the building to house a museum quality object storage facility, as well as two exhibit galleries.

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

2019 saw TCHS receive our first federal museum grant! Inspire! Grants for Small Museums through the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded us $49,984 in order to inventory, rehouse, and digitize 5,000 high priority items in our archive. This grant, which will be completed over a two-year cycle, also allowed us to fund two collections care trainings with conservator Terri Schindel. Work continues to progress with the online collections database to launch in 2020.

Three virtual exhibits were installed on TCHS’s website in 2019! Intern David Ford compiled research and launched exhibits on The Grinnell Corporation, the Letters of Henry Bishop Perkins, and The Great Flood of 1913.

2019 Donors to the Collection

Kathy Antonelli
Pauline Boye
Carla Buss
Sarah Hirt Buzulencia
Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society
Dave & Cathy Cover
Ann Clark
Frank Craver
Leanna & Barry Dunaway
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Geauga County Historical Society
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Karen Jones
Lyman Leathers
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Cindee Mines
Christine Novicky
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Mary Lou O’Lear
Andrew Olson
Cindy Poling
Portage County Historical Society
Mary Kaye Rhude-Faust
Chris Scherer
Kathy Seemann
Carolee Smith
Sherrie Smith
Betsy Solis
George Stern
Valerie Taylor
Emma Jean Tunstall
The Sutliff Museum
Gordon Wean
Don Witala

Trumbull County artist John Bell in his studio in 1889!
VOICES Oral History Project

VOICES is an oral history project focusing on 70+ year old African American residents of Warren. Supported through The Raymond John Wean Foundation’s Community Investment grant and an Ohio Humanities planning grant, VOICES is comprised of interviews that will be curated on a website to be used by the public, schools, and TCHS as we develop future exhibits and programs.

2019 saw the creation of the Voices Steering Committee, a group of local residents and interviewees who set the project layout, created the interviews, and are conducting a total of 25 interviews before the first phase of the project is completed in April 2020.

A special thank you to the Voices Steering Committee: Stacey Adger, Fred Harris, Toni & Neil Heller, Linda Moore, Cheryl Saffold, and Lita Wills.
Education and Outreach

Expanding outreach projects became a key goal for 2019. With an eye to broaden our scope and reach all townships in Trumbull County, we launched the Second Saturday Township Tour series as well as applied and received our first AmeriCorps member, who is focused on impacting history-based organizations throughout our region.

**AmeriCorps Program:** TCHS welcomed Mia Owens as our first AmeriCorps member! Mia created partnerships with the Ashtabula Historical Society, Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society, Howland Historical Society, Niles Historical Society, as well as managed the 2020 Suffrage Centennial Committee.

**Second Saturday Walking Tours:** TCHS partnered with the Kinsman Historical Society, Hartford Historical Society, Mesopotamia Historical Society, and the N. Bloomfield Historical Society in 2019 to promote historic walking tours and raise awareness of Trumbull County’s rich history!

**Sunday Speaker Series:** With an eye toward county outreach, 2019 saw the Sunday Speaker Series begin to travel to different county-wide locations each month! The series, now in its 5th year, is one of TCHS’s most popular outreach programs. *This program is sponsored by Paige & Byrnes Insurance.*

**Children’s Programming:**
TCHS offers a wide range of educational programming for teachers and students. In-school programs are offered for 3rd, 4th, and 8th grade students county-wide for free. The Museum in a Box Program, managed in partnership with The Sutliff Museum and funded through a Wean Foundation Neighborhood Success Grant, is also available to all schools and homeschool groups. In addition, 2019 saw the return of Warren City School’s 4th graders for their annual fall field trips!

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*Reed gives a tour of Warren’s Pioneer Cemetery*

*Diverse education programs for all ages*

*Roger Peterson leads a tour of N. Bloomfield as part of the Second Saturday Township Tour series*
2019 Special Projects

On the Banks of the Mahoning: How the River Shaped the Valley
TCHS and the Mahoning Valley Historical Society in Youngstown collaborated on an exhibit to reflect on the Mahoning River’s impact on the Valley and its residents. Looking at Native American use, the impact on Industry, the Flood of 1913 and modern day tourism, the exhibit opened at the Tyler History Center and ran July-September.

A collaborative exhibit between the Trumbull County Historical Society and the Mahoning Valley Historical Society in Youngstown.

Is Less More?: The History of Minimal Living in the United States
November saw TCHS’s first exhibit at Trumbull Art Gallery! With support from the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, TCHS staff fabricated an exhibit that looked at minimal living from Thoreau’s cabin in the woods through the art movement in the 1970s.

Warren: Images of America Published!
TCHS Director Meghan Reed and local historian Josh Nativio published Warren through Arcadia Press’s Images of America series! A work of 192 historic photographs with captions, Warren is now in its fourth printing. All proceeds from the sale of the book benefit TCHS.
Thank you to our 2019 Oktoberfest Sponsors!

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Thank you to all of our volunteers who made our 4th Annual Oktoberfest on the Square a success! This event is a true community collaboration that brings together local sponsors, restaurants, music, and brews as TCHS’s biggest fundraiser of the year.

Since its inception, Oktoberfest has contributed over $50,000 in support of TCHS’s mission. We are thankful for our food, beer, and business sponsors as well as our Board of Trustees and Oktoberfest Committee who make this event such a success!
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Gina Bodor
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