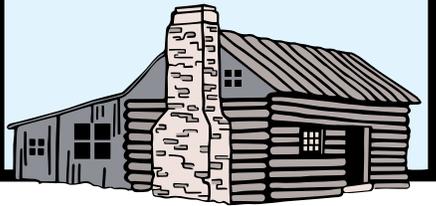


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Rooted in History, Growing Community

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President's Message - Dani Speigel



Greetings and Happy New Year to all,

With the start of the new year, we reflect on the past year to be reminded of our many achievements. Some of them are: the May plant sale, the Music on the Farm events, the Urban Farm plots full of beautiful flowers and vegetables, the Mum and Pumpkin sale, The Harvest Festival, our grant for the chimney project, the continuing work at the Research Center, many interesting speakers at our meetings and eighteen new Society members. I want to thank all the hard-working volunteers behind the scenes that make Anderson Township Historical Society so successful. I am looking forward to another great year ahead.

The Log House chimney repair project is moving forward, and donations have begun. We are still in the process of finding the correct contractor for this project. If you haven't already made your donation, please consider doing so very soon. No gift is too small or too large! We greatly appreciate those who have already contributed to this restoration project.

If you haven't visited the Research Center lately it is worth the trip. Melanie Woodworth, Nancy Krueger, Carol Taylor and others work very diligently to assemble beautiful and informative displays. The Research Center is open on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 2 PM or by appointment.

An additional asset that is being updated is the Annex-Equipment barn. This building is behind the Log House. It is slated to have new ceiling tiles installed, and to have walls and floor painted. This is the first building people are directed to during Log House Open Houses to enjoy an informative video that Doug Dierking has developed for the Society. There is a great team of people who are donating their time and talents to assist with these revisions.

On the Urban Farm some changes have occurred. Diane Hamm has been appointed as the new Urban Farm Committee Chair. She began this role on January 1st. Diane has been an Urban Farmer for many years and is looking forward to this position. Congratulations to Diane and the Urban Farmers. Be on the lookout for more information on projects and happenings from Diane and the Urban Farm. I would like to thank Brook Cox for his time as Urban Farm Chair and Lexie Stevenson for helping Brook keep the membership and the board informed about the Urban Farm.

I greatly appreciate all the support our members have given to our Society this past year. May the new year bring health, wealth and happiness to you and your families.

Dani Speigel, President

Harvest Fair

Thanks to all who attended 2024's Harvest Fair and Holiday Market. Once again, we celebrated a gorgeous fall afternoon with attendees from around the city. We hosted a record breaking number of guests, over 30 talented vendors, lively musicians and delectable food trucks. A very special thanks goes out to all members and volunteers who helped make this day possible!!! We look forward to seeing you in 2025!



One of our special attractions was artwork shared by the talented third grade art students at Mercer Elementary School, mentored by Jessica Bohart. We love their creative renditions of the barn and our beloved chicken flock!



Miller-Leuser Log House, Research Center and History Room | 2024 Activities



Center is open year-round on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 2 PM, or by appointment (513) 231-2114.



August saw a return to our always popular Ice Cream Social which featured homemade ice cream allowing visitors the opportunity to turn the churn.

The Sons of the American Revolution returned in September



with an educational demonstration of the history of the Revolutionary War with details of area army participation.

The Log House and Research Center will be open to welcome visitors in 2025 from 1 PM to 4 PM the first and third Sunday of each month from May through October.



The History Room located at the Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, is open year-round from 10 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. Take a self-guided tour to view iconic items representing Anderson Township's history - from its prehistoric roots to cultural connections from just a few decades ago. It is a hidden gem of our township!

The Society is seeking volunteers to assist in sharing our property and its many activities with the public. In April we will schedule a docent training session for the 2025 season. If you are interested in learning tales and details about the Log House, the barn, the farm equipment and the Research Center, with a commitment to volunteer for the season, please contact Diane Schneider at 513-232-6552 or email farmerdi1997@icloud.com

The Log House enjoyed over 500 visitors during the months of May through October. Docents were on hand to offer tours and historical presentations of the Log House, Barn, Wagon Barn (Annex) and the Research Center (Brick House).

Special events included:

A May visit from the Mercer Elementary Third Graders, accompanied by teachers and parents.

In June the Log House and Urban Farm participated in the annual Anderson Township Garden and History Tour.

Our Brick House, now renamed The Research Center, hosted an open house in July. Archives, artifacts, special displays and our mini-museum were appreciated by many visitors. The Research

New Volunteer Spotlight | Meet Valerie Ratchford!



I came to volunteer at the Anderson Township Historical Society Research Center by way of volunteering at the Mount Washington Cemetery. We were replacing a Civil War soldier's headstone at the Cemetery and wanted to learn more about the man and his connection to Mount Washington.

At the Historical Society, I uncovered information about his entire family. I was hooked! After working in three libraries for forty-two years, I found this was the place to get my "Library" on.

I hope to continue to learn about where I live, as well as participating with organization of ATHS archival materials.

ATHS Real Property Committee

The committee consists of ten volunteers who really care about ATHS property. They are: David Vogel, Dave Quilligan, Nelson Hastings, Bart Motz, Dan Lovelace, George Scheper, Ben Gressle, Kathy Hoelscher, Dani Spiegel, and Ann King, chairperson. These members are planning to update the Equipment Shed (Annex) themselves; the cost will be for the supplies. The other project they will be working on is updating the kitchen of the Farmhouse (Browne House). Most of the supplies for this project have been donated. Both of these projects are being done so they can be used by our guests and members. The completion date for the projects will be May 1, 2025.

If anyone is interested in helping our volunteer committee with any of these projects, let me (513-315-1629) or Dani (513-405-8089) know. We would love to have your participation.

The ATHS Gardening Group has been busy this past fall spreading donated wood mulch from David Vogel Landscaping Company on the many gardens, bushes and trees around the Log House Area. The garden group is now on their winter break! Mark your calendars for the 27th Annual Spring Plant Sale on May 10, 2025. In early spring we will be asking our membership and community for perennial plant donations. We are always seeking volunteers to assist with the gardens and plant sales.



Other projects we are planning will be completing the Outhouse with barn siding. We have had some barn siding donated for our use. The other goal is replacing the lightning rod and repairing the lightning rod cables on the Upper Barn.



Our Coats O.N.T. Spool Cabinet

A Clark's O.N.T. spool cabinet is now on display in the Research Center's sewing corner. The c. 1900 cabinet was discovered in the lower level, cleaned and set up. Both two-drawer and five-drawer spools cabinets were used in the Phillips Grocery store located on Beechmont Avenue. The store was a two-story building with living quarters above. The building was later moved to State Road when the mall was constructed. Our cabinet was donated to the Historical Society by Hazel Koethler.

In 1806 Napoleon blockaded Great Britain, interrupting the importation of silk thread. The James and Patrick Clark Family owned a loom supplier factory. In response to the scarcity of silk thread they developed a method to make cotton thread. Thus the designation - O.N.T. - Our New Thread!

James Coats, a Scottish contemporary of Clark set up a weaving company and manufactured cotton thread. In 1830 James retired and left his



company to his sons James and Peter. The company became J. and P. Coats.

In 1952, the two companies merged becoming Coats and Clark.



When the sewing machine was invented in 1844, a new market opened up and the textile industry moved into a mechanized industrial trade. Women began to purchase ready-made thread on wooden spools, rather than spinning their own cotton or wool threads.

Spool cabinets were made for the thread merchants to store the spools. They could be found in the dry goods section of the local general store with each drawer

labeled indicating the type of thread inside. The cabinets often had three to six drawers.

Manufacturers designed unique cabinets with their product in mind, appealing to customers and reflecting the quality of the thread inside. Cabinets were made of higher-grade woods like walnut, maple, or oak with glass drawer fronts. Decals were applied, advertising the manufacturer and the quality of the thread. Later, spool cabinets for home use were created. These were often unmarked and constructed of lesser quality woods.

We began a collection of wooden spools with the Coats and Clark label on them to fill the cabinet. The response has been a great success. Several people discovered spools of thread in drawers and boxes and donated them for our project. Donations were from Ann King, Bob King, Nancy Krueger, Sharon Perry, Janet Quilligan, Carol Taylor, Melanie Woodworth (and some friends from Wisconsin). We could use more spools if you would like to contribute to our collection and share the development of the spool cabinet.

The Research Center is open every Tuesday from 10AM to 2 PM. The spool cabinet is on display along with many other fascinating artifacts and displays.



Paper Making Workshop at the Urban Farm



On a crisp autumn day at the farm, gardener and local artist Diane Seeman shared her talent to teach the basics of paper making. She donated time and materials and provided

an interesting introduction to the history of the art, and the mechanics of how to make it happen. It was fun and a little bit messy, and everyone created a



couple of pieces to take home. We hope she will hold another session in the future!

We know we have lots of talented folks in AHS and at the Urban Farm. If you have a talent you'd care to share with members, please reach out to us. Or, if there's a topic you'd like to see covered, let us know, and we will do our best to make it happen.

Thanks, Diane, for your contribution!



Winter Solstice at the Farm

We think we know the cycle of seasons at the farm, but sometimes we are surprised by our experiences. Spring last year brought far more water than we knew what to do with, followed by an autumn that was much too dry. In December it was so warm that some of our gardeners pondered starting early seeds. The January snow swiftly changed their minds. Now is the season of seed catalogs and planning for our gardens.

Gardeners welcomed winter and the promise of the return of light by celebrating the winter solstice on December 21st. Beautiful luminaria, a toasty bonfire, tasty treats and good company kept the cold at bay.

To Know the Dark

by Wendell Berry

*To go in the dark with a light
is to know the light.*

*To know the dark, go dark. Go without sight,
and find that the dark, too, blooms and sings,
and is traveled by dark feet and dark wings.*



THE ANDERSON URBAN FARM FROM A FARMER'S PERSPECTIVE

Timothy E. Cassady Sr. - Farmer

I was asked to share my experiences as a first-time urban farmer at the Anderson Urban Farm. It occurred to me that the best



and most complete way to do that was to simply share my facts and figures with you. So, hang on! Here it goes.

My garden plot was 5'x 20' encompassing 100 square feet. I planted and grew spring onions, lettuce, radishes, garlic, peppers, tomatoes, snap peas, beans, zinnias and wildflowers. Notable harvest amounts included 149 tomatoes with a market value of \$111.75, peas that provided a side dish of twenty meals, beans enough for twenty



meals and 620 flowers that made 62 bouquets with a market value of \$527.00.

I tended this garden for nine months from mid-March until mid-December. It took 1244 buckets of water (two gallons each) to keep it moist for a total of 2488 gallons of water. To put that water in perspective, 20,725 pounds of water was hauled from the spigot!

Many resources were made available to me and all the farmers such as tools, compost, water, manure and wood chips. This made farming easy and successful! 24/7 sunshine at this location made a big difference in the output of vegetables and flowers. This garden provided me with more vegetables that I knew what to do with and more fun than you could imagine, not to mention quality exercise! I can't wait for the Spring!





How to Become a Chicken “Tender”

The Urban Farm has a small flock of friendly hens that are tended by a faithful flock of community volunteers. If you would like to learn about how to become a volunteer, please watch our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AndersonTownshipHistoricalSocietyUrbanFarm/>) for an announcement about our upcoming training session in May. Or, email for additional information: athschickens@gmail.com

Every Little Bit Helps!

Please take a moment and check the bottom of your Kroger receipt to see if you are contributing to the Community Rewards Program. AHS benefits from this free program with an average gift of around \$300 each year. While we’d love for you to choose the Historical Society as the recipient, there are scores of other worthy organizations who may benefit. It’s easy to sign up; please follow this link to learn more. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Kroger Community Rewards
On your behalf, we are contributing to
Anderson Township Historical Society,

The nominating committee has completed the search for 2025 Officers and Trustees.

The slate of officers will remain the same with:
Dani Spiegel as President
Susan Abel as Vice President
Lyn Scheper as Secretary and
Bob King, reluctantly, as Treasurer for one more year but no more. I think he really means it this time.

For Trustees expiring in 2028 we nominate:
David Vogel and Chris Cunningham

Chris Cunningham is a lifelong resident of Anderson Township and he graduated in 1986 from Turpin High School. After a short stint at UC, he entered the restaurant and hospitality industry. He returned in 1997, to help open Clough Crossings and eventually went on to bigger and better opportunities. In 2023, Chris left his general manager position of the Metropolitan

Club in Covington to return to his roots to become managing partner of Clough Crossings, where he began his management career. Chris has served on the Kentucky Restaurant Board as well as the Board of the Northern Kentucky Restaurant Association for five years. Chris has been supporting the Anderson Township Historical Society since returning to Anderson. He has visited us at the Log House and attended the Summer Concert Series at the Urban Farm. Most recently he was one of our best customers of the Plant Sale where he expressed an interest in becoming more involved in the Historical Society. He is looking forward to becoming more involved and would like to be a member of our Board to give back to the community that he grew up in and now works and once again resides. He currently lives above Clough Crossings and enjoys adding to his collection of local historical memorabilia.

ATHS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
Wednesday March 5th - 6 PM

The Patriot Center - 6660 Clough Pike

Banquet & Election of Officers
Cost \$25 per person

Doors open at 5:30 PM; Introduction and dinner at 6:00 PM

MENU: From “At Your Service Catering”

- Fried Fish with tartar sauce
- Glazed Ham (an ATHS favorite)
- Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots* Vegetarian
- Macaroni & Cheese* Vegetarian
- Cole Slaw* Vegetarian
- Coffee, Tea & Water
- ATHS Celebration Cupcakes

This event includes our Annual Election of Officers who must be approved at this meeting

If you cannot attend the dinner but wish to vote, please contact Linda S or Bob K to submit your proxy votes (PRO OR CON) by March 7th

Reservations: Deadline February 23rd

(Payment is requested in advance)

Call Linda Scheper at (513) 232-1559

Call Bob King for PayPal at (513) 315-1880

Mail checks payable to ATHS and mail to:

ATHS

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If our Miller-Leuser Log House chimney could tell its story, what would we learn?

It has witnessed over 225 years of history, from 1796 to today. It has seen generations gather around the hearth, sharing love, laughter, light and warmth. It has stood tall through harsh winters and blazing summers. It is a piece of living history, crafted with care and skill.



The chimney and fireplace are in need of structural and functional repairs. Won't you please support our chimney repair fundraiser to help us preserve this cherished feature of our township for future generations?

We have a generous grant from the Ohio History Connection for \$19,000, but that will cover only a portion of the repair costs. We are getting close, but still need our members and community partners to dig deep into



their pockets and help us reach our goal! No gift is too small.

Checks can be sent to: ATHS, PO Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230

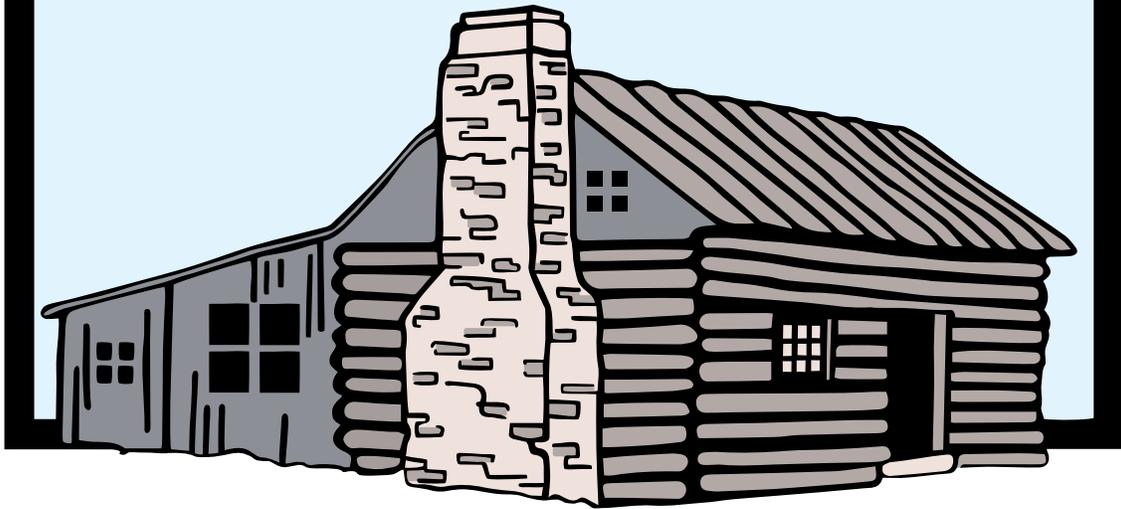
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(go to "Donation and Membership" tab)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Membership Information

Your dues help support our work to preserve the history of Anderson Township and develop the Urban Farm. Membership includes monthly meetings with speakers, and discounted admission to programs and classes. ATHS annual dues are due May 1st. Please send your check to ATHS at the address listed below. You can also pay via PayPal on our website. Please put “dues” in the comment section. <https://andersonurbanfarm.com/donatetoday/>

Membership Announcements

Bob King, Treasurer

Thank you to everyone who renewed your memberships. We appreciate your continued support.

Please join us in welcoming two new members to the Anderson Township Historical Society this quarter! They are Chris Cunningham and Charles Siebert.

Membership Rates

Single: \$25
Couple: \$40
Lifetime Single: \$150
Lifetime Couple: \$250

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