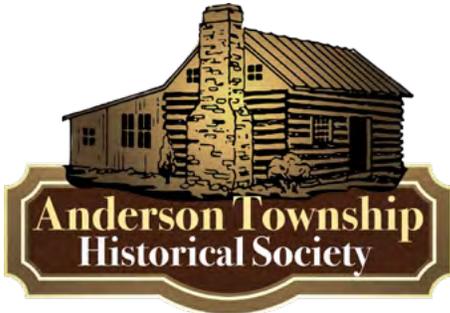


SURVEYOR

Volume 58
Issue 4
October-December
2025



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Dani Speigel
VICE PRESIDENT: Susan Abel
TREASURER: Bob King
RECORDING SECRETARY:
Lyn Scheper
PAST PRESIDENT: Nancy Krueger

TRUSTEES:

Chris Cunningham
Allan Greer
Robert Hayes
Robert Malinzak
Daryl Meyerrenke
David Vogel

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Finance: Don Perry
Real Properties: Ann King
Accessions/Archivist/Research:
Melanie Woodworth
Photo Archivist: Lesley Gressle
Projects: Diane Schneider
Genealogy: Kenny Burck
Urban Farm: Diane Hamm

ATHS President's Letter



Greetings,

Welcome to 2026, I am looking forward to another great year. There are many projects and events that will be happening

this year. We are planning to have another project with the vocational schools this year but need to decide which project to do first. We will have the plant sale in May, Mum and Pumpkin sale in late September/October. Music on the Farm is also planned for this summer.

Diane Hamm oversees the Urban Farm this year. Jill Greer will be coordinating the Urban Farm garden members this year. Pam Murphy was the coordinator last year and decided to step away from this position. We greatly appreciate all the hard work that Pam has done for the Urban Farm garden members. There are some changes for the Urban Farm members so be sure to look out for that information.

There is a new kiosk on the Urban Farm where information about upcoming events, projects, and general information can be found. Please take a few minutes to look over each side of the new kiosk. If you have any information that you would like to see in the kiosk, please contact Diane Hamm or Jill Greer.

ATHS will have our Annual Meeting this year on March 4th, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Patriot

Center - 6660 Clough Pike. Please be on the lookout for details and an RSVP coming soon. We hope to see you there.

We have a new email system now called Mailchimp. Please make sure that we have the correct email address for you. We believe that this will make it easier to communicate with people connected to the Society and Urban Farm.

We are looking for speakers for our membership meetings. If you have someone in mind, please contact me or Lyn Scheper. We need speakers for April, May, June, September, October, November and December this year.

This July is the 250th anniversary of the United States. We need to think of plans on how we can celebrate this very important anniversary. I will be contacting the Township to see how we can coordinate any plans they may have. If you are thinking of an exciting event or celebration, please let me know.

There are a few people that work very hard behind the scenes to make our events successful. If you have a few hours a month, please contact Melaine Woodworth, Diane Hamm or me. We have small and large projects that need your tender loving care.

Let's make this year the best yet!

Respectfully,
Dani Speigel

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Property Committee has been busy doing various projects around the ATHS property. We have repaired a groundhog tunnel under the patio of the Research Center. The fence around the Log House has been repaired by EME Fencing because someone must have hit the fence. Lightning rods were replaced on the Upper Barn cupulas. We are in the process

of repairing and painting the kitchen of the Browne House. We have placed a donated stove and a refrigerator in the kitchen. Our plan is to use that kitchen to teach various methods of cooking and how to do canning, we thought this would be good plan for the gardeners of our community gardens. The next big project will be repairing/replacing

the box gutters of the Browne House and possibly repairing/replacing the septic tank of the Hornschemeier House. If there is anyone interested in helping with any of our projects, that we are working on or will be, please contact Ann King (akc7526@gmail.com or 513-315-1629).



Log House Garden Group

The Log House area gardeners are taking a well-deserved break but will soon be planning for our Spring Plant Sale, which is the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 9. We will have it again at the Log House area. If you might have some perennial plants that you would like to donate to our Spring Sale, we would be glad to pot them and sell them. We are looking for more garden volunteer workers to help with the gardens and with the Plant Sale, if you are interested, contact Ann King (akc7526@gmail.com or 513-315-1629).

What's Happening at the ATHS Urban Farm?

We're excited to welcome the 2026 season at the ATHS Urban Farm! There are many new plans and events in the works, and we're looking forward to another productive and fun year.

We're also happy to introduce our new Garden Committee Chair, **Jill Greer**. She started with enthusiasm and creativity for the season. We look forward to the fresh ideas and vibrant energy she brings. As a member of the Browne family, by marriage, she's been gardening this property since 1979, before ATHS owned the land and again the past four years. During that time, being involved with Music on the Farm, the Harvest Festival, flower sales, and lending a hand wherever needed. I know she is truly happy to be back on the property and helping to care for this beautiful farm. Please introduce yourself so she can match names to faces.

If you're interested in having a plot in one of our two gardens, or in helping maintain the flower beds around the historic homes, please email us at garden@athsociety.org, and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

If you don't want to commit to a garden for the entire season but would like to volunteer when your schedule allows, we'd still love to hear from you! Volunteers are always welcome, even for just one day. We typically work on the **first Saturday of each month**, starting at

9:00 a.m., weather permitting. Feel free to email us to confirm the status of any workday.

We're hard at work preparing the farm and planning for the upcoming season and always happy to answer any questions you may have.

Be sure to watch for the **ATHS Urban Farm 2026 event schedule**.

We look forward to another great year at the farm!

We have a new addition to our Military Display, the well-known picture of “Rosie the Riveter”

Written by Nancy Krueger

Rosie’s story begins in 1942 when a photographer, touring the Naval Air Station in Alameda, California took a snapshot of a young woman wearing a red and white polka dot bandana and pants, working with a metal working lathe. The added interest was seeing an unusual sight, women in pants. The photograph became popular and caught the interest of artist/photographer J. Howard Miller. Originally Mr. Miller used the photograph to enhance a motivational program to decrease absenteeism and strikes at the Westinghouse Electric Corporation Plants. He designed a poster with the ‘Rosie’ picture and added ‘We Can Do It’.

The poster became very popular when Norman Rockwell’s design appeared on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post in May of 1943. At the same time a song was written by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb. It was inspired by a young woman, Rosalind Walter. She was working as a riveter on Corsair fighter planes at the Vought Aircraft Company in Connecticut. However Ms. Walter was not the original ‘Rosie’. It wasn’t until 2016 that the original Rosie was identified by Dr. James Kimble. Dr. Kimble began his search in 2010. Until then Geraldine Doyle was thought to have been the real Rosie but there was no substantial proof. Dr Kimble continued his search and eventually found the original photograph at the Naval Air Plant in Alameda. The caption on the back read ‘Pretty Naomi Parker, 1942’. In 2016 Dr Kimble published an article ‘Rosie’s Secret Identity, Naomi Parker Fraley’.

It is an interesting story that has come to represent the contributions of women during the war as well as today. As millions of men joined the war effort there was a critical need to continue the work of the men. Millions of women joined the effort to build B-17 bombers, B29s and other needed war materials. They learned to weld, rivet and assemble these items. They worked for the Red Cross and served in the military. The poster became an incentive for women to join the war effort and gave them a sense of accomplishment and contribution.

The poster gained national interest and popularity again in 1990’s when the Country celebrated the fiftieth anniversary Of WWII.



The ‘Rosie the Riveter’ poster was donated by Melanie Woodworth. It is part of our military display in the Research Center.

However, this significant transition from men to women in the work force had difficulties. The factories had not been built to accommodate the needs of women. There were many within the general public that were not supportive of women working outside the home and of course childcare responsibilities. In 1943 Congress allocated twenty million dollars to create the first and only childcare program. States and private companies used the money to set up war nurseries that enrolled over 550,000 children during the war.

After the war most women returned home to domestic jobs. But there was a change of attitude with women realizing their ability and value to the work force.

The ‘Rosie the Riveter’ can-do attitude has continued to present day with women pursuing

continued next page

every type of job and profession. It has been an inspiration for the women's rights movement in the 60s and 70s. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title VII, The Civil Rights Act of 1964 are excellent examples.

As a result of a former Rosie, May Crier, lobbying for national recognition. May Crier and The American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on April 10, 2024. March 21 has also been named as National Rosie the Riveter Day!

The 'We Can Do It' mindset continues today as a symbol of challenging limitations and working toward common goals, of empowerment and positive thought.

- There is a song about Rosie The Riveter, released in 1999 performed by The Four Vagabonds. You can find it here - <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=2Gu9VJe5GMA>.
- Lyrics:
- All the day long, whether rain or shine
- She's a part of the assembly line
- She's making history, working for victory
- Rosie, the riveter
- Keeps a sharp lookout for sabotage
- Sitting up there on the fuselage
- That little frail can do more than a male can do
- Rosie, the riveter
- Rosie's got a boyfriend, Charlie
- Charlie, he's a Marine
- Rosie is protecting Charlie
- Workin' overtime on the riveting machine
- When they gave her a production 'E'
- She was as proud as a girl could be
- There's something true about, red, white, and blue about
- Rosie, the riveter
- Rosie, the riveter
- Rosie, Rosie, Rosie, Rosie
- Working on the assembly line
- Rosie, Rosie, Rosie, the riveter
- On the assembly line

Winter Solstice Celebration 2025

A gathering of friends is a light in the darkness. Since the inception of the AHS Urban Farm, gardeners and friends have gathered around a bonfire to welcome the Winter Solstice - celebrating their shared love of the land that has nurtured not only gardens, but kinship and knowledge. In the stillness of winter, they gather with the certainty that spring will return, and that with each passing day, the light will grow.



“The Harvest Fair beautifully brings the past and future together.”

One photo captures former local educator Kathy Ballmer alongside her granddaughter—a perfect snapshot of generations connecting. The photo below includes Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider, and Ann King, who continue to stay actively involved with the Anderson Township Historical Society.



We also see living ties to our local history, including John Bartels and his wife at their syrup booth—whose family name lives on through township roads.



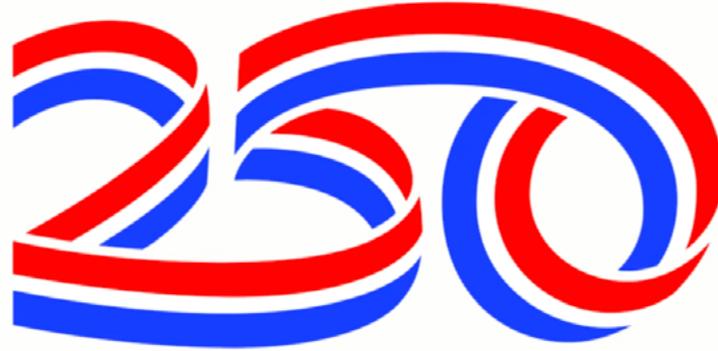
And finally, there's a candid shot of Kerri Wolfangle and a friend deep in conversation with a very familiar character that some of

you may recognize – David Vogel.



Happy Birthday America!

AMERICA



As we begin 2026 and the celebration of the 250th anniversary of our country, it is fitting to review the history of our Log House with the Revolutionary War, specifically the purchase activity involved with the acreage.

After the Revolutionary War, the newly formed government was unable to pay returning veterans with money. The Virginia Military District (VMD) had approximately 4.2 million acres of land in Ohio. The land was reserved as payment for the veterans and dispersed according to rank.

Due to his rank and years of service, George Washington qualified for a substantial amount of land. He purchased warrants for VMD land from two soldiers for a total of 3,100 acres. Of this total, 129 acres were in Anderson Township. Washington's certificates were sent to Richard Clough Anderson, who was the Principal Surveyor for the Ohio VMD. Washington's land holdings were again surveyed in 1787. The first survey was nullified due to a paperwork error. His land was assigned to others. However Washington's early notoriety with the

VMD and our Miami Valley remains today. In 1874 Mt Washington was named in his honor.

The land on which the Log House was built in 1796 was also part of VMD. In June of 1793, a grant of 600 acres was made to Matthew Jouitt . Captain Jouitt died shortly after and his son John Jouitt inherited the land. He engaged Thomas

Massie to dispose of the property. A deed dated April 2, 1796, sold 440 acres to Icabod Benton Miller for \$220 or \$.50 an acre! Miller is the first name of the name designated to the Log House in 1974 when the house was added to the National Register of Historic Homes 'Miller-Leuser Log House'.

Miller sold the remaining acreage to Captain Aaron Mercer. In 1792, Mercer built a blockhouse with a stockade around it called Mercer Station. In 1901 the name was changed to Newtown before it became an official village.

As this historic year unfolds The Historical Society will continue to present other interesting accounts of which there are many!

Ref.

Heywood, J. (2010). *George Washington and Land in Anderson Township*. Document prepared for History Room Docents.

Visitors for 2025

According to the guest register, 461 guests visited the Miller Leuser log house this year.

Third graders from Mercer Elementary School, garden club members, garden tour visitors, the Smith family, plant sale shoppers, as well as guests on our scheduled Open Houses the first and third Sundays May through October. We often hear, "We've driven by



many times and always wanted to take a tour."

The docents who expertly guide our visitors are appreciated. Thanks to Don & Sharon Perry, Lyn Scheper, Cindy & Karl Sieber, Linda Magee, Cindy Brandyberry, Charlie Wallace, Bob King, Ann King, Susan Abel, Nancy Krueger, Marilyn Stringfield, Melanie Woodworth, Kenny Burck, and Diane Schneider.

ATHS Nominating Committee Achieves Strong Success with New Leadership Nominees

The Anderson Township Historical Society is pleased to recognize the success of its Nominating Committee in identifying outstanding nominees for the positions of Treasurer and Trustees.

This search was more difficult than past nominations as it was necessary to replace Bob King as Treasurer who has served in that position for the past 10 years. Nevertheless, the committee persevered and found an outstanding slate of officers and replacement trustees to fill the vacancies and guide the Historical Society.

Replacing Bob as treasurer will be Arity Hasson who graduated from the Indiana University with her CPA and is currently employed as the corporate controller for the Hills Communities. She will be converting our accounting system and be assisted by Volunteer Rick Voss, a certified management accountant, who will assist Arity during the conversion. Both Arity, Rick and their families are gardeners with our Urban Farm program as well.

Sitting Members:

Dani Speigel
President

Susan Abel
Vice President

Bob King
Treasurer

Lyn Scheper
Recording Secretary

Trustees:

Chris Cunningham

Allan Greer

Robert Hayes

Robert Malinzak
(open position for 2026)

Daryl Meyerrenke
(open position for 2026)

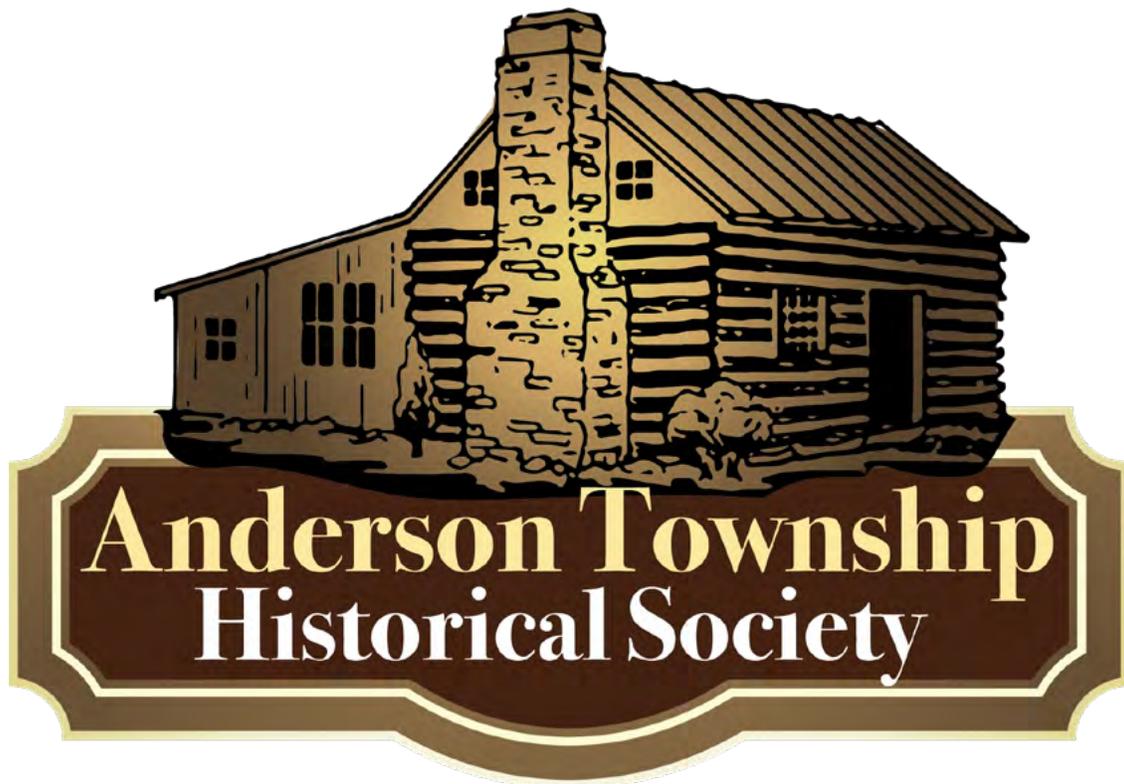
David Vogel

Replacing outgoing trustees Bob Malinzak and Daryl Meyerrenke will be Kerri Wolfangel and Colonel Todd Mayer. Neither need introduction to the community but in the event you have been out of

town for the last ten years know that Kerri comes to her trustee position as a descendant of founders of Anderson Twp. Kerri has both a road and a cemetery named after her ancestors and is one of the top realtors in the city being recognized frequently and recently as the Best of the East.

Colonel Mayer is 1985 Xavier grad, a Desert Storm veteran who re-enlisted and obtained his current rank through the Louisiana and Ohio National Guard, organized and guided Volunteers in resurrecting the Hillcrest Cemetery. He is board president of the Coalition to Save Hillcrest Cemetery which is the final resting place of many African American soldiers dating back to the civil war. Colonel Mayer will also be the guest speaker of our February Membership meeting.

We look forward to the contributions this fantastic group of Volunteers bring to our board.



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.

Membership Rates

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

P.O. Box 30174
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Contact us at 513-231-2114
www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org
<https://andersonurbanfarm.com>

Follow us on Facebook:
Anderson Township Historical Society
Anderson Township Historical Society Urban Farm