



## We Believe "Buck" Sargent Would Agree

Tracey Fleitz was honored Nov. 30 with the Granville Historical Society's Harold "Buck" Sargent Volunteer Award. A Granville native, Tracey has been a volunteer with the Society for 13 years, chiefly as a museum host. But, says Society Volunteer Coordinator Lynn Overholser, who nominated her for the recognition, Tracey began to make her



presence felt even more this year. And it wasn't just taking on more shifts as a host, especially during special open hours such as during the Saturday evening Art Walks downtown. "Every time we need somebody at the museum to fill in, here she is," Lynn said at the Society's annual meeting, where the award was presented. Additionally, Tracey has expanded her volunteerism with the Society into the exhibits realm, helping to create museum displays for the Granville Businesses room, Oese's Kitchen and the new clothing display.

"She learned how to dip candles for the Granville Trades Fair," Lynn said, which the Society hosted for the first time, in September. "She's helping to decorate the museum for the Christmas Candlelight Walking Tour right now. Just anytime you need anything, she's there." Lynn said she also worked on the background display in the museum for a Granville Elementary School book reading the Society did this fall. And she has also volunteered at the Robbins Hunter Museum. Tracey was presented with the traditional Sargent Award prize of a framed, matted photo, this one a color print of the back of the museum with hollyhocks in bloom, prior to the addition of the Robinson Research Center 10 years ago. The photo was taken by Dr. Pete Dils for a 2005 Granville Bicentennial photo contest. Tracey, downplaying her contributions, said she was flattered with the honor. "I love giving the tours. I love working with Lynn. I love meeting people all the time," she said. "It's very nice to be appreciated." Named after Granville icon Harold "Buck" Sargent, who was active with the Society during the 1980s and 1990s, the award is given periodically to those who make significant contributions in the realm of history both to the Society or the community in general in the same spirit Sargent exhibited.

### Museum Hours

Dec 3, 2022 Candlelight Walking Tour 3 - 8

Closed for the Season

### Services Provided

We are continuing to provide research assistance each Thursday from 9:30 to 4. You may also reach us via email, snail mail, our website and phone calls.

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### Upcoming Calendar Events

- Saturday, Dec. 3
  - Candlelight Walking Tour, 3 - 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 2
  - Ret. Prof. Tod Frolking, "The Impact of the Last Glaciation on the Granville Landscape", 7 p.m., Bryn Du Mansion, Granville.
- Thursday, Feb. 23
  - "Growing Up in Granville in the 1970s", 7 p.m., Granville Historical Society's Robinson Research Center.
- Wednesday, March 15
  - "History of the Granville Garden Club", 7 p.m., Granville Historical Society's Robinson Research Center.

*This is often the time of year when we reflect on the people that are no longer with us. The impact they made on and in our lives and the joy they brought us and to our community. We send you this remembrance as part of our December Modern Times. If you knew Tony, you will no doubt remember that big smile and his laugh. Rest in Peace friend!*

*Peace be with everyone this season as you remember loved ones, family members, and friends that have passed on.*

## Remembering Tony Lisska's impact on the Granville Historical Society

*For the Winter 2011 issue of the Granville Historical Society's "Historical Times", then editor Tom Martin wrote an article about Tony Lisska's community achievements and involvements as Dr. Lisska gave up the editorship of, "The Historical Times", the quarterly publication he helped to found in 1987. The following excerpt discusses Dr. Lisska's involvement as we in the Society remember his tremendous contributions to our organization, in the immediate aftermath of his passing on Sept. 19.*

Tony's intellectual avocation is regional history, and Granville and Ohio in general have been the great beneficiaries of that interest. With spillover passion from his professional endeavors, he involved himself in the Granville Historical Society. He served on the Board of Managers for 15 years; and most importantly, with Flo Hoffman, he began this quarterly, *The Historical Times*, which in 1991 won a state historical award. Tony and Flo had to spend several meetings convincing the Board of Managers that an occasional article in the local paper would not meet their ambitions. He served as an editor for twenty-five years, finally retiring with the last issue of 2010.

He has published over 40 articles on local history, the most widely read, which treated an early 19th century Roman Catholic Bishop who worked with Native Americans, appeared in Oxford's *New Blackfriars* (1993). Tony has also given over thirty presentations on topics of regional history. In 1985, he published *A History of Aquinas College High School* and is presently completing *A Short History of East Columbus, Ohio*. He authored *An Illustrated History of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club*, which was published in 2007.

For Granville's Bicentennial in 2005, a group of thirty-four members of the Granville Historical Society worked together to write and produce a three volume history of Granville, entitled *Granville, Ohio, A Study in Continuity and Change*. Officially, Tony was an editor of Volume I, the narrative history of the area broken down into nine parts and entitled *A Purpose, A Plan, A Place*. This book contains a chapter that he co-authored; Volume Two, entitled *Reflections and Impressions*, contains two of his historical essays. This three-volume set received a national award from the National Association of State and Local Historians. It was clear to those involved in the project that the driving force of the editorial side of the entire project was Tony Lisska.

In her letter of nomination for Tony for the Professor of the Year Program, then president of Denison, Michelle Tolela Myers wrote, "I will let Dr. Lisska's resume and other letters attest to his extensive scholarship and community involvement. However, I would like for the ... selection committee to take special note of the continuing nature of his activities. He has remained active in teaching and in scholarship, in campus and community affairs, long after a less energetic person might have rested on his laurels... Anthony Lisska has established an outstanding record of accomplishment at Denison and in the larger community as teacher, scholar, administrator, and citizen. His dedication to students has been extraordinary, and his contributions to the College has been prolific."

