



Modern Times

I get my fun at the Museum—You can too!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Museum Hours

The museum is closed for the season. We look forward to seeing you in the Spring!

Archives Open

Researchers: Please use entry on the west side of the building. Archivists available to assist researchers during hours shown below or by appointment.

THURSDAY	9	TO	12
	1	TO	4

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At the turn of another year, the custom of making resolutions comes to mind. Your editor is not among the devotees of this custom, but in case you are thinking about what the coming year holds, I thought that you might enjoy hearing what volunteering at the Granville Historical Society has meant to me.

My volunteer record has covered a variety of organizations. I did a few turns while in school with the yearbook committee and other clubs. As a new graduate of Ohio State I joined the Women in Communications alumni club and served as an officer. When my daughter was young I became a founding member of a Twig club supporting Children's Hospital. When I moved to Licking Co. I signed up for Audubon Society and at Dawes Arboretum; after moving to Granville in 1985 I decided to join the Historical Society.

My first contact, after becoming a member of the Society, was with Bob Seith, a Denison co-worker who was working on *The Historical Times* and offered to give me some pointers on using a computer publishing program. It was in the early 1990s. Soon, I was asked to serve on the program committee and met Mary Ann Malcuit and Dick Shiels. Tony Lisska worked in the Honor's Center in Gilpatrick House, next door to my office area in Colwell House and almost before I knew it, I was recruited to serve as a museum host.

In all of these activities, I found myself among people who shared many of my interests, not only in history but in many other topics from current events to television programs and books. Soon I took on the role of coordinating the docent schedule and then moved up to serve on the Board of Managers.

After retiring from full-time employment, the work I did with the Historical Society provided opportunities to use my writing and editing skills. Eventually I created the *Modern Times* newsletter and had to learn to use a pub-

lishing program on a PC computer rather than on my Apple models.

I have gotten to know many Granville area residents who volunteer with the Society as well as meeting many out-of-town visitors during museum open hours. It is always surprising to me to find that a little bit of conversation with a stranger can turn up so many mutual connections and experiences. It is fun!

In the end, perhaps it is the fun that keeps me turning up year after year. Yes, I learn. Yes, I keep my personal skills growing. Yes, I stimulate my mind and get to share ideas and opinions with friends. Yes, I help keep this organization operating for the benefit of those looking to document Granville's past. But most of all I have fun—at weekly lunch sessions on Thursdays, at programs and dinner meetings, at committee meetings and in spontaneous meetings on the streets of Granville.

If you are looking to engage your talents, learn new skills, meet new friends and have some fun in the new year, I heartily recommend volunteering with the Granville Historical Society. It has been one of the most rewarding volunteer activities I have engaged in during my adult life.

Maggie Brooks



Artifact of the Month

If cold temperatures have you looking for fuzzy slippers at home and boots when you venture out of doors, this artifact from the days of horse-drawn carriages might appeal to you. Heated on your kitchen or living room stove, the granite stone slab with a metal bail to carry it was placed on the floor of the buggy to radiate warmth during your ride. Covered by a blanket, the stone would have stayed warm for a ride to town for shopping or church, but long exposure in the uninsulated vehicle would have cooled it and the ride home likely was considerably cooler. Today's vehicles convey us in heated luxury—not open to the biting winds of winter but with blowing warm air (plus



"What Is It?"

Contest Winners Announced

The 2016 version of our Candlelight Walk "What Is It?" contest produced 3 adult winners and an under 12 winner all with five correct answers out of the possible nine items.

Hannah Bishop from Hebron was the youth winner and Jim Daggett of Canal Winchester, Nancy Eucker of Newark and Rick Liebson of Granville were the co-winners of the adult contestants. Winners have received Whit's gift certificates.

To learn what all the artifacts were, see our answer story on our website.