



Modern Times

Meet the New Kids on the Block

Museum Hours

The museum remains closed for the duration of the Public Health Emergency

Services Provided

We are continuing to provide research assistance through correspondence via email, snail mail, our website and phone calls. All in person appointments will follow Covid - 19 protocol for the safety of everyone

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Heidi Drake - Board President

Some of you may know where I live since my husband, Larry, and I moved, in December of 2018, into the first new house on the new road just west of the village, Old Sycamore Lane. It's a green construction, solar energy house that turned out to be a lovely place to spend the pandemic. And the 2 little dogs that we adopted this past year have made it a very lively home!



I am a retired pediatric nurse and spent about 100 years practicing in 2 different children's hospitals. After I retired, I unretired to work as the Director of Volunteers at Ronald McDonald House for a couple of years. Then I retired again and it stuck this time.

I have volunteered for lots of organizations in my retirement. One of my passions for the past few years has been Harmony Project, a 500-person community choir, that believes singing and serving the community can change our corner of the world. I look forward to moving past this pandemic so we can sing together again.

We moved here from German Village in Columbus where I was on the board of German Village Society. That passion for history and preservation led very naturally to my excitement about serving on the board of Granville Historical Society. Preserving the legacies of the past seem to be part of my DNA. I grew up in an historic, converted barn in New York and our home of 30 years in German Village was about 150 years old. Granville and the Historical Society are a great fit in my life.

Tom Lee - Facilities Chair

I am a self-employed architectural draftsman and design/builder of custom homes, additions and remodeling who works out of my home in Granville township. I have been in central Ohio all my life, graduating from Newark High School in 1976 and The Ohio State University in 1982 with a BS in Architecture. We lived in Columbus for 25 years before moving to Granville to raise our three children.



My interest in history began in Architecture school when we studied old construction processes and I realized there is a lot to be learned from what others before us have done. Clerestory windows, flying buttresses, entasis of the column and the cantilevers of Frank Lloyd Wright come to mind. I also helped friends restore some old cars and military vehicles that we later found are also in the Smithsonian and recognized as being historically significant (specifically the WW2 Jeep).

Hobbies are motorcycles, my old tractor, maintaining a flock of chickens and making maple syrup.

Steve Thaxton - Website Chair

A native Clevelander, I was taken down South through my time in the Navy and spent the next twenty years there. Getting back to my Ohio roots, I moved to Granville seven years ago with my wife Stacie, who is a mental health counselor here in town, and our three sons Shey (now 21), Slade (15) and Stone (12). I work for Owens Corning out of the Science & Technology Center here in Granville.

When we first relocated to Granville, I read William Utter's book *Granville: The Story of an Ohio Village* and was so captivated by the rich stories from the founding of the village through the Civil War and onto its modernization. This vibrant history and my love for the true inimitability of Granville is really what drew me to the Historical Society.



Outside of work I really enjoy staying very active with Rotary Club of Granville for which I am also a board member. You will also most often catch me reading, running or walking on the TJ Evans trail, playing sports with my boys, or trying to watch every single Cleveland sports game televised.

Jennifer Brungart Graham - Membership Chair

Hello! I moved to Granville with my family in the 1980s when I was 10-years-old. After I graduated from high school and went off to college I never really expected to move back. But 10 years ago, after living in a bunch of other places, my husband [Kevin, also originally from Granville], and I returned to raise our two daughters and be closer to family. I have been a full-time mom for the past twelve years, but my education and professional background is in Graphic Design.



In my former life I was an Assistant Professor of Graphic Design at Arizona State University. Besides caring for and enjoying my family, my favorite things to do are paint, watch movies, read, hike, and... go to museums! I also volunteer at my girls' schools and church. Although I am newly involved, I have admired the Granville Historical Society and museum for a very long time, and am so pleased to be a board member.