Celebrate Lake County History Center Events

Three First Ladies Spring Tea

Boys of Summer Ken Krsolovic giving an informative talk about League Park

Brunch with the Bunny, Photos and take home Easter Egg Hunt Kits

Breakfast with Santa, ornament making and Island of Misfit Toys Display

Thank you to our Supporters & Friends
Dear Friends,

We all know that change isn’t easy for some of us! When Cleveland’s Major League Baseball team announced its name change to the Guardians last July, we were all a little perplexed. Why the Guardians? What was the tie to the city? We were indifferent about the name change at best. But when team owner Paul Dolan explained that he rides his bike to and from work across the Hope Memorial Bridge which connects downtown Cleveland and Ohio City. He couldn’t help but to notice the 45-foot tall Art Deco figures that adorn the bridge. Known alternately in Cleveland as the Guardians of Transportation or the Guardians of Traffic, the eight massive statues have kept a silent vigil over the city ever since they were finished in 1932, at a time when Cleveland enjoyed the status as our nation’s sixth-largest city. Ranking just behind Los Angeles, it was a transportation hub and an economic juggernaut. Wilbur Watson, the bridge’s engineer, said at the time that the statues “typify the spirit of progress in transportation.”

Guardians took on a new meaning after the northeast Ohio steel industry collapsed. They were a point of pride for a city that did, indeed, need a little defending. And like the beleaguered city, the bridge almost didn’t make it out of the 1970s. Cuyahoga County Engineer Albert Porter responsible for maintaining the bridge, expressed his opinion on the Guardians, which had darkened by decades of air pollutants. He said “they are monstrosities and should be torn down. There is nothing historic about one of them.”

New York City sculptor Henry Herring, nationally recognized as an architectural specialist and for his association with Augustus Saint-Gaudens was the lead sculptor, but it is not fair to give him complete credit for sculpting the pylons. Fabricating from the Berea sandstone was completed in the shops of the Ohio Cut Stone Co. on Random Rd in Cleveland’s Little Italy neighborhood with more than 20 immigrant.

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It is with great sadness that we heard about the passing of our good friend & longtime History Center volunteer Nancy Weitzel (1937-2022). Nancy was the manager of the Historical Society membership office for many years. Her beautiful handwriting is on all the membership cards. Her office was the gathering room at lunch time for everyone. She will be deeply missed.

We were deeply sorry to hear about the passing of our friend and longtime volunteer Grace Richards on Sunday, March 13. She was an active member of the History Center for many years, and her hard work was appreciated by all of us. Her family has requested that donations be made to the Lake County Historical Society in memory of Grace.

So many volunteers like Nancy Hearn have been the key reason behind the preservation of our local history here in Lake County, Ohio. Our deepest sympathy to Nancy's family and friends at her passing.

neighborhood with more that 20 immigrant scalpellini, handling the day–today shaping of the stones. The story of one of them, Loreto Petti, along with the tools he used are on exhibit at the Italian American Museum. Also working alongside in the company's shop was William Henry “Hank” Hope, father of Bob Hope. That led to the former Lorain-Carnegie Bridge being renamed the Hope Memorial Bridge in 1983. Decades later, the vision of including artistic “guardians” in everyday life has acquired new life through Cleveland's Major League Baseball team. Surely, it would bring a smile to the original creators, especially since the art was nearly lost.

Enjoy your Summer and come and visit,
Amy Kapostasy, Director
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Registration is Required  Call or sign up on lakehistory.Eventbrite.com

12    Brewing Up History  
       6 PM Ridgewood Kitchen and Spirits

Enjoy a slice of Concord as they celebrate 200 years with your host Dan Maxson.

Menu: Choice of Lobster Mac and Cheese, Wild Mushroom Chicken and Short Rib Melt

$40 Member
$45 Non member

23    Hawaiian Luau Fundraiser
       6:30 PM at LCHS

“In the Trenches” Hear about the brave men and women who answered the call to serve their country. Stories of our Lake County ancestors and their acts of risk, heroism and bravery will be shared.

“Kelvis” Elvis Impersonator
A winner of countless regional and national Elvis Impersonator competition, It’s remarkable that “Kelvis” has only been performing as Elvis since 2001. Also appearing Pacific Paradise Entertainment

A Polynesian group, specializing in Hawaiian Hula and Tahitian dancing.

21    Ladies and Gents Who Lunch

Noon at LCHC Barn

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Auction Items, Raffles and Wine

MENU:

Roasted Pig, Hawaiian Slaw, Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Fresh Fruit Display, Corn and Pineapple Upside Down Cake

$75 Single/
$135 Couple
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Brewing Up History 6 PM
Westels Alibi and Hush
Do you Love Rock and Roll? Then you’ll love when Presenter/author Deanna Adams tells the stories of the people and places in Cleveland Rock and Roll History.

Menu: Buffet dinner choice of Lemon Chicken, Roast Beef, Mushroom Marsala and sides.
Members $40
Non-Members $45

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Ladies and Gents Who Lunch Noon
Hear Jill Householder tell stories of Lake County Pioneers and early citizens.

Menu: Chef Salad
$17 Member
$20 Non Members

Need a place to Celebrate an event
Look no further than the Lake County History Center. Between Heritage Hall, the newly renovated barn, Pioneer Village and the NEW Pavilion, ready soon, any number of guests can be accommodated.
Reservations Required
Call 440-639-2845

SAVE THE DATE
Lantern Tours
September 22nd
October 6, 13, 20 & 27th at 8 PM
Make your reservations today!!!
$25
September

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8 Night In the Museum 6:30-9 PM
Come and meet some of Lake County’s most interesting people of the past. Appetizers will be served
Member $18
Non-Member $20
Youth $15

14 Brewing Up History 6 PM at Grand River Cellars
Katherine Kerestman “Creepy Cat” tells of her adventures searching for the Bell Witch.
Members $40
Non-Members $45

SAVE THE DATE
October 12 at Beal’s Pickles N Pints with Dennis Sutcliffe who will test your knowledge of Cleveland’s hometown heroes

15 Ladies & Gents Who Lunch Noon at LCHC Barn
Meet author Jennifer Boresz Englekind, who will discuss her new book “Lost Lake County, Ohio”

15 Lantern Tour 8PM
Do ghosts and spirits really haunt the History Center? Find out by joining Cathi Weber as she takes you on an after hours tour.
Cost $25
This event sells out fast

24 Clambake 4-8 PM
Clam dinner $ 1/2 Chicken $42
Strip Steak $48
Extra Clams $20
Included clam chowder, cole slaw, ear of corn, roasted red skin potatoes, roll and butter.

29 Lushes with Brushes
5 PM Join us as we make a reversible Halloween/Thanksgiving Hanging
This is a B.Y.O.B event
Members $30
Non-members $35
ABOUT LAKE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

Lake County History Center is owned and operated by the Lake County Historical Society, a 501c3 nonprofit founded in 1968. Situated in Lake County, Ohio on eight acres at 415 Riverside Drive In Painesville Township, OH, LCHS maintains the historic 1876 Italianate structure, formerly the Lake County Home. Today it houses a museum with permanent and changing exhibits, a library, rental venues, and a gift shop. The History Center also operates an onsite performance and event barn as well as an 1823 Pioneer Village. Onsite and offsite education programs & events for adults and children are offered throughout the year. The LCHS mission is to preserve, educate, and learn about Lake County, Ohio history. **Hours:** Please call to make an appointment

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