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Tuesday-Friday  
12 to 3:30 PM Saturday  
Closed Sunday & Monday

## OUR HERITAGE

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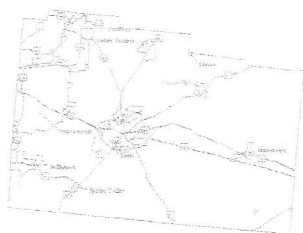
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### **Current board members:**

Sheryl Baker, Andrew Brody,  
Sandy Chubner, Jon Dobney,  
Ron Goble, Ann Halder, Carol  
Jenkins, Jim Langan, Cindy  
Liming, Ben Thompson, and  
Ann Wolf.

Our next meetings in 2023 are 13 Nov (Civil War Burials Project) and 11 Dec (holiday music by Bob Ford). Meetings start at 7 PM in the Carriage House.

Our GCHS Holiday Open House will take place on December 10, 2023 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM, at the Historical Society complex. Holiday Tour of Homes will return next year – if you know any home owners who might be willing to participate, let us know.



Hope Everyone's  
Holidays are Full of  
Comfort, Joy &  
Peace on Earth.



## Upcoming Programs

On Monday, 13 Nov 2023, at 7 PM: Do you have a Civil War ancestor? Is this family lore, or do you have proof? The Greene County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society spent 25 years and many volunteers proving 1328 Civil War veterans who are buried in Greene County, Ohio. This effort was at the request of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who will use the data in their online database. We collected about 40 paper and online resources which were checked to verify these veterans. Cases of unmarked, moved markers and mistaken identity were (mostly) sorted out.

Presenter Catherine (Sidenstick) Leininger has been doing genealogy and has been a member of the Greene County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for over 20 years. She is the co-author of this presentation and co-editor of the quarterly genealogy newsletter *Leaves of Greene* with Diana Robinson Nelson. Her ancestor surnames from Greene County from both sides of the family are Sidenstick, Ellis, Sroufe, Oxley, Frost, Boots, Bartlett, Campbell, and Dean, most of whom owned land and were farmers starting in 1803 in Beavercreek, Yellow Springs, Oldtown, New Jasper, Jamestown and Bowersville.

On Monday, 11 Dec 2023, at 7 PM: Bob Ford will present holiday themed music and stories. Bob has been here many times, but there is always something new to learn and enjoy from his vast store of tales and tunes.

## Musings from the Executive Director

As I write this on a dreary October afternoon, exciting things are happening locally. People from Ohio Department of Natural Resources and from Ohio History Connection were here today, talking about the new Great Council State Park at Oldtown. That project is moving forward, and is scheduled for opening next spring. Xenia Towne Square has been renamed The Market District, and renovation of the existing acres of parking lot into mixed retail and housing is shaping up. See the city website for more information, or Dillin the developer. Times and renovation styles have changed since the 1970s (thankfully), and there is great potential here. There is no hard timeline for this to be finished.

The Historical Society is gearing up for next year's 50<sup>th</sup> tornado anniversary, in conjunction with the city, the archives and other county offices, and the library, along with Wilberforce and Central State Universities and other partners. I made seven videos from some of our still photos, and they will be available on YouTube on the first of each month from October to April. Look for "1974 Xenia tornado 1 of 7" (changing the number of course). Other plans include a wreath laying at the downtown memorial, displays at various locations, and a dinner at the Xenia Adult Recreation & Services Center, which will have various speakers. More to come as this important anniversary approaches.

Welcome new members Sandy Pramer and Ken & Theresa Miracle, all of Xenia.

*Until next time, Catherine Wilson*

## President's Corner by Ron Goble

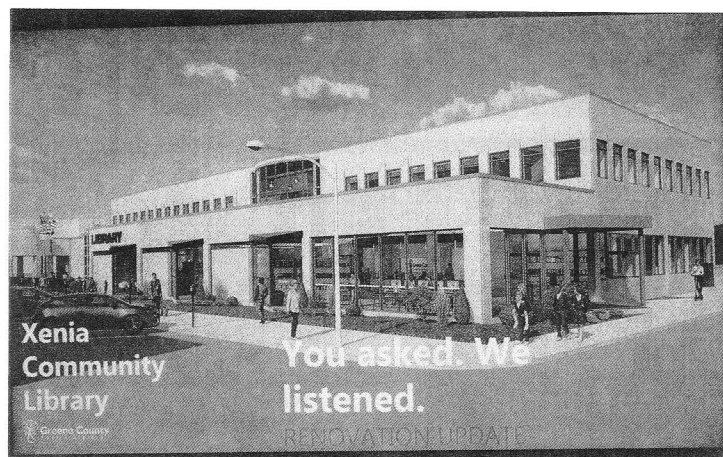
October already? I haven't finished my summer "to do" list yet! The society has been busy recently with many activities. The Ghost Walks are going fine, more groups are making use of our facilities. The repair of the cottage windows has been started. We have a quote for repairs to the Galloway Log House, the new Exit light required by the fire department has been installed.

I am working on the attendance figures for the caboose this year, it will be down from previous years due to my time constraints. I am in need of a drill bit for a 3/4 inch hole to repair some vandalism on the caboose. I would love to borrow one instead of buying a specialized tool for one hole. Bits that size are expensive. If you have one I can use, please contact the office.

Again I am asking for someone to come forward to take over the Board President spot for next year. I have held this position for 5 years and believe it is time for someone else to have all the fun. So please contact the office to get your name in the hat.

We have had several interesting programs and more on the schedule. If you have ideas for a program, or would like to see something not covered so far, please get the info to the office. If you would like to present a program for the monthly gathering, please discuss it with the program committee.

From Sept meeting



Melissa Fasanella (head librarian at Xenia branch, GCPL) spoke about the ongoing renovations. No pictures from October; most of you know what I look like anyway [Catherine].

### Ohio's First World Heritage Site!!

UNESCO named Ohio's Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks as a World Heritage Site in September. Only twenty-five sites in the entire United States are on this list. The earthworks are spread over eight locations, and all are open for visitation: Great Circle Earthworks, Octagon Earthworks, Mound City, Hopewell Mound Group, Hopeton Earthworks, High Bank Works, Seip Earthworks, and Fort Ancient. More online at [www.hopewellearthworks.org](http://www.hopewellearthworks.org). Fort Ancient, the site closest to our area, has a feature called Moorehead Circle after Greene County's own Warren King Moorehead. So exciting and great for Ohio!

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# *GCHS Calendar*

## *November-December 2023*

Office hours all month: Tuesday-Friday noon to 4 PM; Saturday noon to 3:30 PM

### **Closed November 1-11 for vacation**

Tuesday, 7 Nov: Executive Committee meeting, 4:30 PM  
Monday, 13 Nov: Greene County Civil War Burials, 7 PM  
Sunday, 19 Nov: Division 3 NMRA, 1-5 PM  
Thursday, 23 Nov: Closed for Thanksgiving  
Wednesday, 29 Nov: Private meeting, 10 AM-3 PM  
Tuesday, 5 Dec: Full board meeting, 4:30 PM  
Sun, 10 Dec: Holiday open house, 1:30-4:30 PM  
Monday, 11 Dec: Bob Ford Music, 7 PM  
Sunday, 17 Dec: Division 3 NMRA, 1-5 PM  
Wed, 12 Dec: Farm Forum party, 6-9 PM [tentative]

\*Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month for publication in the next issue.\*

Railroad Display Committee meets on Thursday evenings at about 6:30 PM.

Carriage House Quilters meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6-8 PM.

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