

The Huron Historical Society Presents

THE OLD PLAT SHOWCASE & FUNDRAISER



Thursday, June 22, 2023, 5 p.m. - 8p.m.

Purchase tickets Online or at
The Crawford Insurance Group, 507 Main Street
For more information, see our News Link QR Code below



Join us for our Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 15th, 6:30 pm at the Experimental Aircraft Association

Located at their Hinde Airport facility, 1819 Boos Road, the EAA Chapter #50 will host this Members-Only event in their new Gathering Room. The chapter president, Ben Gleason, will greet us. Ben first soloed in 1957 and has made Hinde Airport his home since 1976. We will begin with a brief membership meeting. Then Ben looks forward to sharing the "Gleason Museum" with our membership as we venture to his hangar.

Local EAA Chapter members are involved in a variety of social and educational activities, including fly-ins and aircraft-building seminars. The Young Eagles youth program introduces kids in the world of aviation. Youth in pursuit of aviation studies or certification can receive a scholarship. Technical Counselors offer their expertise to those building or refurbishing planes.

Signs will direct you to parking. Refreshments provided. The Gathering Room is handicapped accessible. See you there!

Akzonobel donates \$500

Akzonobel is updating their conference room with photographs of Huron. We were glad to provide archive assistance in this transformation and appreciate their generous donation..

Get your free ticket for the June 22nd Old Plat Showcase and Fundraiser

From 5pm-8pm on Thursday, June 22nd, you will have an opportunity to tour the first floors of two century homes on Center Street and one home on Ohio Street as well as Christ Episcopal Church. This is a follow-up activity to our successful walking tours we led last summer. **We thank the Koenig, Graham, and Scott families for being our hosts.**

At the annual meeting we will accept dues payments, provide each membership household with one free ticket to the Showcase, and have additional Showcase tickets available for purchase. We can accept cash or check for dues or you can pay online at <https://www.thehuronhistoricalsociety.org/about/membership/>. Purchasing Showcase tickets at meeting eliminates event check-in for members, providing you with your bundle of wristband, booties, and event map at the membership meeting. If unable to attend the annual meeting, please have payment to us by June 15th in order to reserve your free ticket; the member can pick it up the evening of the Showcase event at the Crawford Insurance Group, 507 Main Street, from 4 pm – 6pm. **Want to volunteer to greet at a home? Call Alyson at 567-623-9648**

Renew your membership during this June drive. There are two ways to renew.

- 1) BY MAIL: Detach this form with your information complete.
Mail a check payable to Huron Historical Society for the amount of your membership level.
Address: P.O. Box 222, Huron, Ohio 44839. A receipt will be sent to your email.

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

- 2) ONLINE: Pay with a credit card: www.thehuronhistoricalsociety.org/about/membership

Membership levels: Student (\$5); Individual/Family (\$35); Senior (\$25); Business (\$50); Benefactor (\$250)

*Lifetime members will be automatically renewed. Let us know your email.

Questions??? Email us at: huronohiohistory@gmail.com

Collaboration with Fire Department

We have scanned photos with John Zimmerman, gabbed with Mike Hohler, and converted old VHS tapes to MP4 format with Pat Johnson. It is a goal to create a documentary of the Huron Fire Department's history. During October's Fire Prevention Week you will be invited to the dedication of Station #2 on Bogart Road. There will be an open house and Touch-A-Truck event.

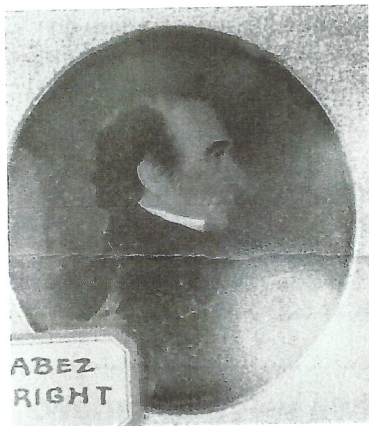


Sleuthing on the trail to Jabez Wright

We have been contacted by an antique dealer regarding a portrait they valued at \$2000, supposedly that of Jabez Wright, the surveyor of Huron Township. His home was located in Grand Forest Beach and is recognized as a route on the Underground Railroad. The dealer's evidence that it is Wright's portrait is a scribbled note with his name. Officers are doing their due diligence trying to verify the subject of the painting and its value.

We know that the current owner purchased it from an art dealer who, in turn, likely purchased it from the Ohio Historical Society back in 1971. OHS could not confirm the sale. We have noted that Wright was a state representative whose portrait likeness is similar to Ohio's governors of that period, both in painting style and measurement. The dealer suggested that one of the famous Peale family portrait artists had similar techniques, which would very much add to its value.

Sleuthing locally, a portrait of Wright (on left below) was located at the Firelands Historical Society. Are these photos of the same man? Is it worth a 2.5 hour ride to Pittsburgh to make a purchase? Should an art appraisal be secured? If you have expertise in purchasing art or wish to donate to its possible purchase, call Alyson at 567-623-9648.



Salute to the Laguna Yacht Club. Having a history of fun, food, and friendship at the Huron Lagoons Marina, this group dissolved in 2022 and donated over \$1,100 to the Huron Historical Society. Much appreciated.



Thomas Market in 1914 (above). Thomas Market is now home to Crawford Insurance Group and When Pigs Fly.

Crawfords renovate 507 Main Street

Thank you to Crawford Insurance Group for being a ticket hub for our Old Plat Showcase and Fundraiser. The Crawford Building's history, with its many additions and tenants, dates to the 1800s as a home, grocery, and saloon. Known to many as Thomas Market, three generations of Thomases operated there. When the Crawfords renovated the complex, the meat cooler in the rear of the building became the cord locker for the spools of cord used for the creations of Beagle Bay Knotworks. They are now renovating the home immediately south of the old market.

