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# Volunteer Visions

## AWARDING SUCCESS

From July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009, Ohio Historical Society volunteers contributed over **60,400** hours. Congratulations for an inspiring year! According to the Independent Sector, a nonprofit think-tank, the average hourly value of a volunteer's time in the United States for 2008 was \$20.25. Using this value, volunteers contributed over **\$1,223,100** to OHS during this time!



In recognition of your hard work, the Ohio Historical Society has been designated an "Official Certifying Organization" for the President's Volunteer Service Award program (PVSA). A certifying organization is an entity approved by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to review and verify a volunteer's hours as well as nominate and distribute the President's Volunteer Service Awards.

The council was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in communities and encourage more people to serve. The council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families and groups that have achieved a certain standard measured by the number of service hours over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

As a volunteer associated with the Ohio Historical Society, you have the opportunity to track your hours and earn the President's Volunteer Service Award. Please visit the Web site [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov) to learn about the various level of awards and, if you'd like, to create an account and track your hours. All OHS hours are to be reviewed and approved by Mary Cannon, OHS lead volunteer coordinator, before submission.

Contact Mary for more information and questions at 614.297.2392 or [mcannon@ohiohistory.org](mailto:mcannon@ohiohistory.org). She looks forward to working with you to recognize your support of OHS.

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**The Ohio Historical Center came alive June 20 for a Night at the Museum. More than 50 volunteers made the event a success for over 600 visitors!**



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## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM LOSES A FRIEND

The Ohio Historical Society's executive director and CEO, Dr. William K. Laidlaw Jr., is being remembered as a leader and advocate for preserving Ohio's heritage by his friends and colleagues, after his unexpected and tragic death. Dr. Laidlaw, 66, died August 7 of an apparent heart attack while swimming in the ocean with his wife during a family vacation on Martha's Vineyard.



"It is with profound sadness that we learned of the passing of our friend and colleague, Bill Laidlaw," said Richard T. Prasse of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, chairman of the OHS Board of Trustees. "The entire Ohio Historical Society family mourns this tragic loss, and our deepest sympathies are with his family and friends during this difficult time."

Dr. Laidlaw came to Ohio Historical Society in August 2003 as executive director and CEO after a career in higher education and nonprofit management. During his tenure at the Ohio Historical Society, he traveled extensively throughout the state advocating for the Society and the value of history, history education and historic preservation.

Dr. Laidlaw was always ready to lend a hand and show his support. Known as "Dr. Bill" to many of the volunteers, he never wanted to miss a good time. He was willing to be in the dunk tank for the Carnival! last spring and thanked Rockwell's America volunteers by wearing a tux and serving dinner. His humor and kindness will be missed.

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## WELCOME TO OHS

### **Armstrong Museum**

Jacob Reinhart

### **Campus Martius**

Stan Michaelis

Becky Moore

Natasha Norris

### **Ohio Historical Center**

Thomas Adkins

Jordan Argus

Anne Bauer

Robert Bolduc

Victoria Branson

Queen Brooks

Jodi Bumgarner

Shawn Davis

Evan Della Flora

Georgina Dodge

Michael Fardal

Marcie Garren

Alison Gaughenbaugh

Joyce Geary

David Gibbs

Alli Green

Meghan Griffith

April Griffith-Taylor

Elizabeth Harkness and

Key Bank Associates

Jordan Hilbrands

Ben Hill

Lisa Holonitch

Tracee Huffman

Lari Hummer

Cindy Jenner

Lokesh Kasani

Joshua Kessler

Clarissa Knox

Rebecca Kriens

Giovanna Lamanna

Tiffany Lee

Jamie Malogorski

Barb Martin

Preston Martin

Katherine Maskell

Alex McChesney

Anna McCullough

Lynn Mckeown

Thomas Moosbrugger

Teresa Myers

Iris Norington

Gaylord Odegaard

Erin O'Reilly

Lamar Orndorff

Ryan Pahls

Barbara Payne

Lauren Petro

Erin Publow

Nicole Rambo

Max Reed

Katie Roberts

Abdi Roble

Bridget Rowland

Rosemary Rowley

Ashley Rund

Jeff Sanders

Ashley Shidaker

Andrea Smith

Byron Smith

Mark Snyder

Madelyn Stevens

Jessica Stroup

Leah Taylor

Connie Taylor

Josephine Thompson

Ashley Tilberg

Stefanie Truitt

Leslie Wagner

Kelsey Warner

Liz Winer

### **Ohio River Museum**

Andy Henderson

### **Zoar Village**

Amy Felgenhauer

Daniel McPherson

Josiah Pepper

Claire Tolan

New volunteers and interns as of  
May 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009

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## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Do you go Krogering? You can support the Ohio Historical Society every time you buy groceries. Obtain a Kroger Rewards Card from your local Kroger and go online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to register your Kroger Rewards Card with our organizational name or assigned number of **84059**.

If you do not have access to the online sign-up method, please call 1-800-837-4483 to learn about the alternative sign-up method.

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## NPS FEATURES OHIO ARCHAEOLOGY

Did you know that some of the most spectacular archeological sites and artifacts in North America are from the state of Ohio? Did you know that Ohio has dozens of archeological sites and museums that are accessible to the public? If not, then tune in and navigate through *Visit Ohio Archeology* on the National Parks Service Web site at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

You'll travel through time learning about subjects that range from the monumental earthworks of the Hopewell Indians to the living conditions in forts during the War of 1812. Or, take a look from space by using [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com). Zoom in to see what the park or museum looks like and get directions from your home. After you're done, the only thing left to explore is the beautiful state of Ohio itself!

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## PIQUA HISTORICAL AREA

The Piqua Historical Area State Memorial celebrates two thousand years of Ohio's rich history from prehistoric Indians to Ohio's canal era. The focal point of the peaceful 200-acre park is John Johnston-farmer, public official and U.S. Indian Agent for western Ohio from 1812 to 1829.

Today, visitors enjoy the home and farm of this most extraordinary man much as it appeared in 1829. Preserved and furnished structures include Johnston's two-story mixed Dutch Colonial/Georgian style farmhouse, a unique two-story spring house, and a cider house. Costumed interpreters and craft demonstrators provide farm tours and display activities in the summer kitchen and fruit kiln areas. A mammoth double-penned log barn, constructed in 1808, is reputed to be the oldest and largest of its type in Ohio, and is still in use on the grounds. Nearby a ring-shaped mound earthwork discovered and preserved by Johnston was constructed by people of the Adena culture over 2,000 years ago.



Not far from Johnston's farm is a modern museum, which was constructed to resemble the blockhouse style of Fort Piqua, General Anthony Wayne's 18th century supply post. The patio portion of the museum building allows visitors the opportunity to view a restored mile-long section of the Miami and Erie Canal, which extended the length of Ohio from Toledo to Cincinnati. Costumed guides direct the mule-drawn boat to provide an authentic and memorable experience for all.

The Piqua Historical Area State Memorial was established as Ohio's 47th state historic site in 1965. The Johnston farm and Miami & Erie Canal areas were formally opened on September 3, 1972, with the dedication of the museum facility following on May 20, 1973.

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# VOLUNTEERING AT OHS SITES

Volunteers at OHS sites may notice a change in operations. To date, 37 OHS sites are managed locally through partnership agreements. It is the goal of OHS to have most of the remaining sites also locally managed by the end of this operating season.

What does this mean for OHS volunteers?

- 1) Once sites are locally managed, you have the choice to continue to volunteer. If you do choose to continue volunteering, you will be a volunteer of the management organization. In most cases, staff at the site will also be employees of the management organization. Please confirm with the site volunteer coordinator/contact that you would like to volunteer under the new management organization.
- 2) You will still have access to OHS sites by using your volunteer badge through the end of this year. In 2010, you will receive a separate piece of identification for access to OHS sites.
- 3) You will continue to receive OHS mailings, including *Echoes* and the *Volunteer Visions* newsletter.

Please contact Mary Cannon with questions or concerns at 614.297.2392 or mcannon@Ohiohistory.org.

## Mark Your Calendars for October, November, December 2009

- Oct. 11—Pilgrimage and Wreath Laying, Harding Home
- Oct. 16—Boo in the Bog, Cedar Bog
- Oct. 17—Fall Earthworks Tour, Ft. Ancient
- Oct. 17—National Road Rally, National Road/Zane Grey Museum
- Oct. 17,18—Fall Foliage Hike, Wahkeena Nature Preserve
- Oct. 17,18—Native Fall Festival, Serpent Mound
- Oct. 18—Octagon Earthworks Open House, Newark Earthworks
- Oct. 18—Muffins vs. Red Stockings—Ft. Ancient or Sharon Woods Park
- Oct. 23,24,30,31—Garrison Ghost Walk, Ft. Meigs
- Oct. 24—Dutch Oven Cookery, Zoar Village
- Nov. 21,22,23—Holiday Events, Adena Mansion and Gardens
- Dec. 5—Irish Christmas on the Farm, Piqua Historical Area
- Dec. 5, 11—Mid-Winter Celebrations, Campus Martius

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