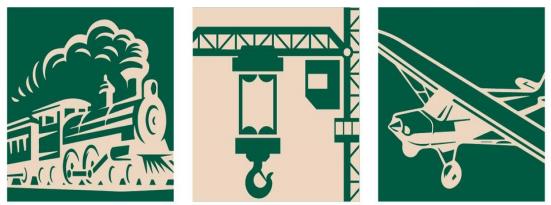


Alliance Historical Society NOW & THEN



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Perone takes on role of president

Board thanks Dillon for six-year stint as leader, welcomes three new members

The Alliance Historical Society welcomed back Karen Perone as its board president, greeted three new board members, set up committees to handle business for the upcoming year, and revealed a new Society logo at their February meeting.

Perone, who previously had served as president from 2010-16, thanked Michelle Dillon who is stepping down after her six years as president. Perone praised Dillon for the work she did, and honored her with a paving brick for the Alliance YWCA's Legacy Walkway project. She will now serve as vice president.

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At a recent board of directors meeting for the Alliance Historical Society, committees were formed to handle business for the year. Pictured are officers (front row) Karen Perone, president; Jennifer Crist, secretary; and Michelle Dillon, vice president. Standing are Mark Locke, Dave McMahon, Gary Conny, Mike Patterson, Jack Weber, and John Gross. Joining via Zoom are Stacy Digianantonio and Jack Madison. Not pictured are Steve Stone, treasurer, Joe Zelasko, Don Shaffer, and Linda Fergason.

New Society logo unveiled



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The new Society logo focuses on Alliance industry, notably trains, cranes and planes in a dark green and taupe color scheme.

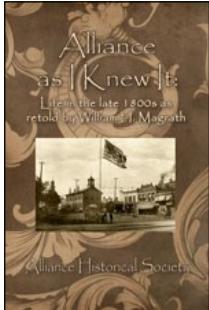
Thanks to the talents of local artist and graphic designer Kathleen Gray Farthing, we now have a new logo.

The logo incorporates three things for which Alliance is best known: Trains, Cranes, and Planes, and her design captures the historic spirit of the city beautifully.

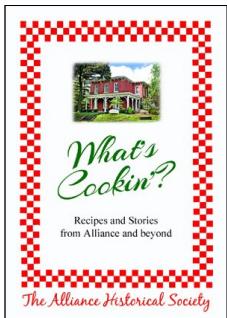
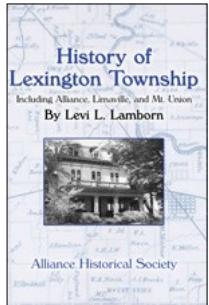


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Marking Time Madness returns

It's March again and for the Alliance Historical Society that means it's time for Marking Time Madness.

Last year's competition was a nail-biter with the winning video squeezing through in the final hours.

The 16 Marking Time videos entered in the 2022 contest are seeded based on the number of views each received during the past year on the Society's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Voting for this year's Marking Time madness will begin on March 7 and will continue through March 28 with the winner being announced on our Facebook and Instagram pages on the morning of Tuesday, March 29.

Vote early and often! Get your friends and coworkers to vote. Each weekly competition will be announced on Facebook and Instagram as well as via our email list. Join anytime.

Self-Guided Cemetery Tour planned

The Society will host a self-guided tour of Alliance City Cemetery on Sunday, May 15.

Signs will be posted at 25 sites throughout the cemetery, but instead of a live person explaining those interred and those gravesites, participants using the Clio app on their smartphones will hear narrations provided by John Gross and will see photographs of the buried individuals.

The self-guided aspect of the tour allows people to go at their own pace and in their own order while learning about the lives of those interred there.



In 2021, the Alliance Historical Society received a \$1,615 grant from Ohio Humanities Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (OH SHARP) Act that aided in the creation of the self-guided tour of the Alliance City Cemetery using the Clio app.

The app can be downloaded from Google Play or iPhone App Store. Make sure that you are downloading

the Clio app to discover nearby history and walking tours (not the one for law firms and lawyers).

Look for more details about the tour on our social media closer to the date.

Board

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Also on the executive committee are secretary Jennifer Crist and treasurer Steve Stone.

Welcomed as new board members were Gary Conny, human resources director at Coastal Pet Products; Jack Madison, who in November was elected to Alliance City Council; and Jack Weber, community relations manager at Rodman Public Library who previously wrote for *The Review*.

Committee chairs for the year will be Jennifer Crist, audit and member-



LEFT: Alliance Historical Society President Karen Perone, right, honored Michelle Dillon, the outgoing president with a certificate for a paving brick in her name as part of the Alliance YWCA's Legacy Walkway project. **BETWEEN:** New Historical Society board members are, from left, Gary Conny, Jack Madison, and Jack Weber.

ship committees; Dave McMahon, building; Michelle Dillon, collections; Steve Stone, finance; and Mike Patterson, public relations.

Members and Donors

Thank you to the following people for renewing their memberships or for joining the Alliance Historical Society as of **Feb. 1**. A full updated list is available on our website. We appreciate your support!

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PO Box 2044, Alliance, OH 44601

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Logo

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“Basically, Alliance is known for three historic things besides the scarlet carnation,” explained Alliance Historical Society President Karen Perone.. “Trains because that’s how Alliance got founded, cranes because of both Morgan Engineering and Alliance Machine, and the planes because of Taylorcraft and also the Aviators are the mascot for the city school system, so that’s why we decided on trains, cranes and planes.”

Michelle Dillon, the society’s vice president, noted the new logo emphasizes Alliance’s historic identity as a leader in manufacturing.

“The carnation, of course, is already the emblem of our city,” she explained. “But Alliance has a lot of history and it’s impossible to incorporate all of that into a logo, so we focused on the industry that is a great part of Alliance history.”

The colors include a dark green, which has been a color associated with the society for some years, according to Perone, as well as a complimentary taupe.

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Recent repairs at Mabel Hartzell home have focused up and around the roof

Maintaining a 155-year-old building is a non-stop challenge, and for the Alliance Historical Society keeping the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home in top shape is a priority.

In the past year, work at and around the roof has been the major issue. In late September 2018 the Society replaced the 1991 shingles with seam metal roofing, matching the look of the original house. The work was done by J.A. Mehl Restoration which had experience in seam metal roofing, and they adhered to professional guidelines for historical preservation through the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

But that was not the end of roofing issues. Northern Ohio winter weather and the final snowstorm of last winter and the age of the wood on the eaves took its toll on Mabel's 1867 home when the gutters on the west side of the home gave way. The wood had rotted and needed to be replaced.

Thanks to the Greater Alliance Foundation's \$15,000 grant and donations from members of the Historical Society, these important repairs were made possible. The money also helped with the beginning of the brick repointing project which started with rebuilding the home's two chimneys. That work was done late last fall by Coon Construction of Louisville.

But the freezing and thawing had also taken its toll on the gutters on the west side of the home, pulling them away from their anchors. At first we thought it would be an easy fix to reattach them but it turned into a major project. For the gutters to be reattached, the contractor discovered that the

fascia and soffit boards under the eaves had rotted away and had to be replaced before the gutters could be reattached.

Taking on that job in December was Architectural Roofing Contractors, Inc., of Louisville.

The chimneys have been the only brick repointing repair work done so far, but there is still needed repointing work to be done to the house at some future date.

At this time, there are no other major repair projects in the near term besides the repointing. There will be some smaller jobs hopefully tackled soon dealing with minor porch repairs, sealing points of air infiltration, and having some electrical repairs done.

Of course, the yard and garden work will be a long term, ongoing project.

