

# The Mahoning Valley Historical Society Newsletter

## HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS



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## MVHS Honors Achievements in Historic Preservation

At the 132nd Annual Meeting, the Historic Preservation Committee of the MVHS Board of Directors presented the third annual Historic Preservation Awards.

A Community Revitalization Award was given to the **Newport Village Historic District**, which just received recognition on the National Register of Historic Places.

Commercial Revitalization Awards were given to three projects:

♦ The Restoration of the Niles Historical Society's **Ward Thomas Museum Greenhouse**, George John project craftsman.

♦ The Roof rehabilitation of the **Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Head House**, Brett Hendricks, AIA of Ricciuti, Balog & Partners project manager.

♦ The office and chapel restoration at the **Tod Homestead Cemetery**, Sam Faccioben of Ricciuti, Balog and Partners, project designer.

Three individuals were honored for dedication to historic preservation with MVHS Directors Awards of Achievement: **Dean Bailey** for his work with the Lordstown Historical Society; **Paul Ricciuti**, FAIA of Ricciuti Balog and Partners; and **Norma Stefanik**, a Research Associate and Urban Designer for Youngstown State University.

Photographs of the winning projects and more detailed descriptions are available on MVHS' website [www.mahoninghistory.org](http://www.mahoninghistory.org).



*Judith Kuti accepting for Newport Village Historic District.*



*Thomas Holloway from MVSD and Brett Hendricks, AIA.*



*George John accepting for the Ward Thomas Museum Greenhouse.*



*Sallie Tod Dutton from the Tod Homestead Cemetery Association, and Sam Faccioben.*



*Paul Ricciuti, FAIA*



*Norma Stefanik*



*Dean Bailey*

Special thanks to the program sponsor the **Raymond John Wean Foundation** and to members of the judging panel: George D. Beelen, Ph.D., Facilitator; Alex Bobersky, Donna DeBlasio, Ph.D., Tom Leary, Ph.D., Rebecca Rogers, and Brenda Williams, AIA.



## SAVE THE DATE!

MVHS Founders Day Dinner  
Tuesday, September 18, 2007  
Tod Homestead Cemetery

## Welcome!

### Our New Members

Mrs. Billie Jean Berndt  
 Mr. & Mrs. Glen Buzzelli  
 Mrs. Virginia Cheatham  
 Ms. Tracy Cinco  
 Mr. Terrance F. Cloonan  
 Ms. Megan Clune  
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*Thanks for your continued support!*

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## From This Direction Annual Report

This year's annual meeting took place on Tuesday June 19, 2007, in the Flad Pavilion at the DeYor Performing Arts Center. ninety members and guests convened for a lovely dinner, a business meeting, which included election of new Directors and presentation of the 2007 MVHS Historic Preservation Awards.

### Board Development Report

Germaine Bennett, Board Development Committee Member, presented the following nominees who were elected to serve three year terms on the MVHS Board of Directors: Paula Barrett, Sallie Tod Dutton, Betty H. Jagnow, Jeffrey Grdic, William E. Kelly, Jr., Rita Lopez, Edna Pincham, Frank A. Rulli, James H. Sisek and Patrica Sweet.

### Treasurer's Report

H. William Lawson presented the operating statement of support, revenue and expenses for the period ending May 31, 2007.

Total Support	\$	114,482.94
Total Revenue		<u>302,502.92</u>
Total Support & Revenue	\$	416,985.86
Total Expenses	\$	<u>475,248.79</u>
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(58,262.93)</b>

### Finance Committee

H. William Lawson, Executive Director, reviewed the operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, that was approved by the MVHS Board of Directors:

Total Support	\$	160,997.00
Total Revenue		<u>365,970.00</u>
Total Support & Revenue	\$	526,967.00
Total Expenses	\$	<u>526,967.00</u>
<b>Excess(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-0-</b>

## Thanks to these generous Annual Meeting Donors

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## Get your Hands-On: High Tech History

What do you get when you combine historical facts with modern-day technology? Another successful History Hounds' Summer Camp!



*Participants in Summer Camp - Front L to R: Cassie Kays, Quinton Currier, Hallie Yerian, Back L to R: Claire Schneider, Lexi Kays and friend Maddie.*

This year's camp theme was "Hi-Tech History: Learn to make a historical video documentary." Children were taught how to visually communicate local historical facts on video in a documentary style. Choosing the lives of the early Mahoning Valley pioneers as the documentary's theme, children enjoyed learning about life in our valley over 200 years ago

through artifacts, maps and pictures.

To learn the basic skills of video camera operation and what elements are needed to make a good documentary, they watched two excellent local features: "Steel Town," and "Idora Park Memories" and practiced camera techniques in the Anne Kilcawley Christmas Hands On History Room.

They combined the historical and technical information they learned and, using our life-sized replica of a pioneer log cabin as the backdrop, made two wonderful documentaries that they filmed, acted in and organized themselves. We had a special screening for the families on the last day of camp and the children were applauded for their excellent work.



*Participants in Summer Camp - Ben Gozur, Leann Adams, Miguel & Roberto Sandoval.*

The Business and Media Archives staff played an essential role in the creation of this documentary through the use of its editing services and the help of Project Manager Connie Jones.

We hope your child can join us next year for more fun adventures with local history!

*\*to view the documentary video, visit our website [www.mahoninghistory.org](http://www.mahoninghistory.org)*

## Artifact-ually Speaking

Jessica D. Trickett, Manager of Collections and Curatorial Services



*An electric streetcar operated by Mahoning Valley Electric Railway, established in 1894 to run from Youngstown through Girard to Niles.*

Mass transit has had an important role in the history of Youngstown. The first horse-car, a streetcar pulled by horse on tracks laid throughout city streets, made its debut May 5, 1875, with a fare of less than six cents per ride. Electric streetcars took the place of horse-cars in the 1890s. The newly formed Youngstown Street Railway Company was given permission by the city to build a new electric streetcar line. Other railway companies soon emerged to expand service throughout Youngstown and outlying towns. Youngstown's steel industry was growing, and rail lines provided steel workers with convenient transportation to and from the mills.

Streetcars were used for more than just work transportation. The Youngstown Park & Falls Street Railway received the franchise for a nearly 5-mile route that connected Central Square downtown to an amusement park near Lanterman's Falls in Mill Creek Park. Service to Terminal Park (later Idora Park) began on May 30, 1899, and was situated on a loop that became the most-traveled line in Youngstown.

By 1906, several competing railway companies merged under the umbrella of the Mahoning & Shenango Railway & Light Company (later Penn-Ohio). In 1918, Penn-Ohio created the Youngstown Municipal Railway Company for city service. By 1922, streetcars shared the roads with buses, a more comfortable and modern mode of transportation. Buses increasingly replaced streetcars, leaving abandoned rail lines throughout the city. The Youngstown Municipal Railway Company became the Youngstown Transit Company in 1957, reflecting the change.



*Buses of the Youngstown Municipal Railway Company line.*



*A moneychanger, used by Railway bus driver Kenneth B. Matteson, along with a 1947 bus pass and fare tokens.*

ues to provide transit services to Youngstown and outlying communities. ✪

## Sight & Sound

Business & Media Archives of the Mahoning Valley

The Business & Media Archives recently received a wonderful donation from long time area resident Fran Greenberg of 308 cassette tapes recorded by her late husband Dr. Milt Greenberg during his years as host of WYSU's "Focus." Dr. Greenberg was an area dentist who practiced for about 50 years and had a great love for art and classical music.



*Dr. Milt Greenberg*

Gary Sexton, current Director of Broadcasting at WYSU, said that Dr. Greenberg was an enthusiastic volunteer who was able to take that interest and turn it into a successful radio program. He interviewed businessmen, politicians, authors, musicians, and interesting people from all walks of life with stories to tell. Some interviews include local and national celebrities that passed through our area such as Judge William Bodoh, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge, who presided over the steel industry bankruptcy hearings; Bishop James Malone, beloved Catholic Bishop of Youngstown; McCullough Williams, Jr., long time local funeral director and civic leader; and several extended interviews with soloists that came to appear with the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Greenberg recorded interviews until his death in 1997. ✪

## MVHS Collections Manager Invited to Prestigious National Conference

Jessica D. Trickett, Manager of Collections and Curatorial Services was invited to participate in *Connecting to Collections: The National Conservation Summit* held June 27-28, 2007 in Washington, DC. Only four representatives, two from museums and two from libraries, from each state and the District of Columbia were selected to attend this invitation-only national conference sponsored by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The event underscored the risks that endanger America's books, works of art, documents, and other treasures and promoted solutions for saving them.

"Those who have been selected to attend the summit have a strong commitment to conservation and are among the best people in the country to spearhead a national conservation initiative," said IMLS Director Anne-Imelda Radice, Ph.D. "After the summit, we hope that the conversation about saving invaluable collections will continue in communities across the U.S."

Participants in the meeting represented small and medium-sized museums, libraries, and historic organizations with a proven dedication and commitment to conservation. They were joined at the meeting by national leaders in conservation, government officials, and leaders in private sector support for conservation. Congratulations, Jessica! ✪

## The Mahoning Valley Historical Society,

founded in 1875, educates and promotes an interest in the history of the Mahoning Valley by collecting, preserving and developing material representative of the people who have inhabited the region.



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## Welcome New Staff!

JoAnne Nunziato joined the MVHS staff as Administrative Assistant on May 1. She is a local native who returned to this area with her husband Jerry after his retirement in 2004. JoAnne has extensive experience in non-profit administration at churches and a school in Maryland. Welcome JoAnne!

## Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to museum guides Carly Roberts who graduated from Boardman High School, and Susan Stipanovich a graduate of South Range High School. Both ladies have been attending YSU during their senior year as part of the early enrollment program, and will continue their education at YSU in the fall. Carly is a recipient of the University Scholars scholarship and Susan received the YSU Trustees scholarship. Way to go!

## Oops!

In our recent membership renewal campaign several members received the wrong renewal form. We apologize for this error. If you have any questions about your membership including previous contributions or expiration dates, please don't hesitate to call the Society's offices at (330) 743-2589.

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