

### Remarks from President, Nevin Martin



As always, I want to thank our board and

volunteers who have been working hard throughout the past year and I am excited to see what else is in store for the upcoming year.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Ironwood Steakhouse on June 16 at the Annual Tiffin Historic Trust Membership and Preservation Awards Dinner Meeting. You will have an opportunity to meet and hear Heritage Ohio's new Executive Director Matt Wiederhold speak on "Preservation in Today's Vibrant Communities." You will also discover the Tiffin Historic Trust's latest choices for Historic Preservation Awards. Be sure to phone Joan at 419-618-0698 with your reservations required by June 9. Please look over the included materials for the formal business meeting.

See you on Thursday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m.!

## Place Your Reservation to Attend the Annual Membership Meeting & Preservation Awards Dinner

June 16, 2022 • 6:00 pm



4399 S. State Rt. 231

Social Gathering at 6:00p.m. -- Dinner at 6:30p.m.

Program: "Preservation in Today's Vibrant Communities" presented by Matt Wiederhold, Heritage Ohio Executive Director

### Awards to Follow

### Dinner Selections:

- Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Chef's Vegetable
- Roast Pork Loin, Risotto and Chef's Vegetable
- Grilled Portobello over a Southwestern Rice Bowl

Dinner includes a first course Petite Chef's Salad, Bread & Butter

\$35.00 per Member - \$50.00 per Non-Member (which includes a 2022 membership)

Reservations are required by June 9. Contact Joan at 419-618-0698 and provide the name of each attendee and their choice of entrée. Pay at the door by cash or check made out to Tiffin Historic Trust.

### "Preservation in Today's Vibrant Communities"



The Annual Meeting's keynote speaker, Matt Wiederhold, is the newly appointed Executive

Director of Heritage Ohio as of May, 2022. But, he is neither a stranger to historic preservation nor to Ohio, having worked in the field for over 20 years!

Wiederhold began his career in historic preservation and community development in 2001 working with an Urban Main Street Program in Uptown, Toledo, Ohio, as part of a pilot project with LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) and the National Main Street Center. In 2003, he accepted a position on the

west side of Cleveland with the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization and guided the rehabilitation of numerous historic storefronts, recruited small businesses to fill the storefronts, and eventually became the project manager for the initial development of the Gordon Square Arts District, including the renovation of the Capitol Theatre. In 2008, Wiederhold became the first executive director of Main Street Medina, and has spent most of the past 15 years working in that community, guiding the development of their historic district, and working to make Medina a notable, historic destination.

Wiederhold is a 1992 graduate of the University of Toledo with a degree in art history,

having focused on American art and architecture, 1860-1940. He received national Main Street Certification in 2004, and in 2006 he became an economic development finance professional. On a personal level, he enjoys gardening, thrifting, and going to flea markets, collecting American pottery, and studying old buildings and local history. He has most recently worked on restoring his ninth historic home.

<https://leadershipmedinacounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/wiederhold-bio-2021.pdf>

and <https://www.heritageohio.org/2022/03/01/matt-wiederhold-named-executive-director-for-heritage-ohio/>

# Garden Tour to Bloom

## Tiffin Historic Trust's Father's Day Garden Tour

**Sunday, June 19, 2022, 12 noon to 4 pm**

Ten gardens will be on display during the 2022 Father's Day Garden Tour, Sunday, June 19 from 12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m. The array of gardens being shared by these generous gardeners is inspiring and offers quite a variety. Most gardeners and visitors will appreciate the creativity, planning, love, and hard work that go into making these inviting green spaces. We hope you enjoy your visit as much as we enjoy having you!

**Garden Tour Tickets, \$15 each, available in June at:**

**Great Lakes ACE Hardware**, 1550 W Market St., Tiffin, OH (419) 447-5280

**Wagner Flowers and Greenhouses**, 907 E County Road 50 (Greenfield St.) Tiffin, OH (419) 447-0616

On the Day of the Tour buy your tickets and start out by viewing the gardens at the Grammes-Brown House, 172 Jefferson Street, Tiffin, OH (419-618-9728)

### **A Victorian, Volunteer Garden**

Grammes-Brown House  
172-174 Jefferson Street

### **An Extensive Shade Garden**

Ed Goshe and John Bing  
26 Clinton Avenue

### **Tender Loving Care Garden**

Sue and Paul Johnson  
35 East Pointe Court

### **An Amazing Outdoor Living Space Garden**

Denny and Jean Dom  
153 Noble Street

### **A Tiffin Landmark Garden**

Larry Breidenbach  
Tiffin Train Depot  
65 North Monroe Street

### **The Friendship Gardens**

Robyn Gorrell  
111 Timber Creek Dr.

### **The Friendship Gardens**

Lisa Gelinas  
2115 Timber Creek Dr.

### **The Hopeful Garden**

Andrew and Cindy Kalnow  
25 Adams Street

### **A Garden to Honor Family**

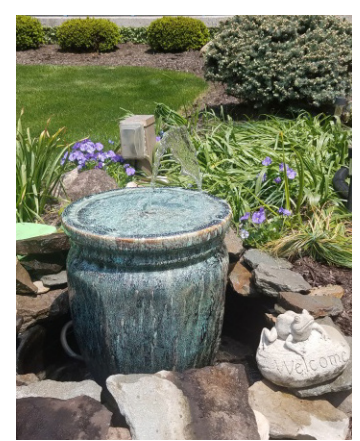
Chuck and Peggy Wolf  
900 East Township Road 1172

### **The Farmhouse Garden**

Amy and Tom Anway  
31 South Township Road 165

**Thank you for supporting the Tiffin Historic Trust.  
We would love to have you all become members!**

## A sampling of photos from a few of the gardens featured this year



# Minutes of the Tiffin Historic Trust Annual Meeting

6:30 p.m., June 29, 2021

Ironwood Steakhouse, 4399 S SR 231, Tiffin, Ohio

Board Members Present: Nevin Martin, Karin Brown, Doug Collar, Jackie Fletcher, Mary Lewis, Robb Mack, Joan Martin, Vicki Ohl, Mike Pinkston, Nancy Rubenstein, Ashley Woodruff

Not Present: Jan Betz, Brook Edwards, Lisa Swickard

President Nevin Martin welcomed members and guests to the Tiffin Historic Trust Annual Membership and Awards Dinner Meeting held at the

Ironwood Steakhouse on June 29, 2021. He commented on the excitement he felt knowing that the organization could resume its traditional programming and looked forward to holding more events. Curtis King gave the invocation.

Following the excellent meal, Architectural Historian and Design Consultant John Huss gave a fascinating talk with visuals on the work of architect George Netcher. In the early twentieth century Netcher designed

and also modernized, “Netcherized,” a substantial number of Tiffin’s finest commercial buildings and residences, including the Knights of Columbus building, The Cunningham Home, now the Tiffin City Schools Administration Building, Frost-Kalnow and Kalbfleisch-Schneppat residences and the former Mercy Hospital building. Netcher will be featured in a book on Tiffin architecture that Huss is writing.

After the talk was the presentation of the Historic Preservation Awards to acknowledge owners of buildings who have made a significant effort to maintain and preserve Tiffin’s historic architecture. This year’s Nevin E.B. Martin Award was presented by President Martin in honor of his father to Justin and Lydia Atkin for the 1914 Atkin-Kahler Apartment Building at 269 South Washington Street. Doug Collar presented the Historic Preservation Plaque for a residential property to Herb and Paula Crum for 176 Jefferson Street, an 1896 brick duplex, next door to the Historic Trust’s Grammes-Brown House.

The business meeting followed the program and awards presentations. Doug Collar moved to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2020 virtual Annual Meeting, seconded by Marissa Stevens. The minutes were approved. Doug Collar moved and Marissa Stevens seconded the approval of the nominations to the board of trustees and of the officers. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion carried. Karin Brown, Vicki Ohl, George Sherwood and Ashley Woodruff were elected as trustees for the term ending 2024. Officers elected to serve in 2021-2022 were president, Nevin Martin; vice president, Jackie Fletcher; treasurer, Mike Pinkston; and secretary, Nancy Rubenstein. The proposed budget for 2021-2022 was approved by acclamation.

Jackie Fletcher called to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Doug Collar.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Rubenstein, secretary*

## Tiffin Historic Trust Proposed Budget

July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023

Prepared by Budget Committee of Mary Lewis, Jackie Fletcher, James Stultz

	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
INCOME	2021-2022	2022-2023
Annual Meeting	\$1,750	\$1,750
Brown House Rent	\$5,400	\$5,400
Donations/Memorials	\$5,225	\$2,550
Dues	\$1,000	\$1,000
Events/Fundraisers	\$1,875	\$9,000
Sales	\$--	\$200
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$15,250</b>	<b>\$19,900</b>
EXPENSES		
Annual Meeting	\$2,000	\$2,000
Brown House	\$3,500	\$6,000
Brown House Carriage House	\$--	\$1,750
Brown House Rental	\$2,000	\$2,000
Dues to Others	\$400	\$400
Events/Fundraisers	\$750	\$750
Legal-Accounting Fees	\$700	\$600
Marketing	\$600	
Newsletters	\$200	\$200
Postage/Box Fee	\$100	\$100
Insurance	\$3,600	\$3,600
Board Expenses	\$--	
Office expenses	\$200	\$200
Online Tours (Bocohost)		\$2,400
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$15,250</b>	<b>\$19,900</b>

# Noteworthy

## Introducing the Newest Tiffin Historic Trust Membership Benefit



A bonus of the Historic Trust joining the Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce is a special program they offer. All employees (or personal members) of a Chamber organization are entitled to receive the “Member to Member” Benefits Card that provides the holder with discounts offered by other Chamber businesses. For a list of discounts available, go to member benefits <https://www.senecaregionalchamber.com/member-benefits> . The Tiffin Historic Trust will be offering a 10% discount off the price of the merchandise it sells, such as notecards.

To receive the Benefits Card, attend the June 16 Annual Meeting, where they will be distributed. If you cannot be there, contact Mary at 419-448-0370 to request a card.

## President Nevin Martin Interviewed on WTTF

On May 3, 2022, Nevin Martin joined Amy Reinhart, Director of Downtown Tiffin Revitalization, for a radio interview

with Jon Kerns on Tiffin’s WTTF. In addition to being Tiffin Historic Trust’s president, Martin is also the Chairman of the Downtown Development Board, as well as a pilot with Tiffin Aire. Martin focused his comments on the Downtown Development Committee’s Main Street 4-points, while Reinhart highlighted the committees and upcoming events. To hear the interview go to <https://soundcloud.com/wttf-1/downtown-tiffin-interview-5-3-22>.

## Heritage Ohio Meeting in Tiffin, June 16, 2022

Revitalization Series Workshop: Capitalizing on Your Success: Media & Community Relations. Chandelier Community Events Center, 151 South Washington Street.

The first session by Eugene Krebs is “Getting Your Elected Officials to Pay Attention.” After lunch John Mickovsky and Eugene Krebs will present “Show them the Money: Selling Your Downtown with Sales Tax Data.” Other sessions are included. Register via Eventbrite by June 14, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/capitalizing-on-your-success-mediacommunity-relations-tickets-317184315827> .

Participants are encouraged to stay and participate in Tiffin’s Bicentennial Birthday Party activities that evening or attend the Historic Trust’s Annual Meeting.

# Tiffin Historic Trust Nominations Committee Report, 2022-2023

*Presented by Joan Martin, Doug Collar, Jan Betz*

### **Nominations Committee, 2022-2023**

Joan Martin, Doug Collar, Jan Betz

Nominations for Officers, 2022-2023

President: Nevin Martin

Vice President: Jackie Fletcher

Treasurer: Mike Pinkston

Secretary: Nancy Rubenstein

### **Nominations to the Board of Trustees**

#### **Term Expiring 2024**

Jacob Price (1 year)

Jade Wagner (1 year)

#### **Term Expiring 2025**

Doug Collar

Mary Lewis

Joan Martin

Mike Pinkston

Nancy Rubenstein

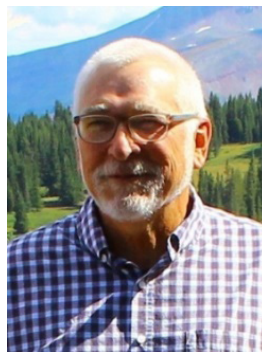
# In Memoriam



**Dr. Kenneth E. Davison**, May 4, 1924 – April 14, 2022. Dr. Davison was the vision behind the founding of the Tiffin Historic Trust and was a member from its inception. He served first as a consultant to the organization and then as a board member from 2000- 2015. A more detailed

article on Ken is included in the Winter/Spring 2022 issue of the Preservation Post.

Memorial Services for Ken and his wife, **Virginia**, who died on May 12, are on Saturday, June 4, 2022 in Herbster Chapel, Pfeleiderer Hall, Heidelberg University. Visitation begins at 2:00 p.m. with the celebration of life service at 3:00 p.m. A reception with light refreshments will be held afterwards in the Campus Center. Parking is available in Lot F on Rebecca Street. Obituaries for Kenneth and Virginia Davison are available at: <https://www.shookfamilyfh.com/listings>



**Dr. David Bush** died on January 12, 2022. Dave served on the board of the Tiffin Historic Trust in 1999 as vice president and then as president through 2001. He was best known for his work saving the Johnson's Island Civil War Prison site, getting it included on the "National Register of Historic Places," and for his work introducing school children to the mysteries and joys of archaeology. He also was responsible for passing

on the collection of historic building inventories to the Tiffin Historic Trust. A memorial service was held for him on May 21 at Johnson's Island.

Access Dr. Bush's obituary at <https://www.jenkinsfuneralchapel.com/memorials.php?id=1862>

## Calendar of 2022 Upcoming Events

### Thursday, June 16

*Annual Membership & Preservation Awards Dinner, 6:00 p.m.*

**Ironwood Steakhouse.** Enjoy a delicious dinner; meet and hear from Heritage Ohio's new Executive Director, Matt Wiederhold; learn which buildings have won Historic Preservation Awards; approve the minutes and the budget, vote on new board members and for the officers. Phone Joan for reservations, 419-618-0698.

### Sunday, June 19

*Father's Day Garden Tour, Noon – 4:00 p.m.*

Purchase your \$15 ticket in advance from Great Lakes Ace Hardware, 1550 W. Market Street or Wagner Flowers and Greenhouses, 907 E. County Road 50, or that Sunday at the Tiffin Historic Trust, 172 Jefferson Street. Ten gardens are featured on the tour. Stop at the Carriage House to learn about butterflies from Sandy Mellot.

### Saturday, October 8

*Halloween Tea, 12:30 p.m.*

Always a mysterious but fun event.

### Sunday, October 16:

*Mystery Bourbon Tasting, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.*

Learn about whiskeys and bourbons from Dave Spridgeon, a local expert. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres with your tastings, and take home a souvenir from the afternoon fundraiser.

### Sunday, December 4:

*Holiday House Tour, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.*

Join the Tiffin Historic Trust's tour of festively decorated area homes.

### Monday, December 5:

*Holiday Chili Supper for Members, Friends and Tour Hosts, 6:30 p.m.*

Meet other Historic Trust members and the tour hosts while enjoying a chili supper and desserts provided by the board.



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Tiffin, OH 44883-0333

# MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

For the Annual Membership Dinner  
June 16, 2022 at



## Give The Gift of a Membership To Someone You Know!

I want to help preserve our architectural heritage. Please enroll my friend/relative as a member in the following category:

Annual Memberships:  New Member

- Individual \$15
- Family \$30
- Sponsor \$50
- Patron \$75
- Business \$100

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY and RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT ON TEA EVENTS, and RECEIVE OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER PLUS ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_



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## Our Mission

*"To promote historic preservation in Tiffin by meetings, publications, tours, or other means. To act as a non-profit organization to apply for and accept any grants that may be appropriate to further the cause of historic preservation. To promote and develop any plan for the preservation and restoration of Tiffin and to work with all interested groups and individuals to put this plan into effect."*

## Tiffin Historic Trust Board of Trustees Officers

Nevin Martin (President)  
Jackie Fletcher (Vice-President)  
Mike Pinkston (Treasurer)  
Nancy Rubenstein (Secretary)

Term Expiring 2022	Term Expiring 2023	Term Expiring 2024
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