

Remarks from President, Nevin Martin

Greetings board members, members, and preservationists



We have had a busy and exciting past few months as the Tiffin Historic Trust looks to evaluate its goals and develop a strategic plan for the future.

The Grammes-Brown House has been on all the board members' minds lately. We have discussed whether to keep the home or to take advantage of the current real estate market and sell the Historic Trust's headquarters with its contents and use the proceeds to fund other preservation projects, as included in our mission statement. The board has decided that the coming year's events should include raising funds to meet our preservation outreach mission while maintaining our monthly meeting place until a decision is made. Fortunately, a few of our members have made very generous donations for which our organization is extremely grateful.

In addition to growing the membership, we are looking for volunteers willing to help with our activities. Our teas continue to be very successful with sellout crowds, but they are labor intensive! The Mystery Bourbon Tasting event and the Holiday House Tour also are effective fundraisers. Thank

you to all the volunteers who help put them together, and to those who attend!

As I told the board from the beginning, I would like to see the Historic Trust be a key player in the community by bringing new and exciting historic adventures to Tiffin. We are hoping to not only incorporate our mission, but to tie in directly to the Main Street program and continue to work with other historic organizations within the community and coattail off of one another to continue historic education throughout Tiffin and surrounding areas. We want individuals or groups who are taking on such projects to have the opportunity to reach out to The Historic Trust for any advice. We may not have all the answers, but I am certain we are capable of finding them.

I want the Tiffin Historic Trust to be an organization that promotes growth within our community -one that welcomes new, exciting, and aesthetically pleasing ideas that enhance Tiffin's downtown and its neighborhoods.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, members, and board members. I am excited to see what we are capable of doing.

Attend the Annual Membership and Awards Dinner Meeting

June 16, 2022



After the success of last year's in-person Membership and Preservation Awards Annual Dinner Meeting, the planning committee of Nevin Martin and Mike Pinkston returned to Ironwood Steakhouse, 4399 S. State Rt. 231 as the venue for this year's Annual Meeting on June 16, starting at 6:00 p.m.



The Tiffin Historic Trust is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker is Matt Wiederhold, Heritage Ohio's newly appointed Executive Director. The presentation of the local Historic Preservation Awards will follow Wiederhold's talk, followed by the business meeting, including the election of trustees and officers, approval of the minutes of the 2021 meeting, acceptance of the budget for the coming year, and any other matters to come before the membership.

Reservations are required and guests can select from:

Sirloin Steak with baked potato and chef vegetable • Roast Pork Loin with risotto and chef vegetable
Grilled Portobello over a Southwestern Rice Bowl

All entrées are accompanied by petite chef's salad, bread and butter. There will be a cash bar.

Members' cost is \$35 per person. Non-members cost of \$50 per person includes a 2022 membership.

For reservations contact Joan at 419-618-0698. Please provide Joan with the name of each attendee and their choice of entrée.

Pay at the door by cash or check made out to Tiffin Historic Trust.

Watch for reminders in the next Preservation Post newsletter, by e-mail, on our Facebook Page, in the Advertiser-Tribune and other media sources.

Garden Tour to Bloom

The Garden Tour Returns in June, 2022

By Jackie Fletcher



The Tiffin Historic Trust has scheduled the “2022 Garden Tour” on Sunday, June 19th, which also happens to be Father’s Day. We have a number of garden commitments already, but we would love to add a few more to make a “baker’s dozen”. We have some old favorites and some new gardens as well as some surprises. While you are visiting the Grammes-Brown House Garden, stop at its Carriage House to hear Sandy Mellot talk about butterflies.

The last tour in 2019 was so much fun and also informative. There is no way to thank all the garden owners enough for their generosity in sharing their gardens with the whole community. A benefit of including your garden on the tour is that the garden owners are able to go on the exclusive “After Tour” when the garden-owners gather and travel to all the other gardens.

We acknowledge that having your garden on tour can seem to be a huge amount of work, as it involves creativity in planning, designing, and planting your garden, but the end result is a great deal of satisfaction! Plus, every person who takes the tour appreciates your efforts!

If you are interested in being on the tour, please call Jackie at 419-618-9728.

The tour will start with the Grammes-Brown House garden at 172 Jefferson Street, where visitors will purchase their tickets for \$15 each, and then continue at their own pace to view the other locations.

A Few Photos from Previous Gardens on Tour



The Tiffin Historic Trust Has Lost a Good Friend and Stalwart Supporter

Kenneth E Davison, May 4, 1924 – April 14, 2022



In 1976, while chairperson of the Tiffin-Seneca Bicentennial Committee, Kenneth E. Davison proposed the establishment of a new organization, one that would “promote historic preservation in Tiffin by meetings, publications, tours or whatever other means may be chosen by the corporation.” It would be “a non-profit organization, with the goal of raising funds through grants, donations, etc., in order to promote and develop a total plan for the preservation and restoration of Tiffin, and to work with all interested groups or individuals to put this plan into effect.” The group would be called “Tiffin Historic Trust.” The articles of Incorporation were signed shortly thereafter in October, 1976.

A founding member, Dr. Davison served as an advisor to the fledgling Tiffin Historic Trust and later as a board member from 2000 until 2015. During his time on the board he was an inspiration to the organization, keeping up with regional and national preservation organizations, and encouraging the Tiffin group in its local preservation projects, including its efforts to save the historic 1886 Courthouse. Upon his retirement from the board in 2015 Davison was honored by the Tiffin Historic Trust with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

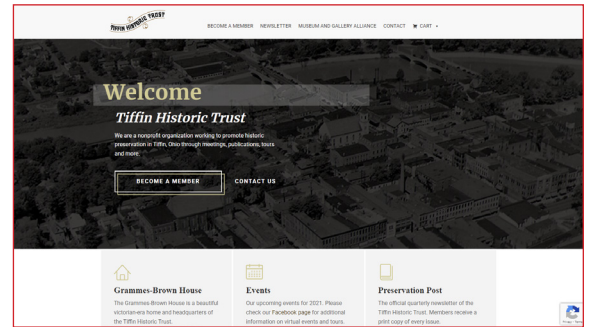
The members of the Tiffin Historic Trust board were saddened to learn of Ken’s death on April 14, 2022 at the age of 97. Ken’s wife Virginia died on May 12. A joint memorial service will be held Saturday afternoon, June 4, at Heidelberg University.



Tiffin Historic Trust Website Upgrade Coming in the Future

At the May board meeting the trustees approved purchasing special software to enhance the Trust's website capabilities. Initially called "Self-Guided Historic Tours," the program will allow the Historic Trust to create and manage tours made up of individual historic sites to place on the Trust's website. Those sites and their descriptions can then be gathered into groupings, such as historic downtown Tiffin, churches, museums, ethnic neighborhoods, etc. The user could access the information directly from the THT website or, by using GPS navigation, could follow a directed walking or driving tour, pulling up information about the sites as they progress. The software will even allow the user to comment about the tour.

Several board members were especially excited to help design the program content to use with the software. It may take a bit of time to get it going, but we wanted our members to know about the exciting projects the Trust is undertaking.



Upcoming Events, 2022

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 for new board members and officers. Phone Joan for reservations, 419-618-0698.

Sunday, June 19: Garden Tour, Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Purchase your \$15 ticket that Sunday at the Tiffin Historic Trust, 172 Jefferson Street. Begin the garden tour by viewing the lovely cottage garden behind the Grammes-Brown House, headquarters of the Tiffin Historic Trust. Stop at the Carriage House to learn about butterflies from Sandy Mellot.

Saturday, October 8: Halloween Tea, 12:30 p.m.

Always a spooky but fun event.

Sunday, October 16: Mystery Bourbon Tasting, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

This has become a popular and successful fundraiser for the Tiffin Historic Trust. Come and 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.

Sunday, December 4: Holiday House Tour, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

A highlight of the holiday season, the Tiffin Historic Trust's tour of festively decorated area homes is always a delight.

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.

Hold Your Special Event at the Grammes-Brown House and Garden

Are you looking for a pleasant indoor or outdoor venue for a small gathering? The Grammes-Brown House, Garden or Carriage House may fit your needs. The Historic Trust offers a reasonably priced location for your special occasion, whether you want a formal, casual or rustic setting.

Tiffin Historic Trust members are eligible for a reduced usage fee.

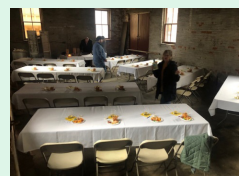
Members: \$60 the first hour and \$20 each additional hour
Non-Members: \$75 the first hour and \$25 each additional hour

Non-profits (such as clubs): \$35 suggested donation

Chairs and tables-for-four are available for up to thirty people.

Catering, table service and clean-up are the responsibility of the party-planner!

For more information and to book an event, contact Jackie at 419-618-9728



Putting the Fun into Fundraising!

During the March board meeting, the trustees brainstormed ways to raise funds to allow the Tiffin Historic Trust to pursue its mission of historic preservation while also keeping up maintenance on the Grammes-Brown House. The board members came up with some intriguing suggestions for programs that were educational, entertaining, and profitable.

- A jazz band and dance music at an historic venue, such as Meadowbrook Ballroom

- A Victorian Halloween event
- A German neighborhood house tour
- An historic dinner based on a menu from an old Tiffin Hotel
- A silent auction

Do any of these ideas appeal to you?

Or, if you are not into fun and profitable programming, the Historic Trust always appreciates gifts of cash or stock!

Handmade Dolls Donated to the Tiffin Historic Trust

Cynthia Price Rennie gifted a group of fifty dolls to the Tiffin Historic Trust. The old fashioned dolls were made by Cindy's mother, Mary Margaret (Peggy) Price, a long time area resident. Cindy suggested we might know people who would appreciate her mother's handiwork and we could sell the dolls as a fundraiser. Her mother was a wonderful seamstress who became fascinated with sewing doll clothes and, along with her sisters, began making the doll forms, sewing their clothes and painting their faces, giving each a unique personality. The

dolls ranged in size and style from baby dolls to fancy ladies in elaborate dress, as well as storybook characters, such as Huck Finn.

Although we have sold quite a few of the dolls, we still have more. They are reasonably priced from \$10 - \$30. If you are interested in making a home for a beautiful doll and learning more about its maker, contact Jackie at 419-618-9728 or Nancy at 419-447-0302.



Past Events in Review

December 5, 2021, Holiday House Tour

The Holiday House Tour was a huge success with nearly 500 people visiting the featured residences. After a year of limited activities, it was so good to be able to get out and tour the homes decorated for the holidays. Thank you to all of our great hosts and to Joan Martin for her skillful organization of the annual tour!



Tiffin Historic Trust Donors

Thank you to those who have provided support beyond your membership. It is greatly appreciated!

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

- Marge Anway – Garden
- Brian Bilger - In honor of Hadley Martin's birthday
- Jack Bour, American Fire and Safety Services – In-kind gift
- Ty Cooper, Jeffrey Jewelry – Bourbon glassware souvenirs
- Paula and Herb Crum – Holiday House Tour
- Kelli Dariano, Club Threads (Nancy Rubenstein)
- Mary Lewis – Grammes-Brown House
- Shirley Marx – Serving pieces, etc.
- Nancy Rubenstein – Piano tuning

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

- Jack Bour, American Fire and Safety Services – In-kind gift
- Kelli Dariano, Club Threads (Nancy Rubenstein)
- Kenneth and Virginia Davison
- Andrea Foltz – Historic Building Replicas
- Ray and Allison Leisy
- Mary Lewis
- Robb Mack
- Joan Martin
- Vicki Ohl

- Mike Pinkston
- Nancy Rubenstein - Grammes-Brown House
- Nancy Rubenstein – In Memory of Nancy Tschanen
- UIS Insurance and Investments – House Tour Tickets Sponsor

July 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021

- Marge and John Anway
- Doug Collar
- Jeanette Conley
- Jackie Fletcher
- Ray and Allison Leisy
- Mark Levans
- Mary Lewis
- Mary Lewis – Victorian Tea
- Jordan Lowther
- Robb Mack
- Lewis Miller
- Vicki Ohl
- Bill Reineke
- Cynthia Price Rennie – Doll Collection
- Nancy Rubenstein
- Sacksteder Worland Insurance Agency
- UIS Insurance and Investments – House Tour Tickets Sponsor

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented. We apologize if your name has been missed. **We appreciate all gifts received.**

After a Cold Winter and in Anticipation of a Hot Summer - Financial Help May Be Available

The State of Ohio provides eligible Ohioans with assistance to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and reduce their energy costs through the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP).

Who is Eligible for HWAP?

Ohioans with a household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for the program. Priority is given to those who are older than age 60, those with disabilities, those with children in the home, and households with a high energy usage and/or burden. An application must be submitted in order to apply for services.

Consult the web site for income level and other criteria

HWAP <https://development.ohio.gov/individual/energy-assistance/6-home-weatherization-assistance-program>

How to apply? Services are provided through local agencies in each county.

For Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Wood contact: **Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (800) 775-9767**

For Allen, Hancock, Putnam, Wyandot contact: **Hancock, Hardin, Wyandot Putnam Community Action Commission (419) 423-3755**

December 6, 2021, Holiday Chili Supper

Holiday Chili Supper for tour hosts, members and friends. It was delicious and enjoyable, as always.



March 12, 2022, St. Paddy's Day Tea



After the disappointment of having to cancel the annual Valentine's Day Tea because of a surge of Coronavirus, the tea committee decided to take a chance and host its first ever St. Paddy's Day Tea a few weeks later and they are glad they did. Much green was seen among the thirty-one attendees at the Grammes-Brown House. Pianist, singer, teacher, composer, Mimi Lange Johnston led a sing-a-long of Irish tunes, most of which the guests knew, but there were some delightful surprises!

The tea included Irish - themed sandwiches, savories and sweets, served by the committee members.

Members of the Tea Committee:

Planning: Jackie Fletcher, Karin Brown, Mary Lewis, Verna Jean Fruth, Nancy Rubenstein

Reservations: Mary Lewis

Contributors: Jackie Fletcher, Karin Brown, Jeanette Conley, Joan Martin, Mike Pinkston, Nancy Rubenstein

Tea Preparation: Verna Jean Fruth, Elise Fruth

Servers: Jackie Fletcher, Rocky Fletcher, Nancy Rubenstein, Karin Brown

Kitchen Staff: Ruth Wahlstrom, Jeanette Conley





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May is Historic Preservation Month But Tiffin is Celebrating in June!



SAVE THE DATE and Plan to Attend the Annual Membership Dinner Meeting on June 16, 2022

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.

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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."

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