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## AROUND THE SOCIETY...

I want to encourage everyone to visit Celebrate Mt. Healthy on Saturday, September 10 in the city park. Of course, we will have our annual ice cream social, which will be in the community building by the pool from 4 to 7 p.m. We'll also have mule-pulled wagon rides—tickets are free if you spend at least \$1 at the ice cream social.

The day's festivities begin at 3 p.m. and will include booths and children's activities, including a train ride, juggling show, and Cool Critters. At 7 p.m. the band King Bee and the Stings will perform, followed by fireworks.

Come and celebrate the great city of Mt. Healthy.

Penny Huber, President

Visit our newly redesigned webpage at  
[www.mthealthyhistory.org](http://www.mthealthyhistory.org).

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Our annual yard sale will be on Saturday, August 6 from 9 to 2. We will once again be participating in the World's Longest Yard Sale, which includes sales all along Route 127 from Michigan to Georgia.

Come shop the wide assortment of items we'll have available, including some antiques.

It's not too late to donate items (no clothing, please). Just bring your items to the tollhouse Saturdays or Tuesdays between 9 and 11 a.m. before Aug. 3.

See you on the 6<sup>th</sup>!



## SAFEGUARDING OUR ARTIFACTS

This past fall we applied for and received a grant from the W.E. Smith Family Charitable Trust, which is located in Butler County. With the \$1,000 they gave us, we purchased archival storage materials to better protect our artifacts. We're beginning by moving some of our clothing into large acid-free boxes.

Storing antique clothing in normal cardboard, or in contact with plastic or metal, is not recommended. The acid from normal paper and cardboard will damage fabric over time, plastic can trap damaging moisture, and metal, such as pins, will eventually rust.



Diana puts an antique dress into its new storage box

Archival storage boxes are quite expensive, so we have never been able to obtain any, but now we have thirteen boxes and a roll of acid-free tissue paper, which will help ensure that our clothing remains well-preserved.

We have an impressive collection of apparel, dating from about 1870. Most of it has been stored away in boxes and plastic bags for decades. The dress pictured above, which dates from the 1870s or 1880s, is one of the pieces being moved. It has ruffles down the front and ruffles and fringe along the hem, and would have been worn with a bustle.

At the beginning of June we started cleaning out the storeroom at the museum, and now we're trying to organize things and put them back in so we know exactly what we have and where to find it. It's a huge job, but long overdue, and it's fun finding things we never knew we had (we'll share some of our finds in future newsletters). Thanks to the grant, we now have the correct storage materials for much of our collection.



## DISCOVER HISTORIC MT. HEALTHY

The Historical Society will be participating in Ohio Open Doors, a "new statewide celebration" put on by the Ohio History Connection this coming September. On September 10, simultaneous with the Celebrate Mt. Healthy festival, visitors can get a guided tour of the Young Funeral Home and the Free Meeting House, and take a self-guided walking or driving tour around the historic "village" of Mt. Healthy. The tour will include exterior viewing of some of our oldest houses, such as the Hunt house on St. Clair, a historic home on Adams Rd. , and others. It will also include information about our past tailor shops, and visitors will be able to see some of the former tailor shops that are still standing. The Ohio History Connection will promote our tour along with dozens of others on their website and calendar. It's an opportunity to put Mt. Healthy on the map!

## Our Educational Program

Last year we launched an educational program in conjunction with the third-grade classes at South Elementary School, visiting each class with a presentation on 19th-century Mt. Healthy businesses. This year, we visited the classes twice—once to talk about businesses and once to talk about transportation and communications. We took along our old candlestick phone, which the students really enjoyed. Then, in May, the classes walked from South to the museum for a visit. They had great walking weather and the field trips were definitely a hit.

We had an additional guest during one of the field trips, as well, when Dr. Reva Cosby, the Mt. Healthy City Schools superintendent, stopped by to see the museum and the kids.



Dave tells our guests about some of our artifacts.

We want to try to expand the program next year to include the third-graders from North Elementary, if we can work out transportation.

The kids have been an enthusiastic audience, and are especially excited when they recognize an older building that they know today, such as Aquatics and Exotics.

This has been a great opportunity to teach our students about Mt. Healthy's past and to make more community members aware of our museum. The kids, teachers, and other adult chaperones all had a good time.

## Clovernook Center

The Historical Committee of Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, located in North College Hill, is looking for any artifacts from its earlier years. If you have any Clovernook-related items, they would be very interested in hearing about them.

Please notify Judie Crank at [johnjudie00@hotmail.com](mailto:johnjudie00@hotmail.com) or [jcrank@clovernook.org](mailto:jcrank@clovernook.org) with a description and/or photo of the item.



**Mark your calendar!**

Our annual Ice Cream Social is  
Saturday, September 10 from 4 to 7.

Don't forget to come eat ice cream and wonderful baked goodies.

If you can donate baked goods, please contact Penny at 931-6420.

If you can help out that day, please contact Julie at 522-2596.

*Won't you please join us?*



## Time to renew your membership

To keep your membership active, please remit \$10.00 (check or cash) per individual to:

Mt. Healthy Historical Society  
c/o Treasurer  
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Or pay through our website ([MtHealthyHistory.org](http://MtHealthyHistory.org))

### **Individual Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Or become a Business Member

Being a member of the Mt. Healthy Historical Society as a Business/Professional has its advantages:

- It gets your business's name before the public in each newsletter.
- It will show that you support the organizations of your city.
- It will help the Society teach about and preserve the past for current and future generations.

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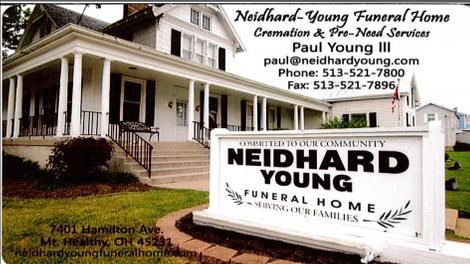


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# Pics from the Past



Children parade down Hamilton Ave. to celebrate the laying of the cornerstone for the new school—the Grace Hunt building at the corner of Compton and Harrison. Sept 10, 1910. The people in this photo may be long gone, but the buildings are still here.



The label on the back says: “This picture was taken from the bell tower of the old Methodist Church at the corner of Perry and Compton looking northeast in the summer of 1912.”

The photo was taken by Otto E. Steinbrecher, who was 17 years old at the time.



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