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Akron artist Woodrow Nash will create busts of the following individuals for the John Brown house.



Osborne Perry Anderson



Shields Green



John Copeland Jr.



Lewis Leary



Dangerfield Newby

New exhibits at the Historical Society: "Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes"

This year the Society introduces two new exhibits, one at the John Brown House and the other at Perkins Stone Mansion. These exhibits are part of a larger theme of the diverse voices in Summit County's history, which the Society will be highlighting this year.

The exhibit at the newly reopened John Brown House reflects on the life of our neighbor before the Harpers Ferry Raid. The exhibit, "Family, Farm, Freedom," opens in April and provides hands-on activities for visitors of all ages to walk the life of the abolitionist John Brown, a man who lived the majority of his life in what we now call Summit County.

The National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom provided a grant to the Society for the new exhibit in the original segment of the house that



Woodrow Nash in his studio.

John Brown rented from Col. Simon Perkins between 1844 and 1854. Local artist and Society board director Woodrow Nash will be sculpting five busts of the African-American men, who served with Brown in his army at Harpers Ferry. These pieces of original art will be displayed "Freedom" section of the exhibit.

At the Perkins Stone Mansion, a new temporary display will feature vintage shoes

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Akron history hikes celebrate 10th anniversary with concentration on reform, social justice

Building on the "Walk in someone else's shoes" theme, the Society is celebrating its 10th season of history hikes with a new series that focuses on the diverse forces that influenced reform and social justice in Akron.

The season begins April 23, with the YWCA Walk starting at the Polsky Building and a brief stop at the University of Akron Archival Services, the custodian of the YWCA of Summit County's collection, then it's up through Akron's skywalk

to the now shuttered YWCA building on High Street.

The series continues monthly on the 4th Tuesday. The hikes include:

May 28: Sojourner Truth/Woman's Rights Convention with a reenactment of the "Ain't I a Woman?" speech at the Wesley Temple AME Zion Church on North Prospect Street. After that, the group will proceed to the Sojourner Truth Ohio Historical marker on the building at High Street

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A Message from the President & CEO

By Leianne Neff Heppner

Home

Images of a structure, a room, a person or a group of people – a place may be conjured

when the word home is said or thought. “Home is where the heart is,” a common proverb traced to Pliny the Elder ironically finds him perishing in Pompeii with the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD.

It is also within ancient Rome that life annuities were common, as Akron native and Hoban graduate Ronald A. Brown wrote in his 2017 book, *A History of Charitable Gift Planning: How Gift Annuities Shaped American Philanthropy (1830-1959)*.

A gift annuity is a contract between a donor and a nonprofit organization that financially benefits both parties that falls under the title of planned giving. It was on this subject that Board member Dave Lieberth and I met Mr. Brown and his wife, Margaret Cannella, at the Perkins Stone Mansion for tea a number of years ago. Mr. Brown wanted to give back to home by sharing his knowledge after working in the field of planned giving

at Princeton, Columbia and Fordham universities as well as United Way of America and the National Wildlife Federation.

Ron is giving to home. He is a current member of the Society while living in New York City; and for his birthday last year, Ron held a Facebook Fundraiser asking his family and friends to not shower him with gifts but share with him in the joy of giving to the Summit County Historical Society. More than \$500 came to the Society to assist our mission of education, preservation and interpretation of local history. Thank you Dan Brown, Lloyd Skinner, Scott White, Bill Broadhurst, John Fiocca, Sheira Greenwald and other anonymous donors for their generosity in recognizing Ron for his birthday.

Today, I wanted to publicly thank Ron for his love of home, his passion to help others and his commitment to make this world a better place. Society members make a difference and we are grateful for all of you who help us to share the stories of Akron and Summit County in the home of Akron’s founding family (Perkins) and that of the abolitionist (John Brown) who gave his life for all people in the United States to be free.

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“Walk a mile in someone else’s shoes”

from the Society’s permanent collection as well as items on loan from local residents. Titled “A Girl Can Never Have Too Many Shoes,” the exhibit will feature shoes from the past two centuries as well as hat and purse accessories. Photographer, clothing collector and owner of Seberg Vintage Jenn Kidd will be the guest curator. She will be working with Denise Lundell, Society staff. Kidd is looking forward to the new exhibit, “shoes have such a fascinating story throughout history...I can’t wait to put my best foot forward and share some of these

histories with you.”

The new exhibit is a partnership with Lucky Shoes, a local family business celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019. Shoes will be on display in each room of the stone mansion with a story representing residents, staff or historical figures from Akron/Summit County.

The Mutton Hill Book Club will gather on April 6 to discuss Kathy Kelada’s *Be the Shoe*. This program is open to Society members and nonmembers with reservation details in the calendar insert.



March

March 6: Rethinking Race Trolley Tour: The Story of Akron's African-American History, by the John Brown House to Akron Zoo, hike to John Brown Monument, 3 to 5 p.m. Trolley leaves promptly at 3 p.m. from University of Akron Commons at Bierce Library turnaround. Free and open to the public.

March 13: Woman-of-the-Year Awards Luncheon, doors open at 11:30 a.m., noon to 1:30 p.m., Greystone Hall, 103 S. High St., Akron.

- Honor the women who make this county great.
- Speaker: Tracy A. Thomas, University of Akron's Seiberling chair of Constitutional Law
- Emcee: Heather Pollock, University of Akron's professor of Classics

Members and non-members, \$40. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

March 20: Spring Equinox Realm to Realm, 7 to 9 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion. Join angel reader and psychic Laura Lyn for an evening of other-worldly conversations. We'll begin the evening as a group around the Perkins family dining table. After breaking for coffee and dessert, Laura Lyn will do individual readings. This event is limited to 15 people so tickets will sell quickly. Members, \$35; non-members, \$45. Reservations required through eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

March 21: Remember When... "Understanding the American Hobo" with Dave Gates, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House. Ever meet a hobo? Share your story as part of this presentation. Members and volunteers, free; non-

members, \$10. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

March 23: True Crime Trolley Tour, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Encore performance of true, thoroughly researched, chilling crimes from decades past to the present. Comfort-break partway through the tour.

Trolley departs promptly at 1 p.m. from Perkins Stone Mansion. Dress for the weather.

Members, \$20; non-members, \$25. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

April

April 3: Properties Open for 2019 Season, 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday to Saturday.

Theme for 2019: "Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes"

New exhibits in both the Perkins Stone Mansion and the John Brown House. See story on p. 1.

Members, free; non-members, \$10. Get tickets at the Gift Shop. Special deals for April: Wednesday, buy one/get one on admissions; Thursday, half-price membership (some restrictions apply); Friday, special discount at the gift shop; Saturday, children under 17 free.

April 6: Mutton Hill Book Club, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Carriage House.

Kathy Kelada, *Be the Shoe*.

Members, \$10; non-members, \$15. Ticket include dessert and tour of the Perkins Stone Mansion. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

April 13-15: Ohio Museums Association Conference, Hilton Akron-Fairlawn, 3180 W. Market St. For full program and fees, see ohiomuseums.org/2019Conference.

April 18: Remember When... "Necessity is the Mother of Invention" with Janet McCaulley, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Carriage House.

Do you have a story to share? We want to hear your stories, too.

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

April 23: History Hike: The YWCA Walk, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at Polsky's Building Main Street entrance, walk to University of Akron Archival Services and then into Skywalk to the old YWCA building (the now closed CityCenter Building). See story p. 1 on the history hikes.

Free and open to the public. Park at State Street Deck. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

April 25: Summit County Historical Society Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner.

Speaker: Bruce Wings, retired editor of the *Beacon Journal*.

Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

April 27: Architectural Heritage Awards Trolley Tour

This biennial tour is a collaboration of Summit County Historical Society and Progress Through Preservation.

For more details on this event, see the Society's website (summithistory.org).

May

May 4: NEW EVENT – Sheep Derby Day, Adults Only (21 and over), 5 to 8 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Kentucky Derby Day – Summit County Historical Society style. This Derby Day features what you'd expect – mint juleps, good food, wonderful hats, and races – sheep races – and it's all for a good cause, to benefit the Summit County Historical Society. More details will be coming in the next newsletter but save the date or go ahead and get your ticket for what surely will be a sell-out.

Cost of admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, ticket for one mint julep (cash bar available for more), 6 sheep races (with Border Collie jockeys!), hat contests, a chance to win gift baskets, and much, much more. Members, \$45 or \$80 for a couple; non-members, \$55 or \$100 for a couple. Tickets available on eventbrite.com, emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling Society offices at 330-535-1120. This is the first in a series of events that will lead up to the ever popular Road Rally, which has been moved to the fall!

May 9: John Brown Birthday Bash and Open House, 5:30 p.m., John Brown House.

Celebration of the completion of Phase II of the renovation of the John Brown House.

Free and open to the public. Get your slice of the John Brown birthday cake and see the new sculptures by local artist Woodrow Nash! (See story p. 1.)

May 9: Sheep Return to Mutton Hill, 6:30 p.m. herding, 7 p.m. shearing; 7:30 p.m. herding, Perkins Stone Mansion grounds. Free and open to the public.

May 11: Mothers Day on Mutton Hill, 1-4 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion.

Mothers are free when accompanied by a child (of ANY age). Get your tickets at the Gift Shop, which has lots of Mom friendly gifts.

May 16: Remember When...“On the Homefront: The Many Hats of WWII” with Dave Gates, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House.

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

May 22: Tunnel Tour is back, Three tours: 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Canal Place, 520 S. Main.

Angel reader and psychic Laura Lyn will return to the tunnels beneath BF Goodrich for another set of tours. Society volunteers will show historic images of the company that George Tod Perkins once headed. This was a sell-out last year. Don't be left behind! Members and non-members, \$45.

You can register for this tour at Laura Lyn's website, <https://www.angelreader.net/event>.

May 28: History Hike: Sojourner Truth Walk, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hike begins at Wesley Temple AME Zion Church, 104 N. Prospect, where there will be a reenactment of Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I a Woman" speech. The hike then proceeds to the Sojourner Truth Building, the site of the old Stone Church, where Akron's first woman's rights convention was held on May 28 to 29, 1851.

Free and open to the public. Park at the Wesley Temple. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

June

June 6: Mutton Hill Book Club, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Carriage House.

Tim Carroll, *World War II Akron*.

Members, \$10; non-members, \$15. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

June 7 to Aug. 23: Farm Fridays, 11:30 to 12:30, every Friday, Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Each Friday will feature one of the following:

Stories with the Sheep (with the Akron-Summit County Public Library);

Singing with the Sheep (with Baldwin Wallace University music therapy students)

Show and Tell with the Sheep; Simon Says with the Sheep (games with your friends at the Society) and meet and greet with animal friends.

Free and open to the public; families are invited to bring picnic lunches.

Family tours of Perkins Stone Mansion after event, only \$5.

June 10: Mutton Hill Monday, noon to 1 p.m. Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Explore the history of agriculture in Summit County, features a Border Collie demonstration and sheep health demonstration.

Free and open to the public; families invited to bring picnic lunches.

Family tours of Perkins Stone Mansion after event, only \$5.

June 19: Juneteenth, Commemorating the End of Slavery, 5 to 7 p.m., John Brown House.

Community Celebration; Baked Goods Pot Luck. Free and open to the public.

June 20: Remember When...“Towpath to the Past” with Mary Conley, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House.

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

June 25: History Hike: Suffrage March, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., University of Akron Law Library to main Akron-Summit County Public Library.

See p. 1 for details.

March starts at the University of Akron's Law Library with Tracy A. Thomas, Seiberling chair of Constitutional Law, and proceeds to the Akron-Summit County Public Library for a special exhibit at Special Collections prepared by Mary Plazo. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

June 26: Working Dog Wednesday – Border Collies at Work, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Free and open to the public.

July

July 8: Mutton Hill Mondays, noon to 1 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Explore the history of agriculture in Summit County, features a Border Collie demonstration and sheep health demonstration.

Free and open to the public; families invited to bring picnic lunches.

Family tours of Perkins Stone Mansion after event, only \$5.

July 13: Family Fun Day, 1 to 4 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Fun, games, sheep demonstrations, music and circus performers.

Both the Perkins Stone Mansion and the John Brown house are open for tours.

Everything is free and open to the public.

July 18: Remember When...

“Grandma’s Attic and Grandpa’s

Garage” with Janet McCaulley, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House.

Do you have something old from your grandmother’s attic or your grandfather’s garage you’d like to share? Bring it along.

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

July 23: History Hike: Glendale

Cemetery, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Glendale Cemetery.

We’ll visit the graves of some of the most important social activists and political leaders in Akron’s history, including John and Elizabeth Buchtel, Mary Gladwin and John Seiberling.

Free and open to the public. This is a walking tour with no public restrooms. Park by the Civil War Chapel in the cemetery, where the hike will start. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

July 31: Working Dog Wednesday –

Border Collies at Work, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Free and open to the public.

August

Aug. 12: Mutton Hill Mondays,

noon to 1 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Explore the history of agriculture in Summit County, features a Border Collie demonstration and sheep health demonstration

Free and open to the public; families invited to bring picnic lunches.

Family tours of Perkins Stone Mansion after event, only \$5

Aug. 15: Remember When...

“River Through Time” with Mary Conley, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House.

Learn about the native inhabitants of Ohio and join the conversation.

Members and volunteers, free; non-members \$10. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Aug. 16: Age of Aquarius/Woodstock 50th Anniversary Celebration, 6 to 9 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Dig out your bell bottoms, tie-dyed t-shirts and protest buttons because the peace bird is back. We’re ready to party and celebrate the summer of love. Join us for the music and fun. Peace and love!

All proceeds from this event goes to support the Society’s educational programs and discovery trunks.

Member, \$15; non-members, \$25. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120. Costumes and love beads encouraged!!!

Aug. 23: Rudy’s Birthday Party,

1 to 3 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Free and open to the public.

Aug. 27: History Hike: North Hill,

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

North Hill is called one of the most culturally diverse neighborhoods in Akron. We’ll hike past the old International Institute as we walk around the neighborhood, talking about immigration into Akron.

See story p. 1.

Free and open to the public. Park and meet at the Jennings Community Learning Center (225 E. Tallmadge Ave.). Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Aug. 28: Working Dog Wednesday –

Border Collies at Work, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Free and open to the public.

September

Sept. 2: Labor Day, Society Closed.

Sept. 7: Grandparents Day,

Grandparents free with grandchildren.

Get tickets at the Gift Shop, which has lots of perfect gifts for grandparents.

Sept. 9: Mutton Hill Monday,

noon to 1 p.m., Perkins grounds.

Explore the history of agriculture in Summit County, features Border Collie demonstration and sheep health demonstration.

Free and open to the public; families invited to bring a picnic lunch.

Family tours of Perkins Stone Mansion after event, only \$5.

Sept. 14: Mutton Hill Book Club,

7 to 8:30 p.m., Front Porch, Perkins Mansion.

In honor of the full moon, the book club will discuss *Ghostly Tales and Spine-Chilling Tales of the Victorian Age*. Special featured attraction is storyteller Heather Pollock.

Mansion remains open until 10 p.m. so participants can tell their own ghostly tales in the mansion.

Members, \$10; non-members, \$15. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Sept. 19: Remember When...

“The Victorian Woman” with Janet McCaulley, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House.

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Sept. 24: History Hike: The John

Brown Hike, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hike begins at John Brown House to the Akron Zoo and the John Brown statue.

Free and open to the public. Park at the Summit County Historical Society and meet at the John Brown House. Tickets available at eventbrite.com or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Sept. 25: Working Dog Wednesday –

Border Collies at Work, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion grounds.

Free and open to the public.

Sept. 28: Goodbye to Ewe,

1 to 3 p.m., Perkins grounds.

Free Farewell Party for our sheep!

October

Oct. 6: History Hike: North American First People's Day, time to be determined.

Join popular historian and Board member Dave Lieberth for a special walk down Portage Path, the oldest landmark in Summit County. Representatives of the Northern Cheyenne Nation and Lippman School will join the walk.

Free and open to the public. Tickets available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Oct. 11: Psychic Paranormal Tours with Laura Lyn, 6 p.m. and 8:30, Perkins Stone Mansion.

Go through the Perkins Stone Mansion during this all-lights-out event to capture what you can on your camera, recording device or dousing rod.

There is a charge associated with this event. More details will follow. Tickets available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120. Tickets go quickly.

Oct. 17: Remember When... "Akron Over There" with Dave Gates, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House.

Do you have memorabilia from World War I? Why not bring it to share?

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Tickets available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Oct. 25: Psychic Paranormal Tours with Laura Lyn, 6 p.m. and 8:30, Perkins Stone Mansion.

Go through the Perkins Stone Mansion during this all-lights-out event to capture what you can on your camera, recording device or dousing rod.

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Oct. 31: Perkins Paranormal Trick or Treating, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion.

Visit the home of Akron's founding family on Halloween in costume and trick or treat throughout the house. Tombstone rubbing and other activities included. \$5 per family (pay at the Gift Shop) or free with coupon.

November

Nov. 1: True Crime Trolley Tour, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion.

This is a NEW, improved, true, thoroughly researched, scary set of crimes from decades past and present. New route. Comfort-break partway through the tour.

Trolley leaves from Perkins Stone Mansion promptly at 7 p.m.; dress for the weather.

Members, \$20; non-members, \$25. Tickets available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120. This is always a sell-out so plan to get tickets early.

Nov. 20: Volunteer Open House, 5 to 7 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion.

Be the first to see the new holiday decorations and join your volunteer friends at this special, free event.

Nov. 21: Remember When... "Holiday Traditions" with Janet McCaulley, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House

Does your family have a special holiday tradition that you'd like to share? Join the conversation!

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Tickets available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Nov. 28 & 29: Society Closed.

Nov. 30: Holidays on the Hill, 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday through Dec. 28th (Society closed Dec. 25)

The property will be ready for the holiday season – share the holidays with your friends at the Society.

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Get your tickets at the gift shop, where tours begin and end.

December

Dec. 4 to 27: Holidays on the Hill, 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Get your tickets at the gift shop, where tours begin and end.

Special deals return for the holiday season: Wednesday, buy one/get one on admissions; Thursday, half-price membership (some restrictions apply); Friday, special discount at the gift shop; Saturday, children under 17 free.

Dec. 6: Holidays on the Hill Nighttime Tours, 7 to 9 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion.

Enjoy the special twinkle of Christmas lights at night in the Perkins Stone Mansion for tours, hors d'oeuvres, seasonal desserts and drinks.

Ticket details and times will be published closer to the event date.

Dec. 19: Remember When... "Holiday Sing a Long" with Janet McCaulley and musical accompaniment with Edie Steiner, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House.

Always a favorite for the whole family. We provide the songbook, you provide your voice.

Members and volunteers, free; non-members, \$10. Tickets available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Dec. 21: Winter Solstice Spirits with Laura Lyn, 7 to 9 p.m., Perkins Stone Mansion.

Visit the Perkins Stone Mansion on the longest night of the year and see what you can observe while hearing paranormal stories told by Society volunteers.

Tour tickets, \$10. Readings by angel reader/psychic Laura Lyn \$30 per 15-minute slot. Tickets available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or by emailing the Society at schs@summithistory.org or calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Dec. 25: Society Closed



Up-to-date schedule at
www.summithistory.org

Volunteer Margret Oram-Jacobs...

Is known for many things around the Historical Society – her enthusiasm, her smile and her age.

Margret, better known as Maggie, is almost 9, making her the youngest volunteer in the Society's recent history. She's a third grader at King CLC. Maggie found out about the Society when her teachers brought the Society Discovery trucks to her school.

Soon after, Maggie and her mom Becky Oram, a teacher at Hyre CLC, headed to the Society to see the sheep and border collies. "I became involved with volunteering," Maggie says, "when I met [Society President and CEO] Leianne [Neff Heppner] at Modibo's celebration." Modibo was a border collie active in the Society's sheep project.

That was enough to convince Maggie she had a place among the Society's volunteers. She volunteered at the holiday open house. "I showed people the pictures of Simon Perkins Jr. and his wife. I told them about the cat tags on the things you can touch," Maggie explains.



Margret Oram-Jacobs

Maggie says she's learning a lot by volunteering. "Even though I am showing people things, I am also still learning a lot," Maggie points out.

Her Society friend Leianne would like to see Maggie involved in many activities, especially those that appeal to the organization's younger visitors. "We are looking forward to Maggie volunteering during our summer programming where she will be interacting with children," Leianne says. "Maggie has an amazing smile and great energy as she talks about what she has learned about Akron's founding family. Maggie has shared with me that she is really excited to be working with Edie Steiner and her stock dogs this summer for herding demonstrations."

Maggie is a member of the King Student Council and is preparing to test for her black belt at Taekwondo. She plans on a career in mission control for NASA.

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Akron history hikes

where Society President & CEO Leianne Neff Heppner will talk about the 1851 Woman's Rights Convention where Sojourner Truth gave her speech.

June 25: Suffrage March celebrates the 100th anniversary of Ohio's ratification of the 19th amendment. The march begins at the Law Library on the University of Akron campus, where Tracy A. Thomas, Seiberling chair of Constitutional Law, will talk about Ohio and woman suffrage. Then the March continues on to main library of the Akron-Summit County Public Library to see Special Collection's artifacts relating to women.

July 23: Visit the activists at Glendale Cemetery. This is the only twilight hike. Heppner guides the hikers to the graves of Akron citizens who changed the city with their reforms.

August 27: North Hill Walk. The hikers explore the role of

immigration in Akron history in the neighborhood around the old International Institute.

Sept. 24: John Brown Hike. Join popular local historian Dave Lieberth as he guides the hikers from the John Brown House on the Society property over to the John Brown Monument in Perkins Woods, now within the grounds of the Akron Zoo.

Oct. 6: North American First People's Day History Walk. Enjoy a walk along Portage Path, the oldest landmark in Summit County.

All the hikes are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., except the Glendale Cemetery walk, which is 7 to 8:30 p.m. All the hikes are free and open to the public but the Society asks that participants register at eventbrite.com or by calling the Society offices at 330-535-1120.

Woman-of-the-Year Awards luncheon planned

This year the Society is again honoring women who contribute so much to the county's greatness. The Woman-of-the-Year awards luncheon is set for March 13 at the historic Greystone Hall, 103 S. High St.

According to Leianne Neff Heppner, Society CEO and president, this celebration is especially meaningful because 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of Ohio ratifying the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote. Ohio was the fifth state to ratify the amendment. It would take another year before enough states ratified the amendment, making women suffrage the law of the land.

Tracy A. Thomas, University of Akron's Seiberling chair of Constitutional Law, will be the keynote speaker and popular educator and storyteller Heather Pollock will serve as emcee.

Lunch is \$40. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch and awards start at noon. To celebrate the many contributions women make every day in Summit County, make your reservation for what will surely be a sell out. Tickets are available at eventbrite.com or by calling Society offices at 330-535-1120. The Society will also send out invitations via USPS and email. But don't wait for an invitation, everyone who wants to celebrate Summit County women will want to attend.

Temperance Crusade, Akron, 1874

During the Temperance Crusade of 1874, more than 700 Akron women banded together in opposition to liquor. Groups of women prayed outside the saloons along Market and Howard streets in the hopes of convincing bar owners to give up their trade. Everywhere the women went, they were followed by crowds of men, who



although they were “quite orderly,” according to the *Akron City Times*, did not support the crusaders’ cause. As the *Times* observed, Akron women were committed to the temperance cause – “God-fearing women, adherents of divers [sic] creeds and members of different communions” proved they could work together for the greater good. Few photos survive of the temperance crusade in Akron. This photo is from the Summit County Historical Society’s Collection, now housed at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, Special Collections.