

# Maytown Historical Society

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## CELEBRATING 265 YEARS

Our historical small hometown of Maytown was founded on May 1, 1760 by Jacob Downer. The community will be celebrating the “265th” birthday on May 3rd at the Mayfest.

To commemorate the birthday, MHS is selling individually crafted crocks from Grandville Hollow Pottery. These crocks are unique and finely molded.

MHS is selling a large

crock for \$40 including tax. Also available is a cute small jam jar with lid for \$25 including tax.

If you are interested in purchasing a crock, you can contact the Museum or Janie Garber at 717-940-0037. Shipping is **NOT** included in the total.

MHS will be having the crocks available at Mayfest in front of the museum. There are

limited quantities, so don't wait to purchase.



### MHS MUSEUM

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### Upcoming Events

April 24 -Society Meeting

May 3—Mayfest

May 26—Museum Breakfast



## BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

The finance committee has been meeting for the past two years. We are pleased to announce as of February 1st, they have initiated a Building Fund Campaign to raise funds to remodel the current garage on the museum's property into a climate-controlled archive storage building.

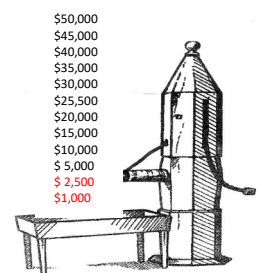
The committee members are Barb Stoner, Nan Papp, Rich Bach, Scott Kingsboro, Cynthia McComsey, Keith

Vogt, Skip Nell, and chaired by Janie Garber. Each member volunteered to contact local businesses to donate toward our **\$50,000** goal. About 40+ business owners have been contacted at this writing.

The society's membership received a campaign flyer by mail. The goal is to reach most of the funds and start remodeling this spring.

The garage is in the

process of being cleared. President Nell is consulting with contractors. Soooo.... Please send in your donations and be a part of the **“PUMP IT UP.”**





### News & Notes from the Archives Corner:

We are currently getting ready for our next exhibit, "Maytown - Life in the 1800's", which will debut at Mayfest on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Museum will be open from 10:00am - 4:00pm for your viewing pleasure. Be sure to take time to check out this interesting exhibit!

### Soup/Sandwich Sale

THANK YOU all  
who purchased  
soup and  
sandwiches at  
our fundraiser.

We netted  
\$765.00!

The ExtraGive donations totaled \$600.78. Thank you all who supported MHS.

## Don't Go Down the Rabbit Hole!

### Researching an Antique Sampler

Do you want to know how to research your family? Join us for a unique program on Thursday, April 24, @ 6:30pm at the East Donegal Township Building featuring Deb Gepfer and Susan Heydt, who will be sharing how they researched an antique sampler made by Ann Frances Breneman of Maytown. Learn about all the connections to Maytown from just one person

and how you can use those same tools to find out more about YOUR history. This program is a must for anyone interested in Maytown history!



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## MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST

Pancake breakfast served at the Museum on Monday, May 26th from 7:00-10:00 a.m. You can eat in or take out. The meal will consist of pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, orange juice and coffee "for only"

\$10.00. Proceeds go toward our museum expenses and property maintenance. Bring the family and enjoy the Museum's backyard.



BUDGET for 2025/2026			
Expenses		Income	
Operating	\$ 3,550.00	Donations	\$ 7,175.00
Museum	\$ 9,925.00	Fundraisers	\$ 8,500.00
Utilities	\$ 2,500.00	Membership	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,975.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,975.00</b>

Budget approved 2/20/2025

## MAYFEST 2025

May 3, 2025 is the date, and Maytown is the place to be! This year's Mayfest will be better than ever! High Street will be filled with demonstrators sharing their historical crafts and artifacts. Legion Park will be the site of quality vendors, and a variety of food trucks will be stationed on King Street. Featured will be a scavenger hunt with prizes, an historical bus tour of Maytown businesses in the 1800's, first graders' house drawings, DIS students' art projects and pillowcases, two agility dog shows, freshly made baked goods, kids' games, a wedding, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders' songs and dances, the Maypole dance, and the cake walk around the square and more. The time is 10:00am - 4:00pm. Save the date!

### Society meeting results—

approved Scott Albert, an attorney with May, Herr & Grosh LLP, as legal institutions.

Also approved was the Hess Agency for society's insurance coverage.

Also approved was Northwest Bank and Members 1st as the financial institutions.