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Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Bay Lodge

6:00 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. program

Main dish, burgers and brats, will be provided by the Historical Society. Bring your own place setting and beverage of choice.

Alcohol is permitted at Bay Lodge.

Last names beginning with:

A-J: Bring a dessert for 10;

K-Z: Bring a side dish for 10.

There will be a \$10 charge for non-members at the door.

Program: Learn about “Eliot Ness: The Cleveland Years”

Renowned Eliot Ness expert Rebecca McFarland will present a talk on “Eliot Ness: The Cleveland Years.” Ness became Cleveland’s city safety director in 1935. McFarland will emphasize his role in modernizing city safety services and creating a more disciplined police force.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to
Doug Gertz (drgbay@aol.com or 440-554-6355)
by Monday, Sept. 15



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President's Message

Cynthia Eakin

The Bay Village Historical Society's second annual Pioneer Days camp for students in grades three to six was a week full of adventures and fun, thanks to our loyal volunteers. The program took place July 21 through July 25 at the Bay Village Police Station and Cahoon Memorial Park.

The intrepid pioneers made everything from candles and quills to kaleidoscopes and rainmakers to their very own sourdough starter. They stepped into the lives of Bay Village's earliest settlers by weaving on looms, pressing homemade paper, playing pioneer games, learning about native trees and herbs, churning butter, and even doing a little laundry.

Special thanks go out to Rose Hill Museum Director Cathy Flament and Emily Bundy for coordinating the event. Kudos go out to the volunteers who helped to make the week a very special one for the children. This year's active Pioneer Days volunteers included: Marie Albano, Donna Bockwich, Eric Eakin, Pamela Ebert, Marge Erhardt, Doug Gertz, Corrine Jalkanen, Kathryn Kerber, Nancy Page, Diane Pavan, Janelle Reardon, Amy Rhee, Antoinette Rudge, Marie Smith, Alex Stevovich, Shirley Swindel, Renee Villaire, Stephanie West, and Karen Zelinski, as well as Bay High Key Club members.

Renowned expert Rebecca McFarland will present a talk on "Eliot Ness: The Cleveland Years," at the Bay Village Historical Society potluck dinner on Thursday, Sept. 18. Ness became Cleveland's safety director in 1935. McFarland will emphasize his role in modernizing city safety services and creating a more disciplined police force. The presentation will take place at Bay Lodge, with a social at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Our hearty congratulations go out to the Bay Village League of Women Voters on having an Ohio historical marker installed in Cahoon Memorial Park. The league held its first meetings at the Bay Village library, now Rose Hill Museum, so the setting is appropriate. The installation of the marker is the result of a two-year effort by the league.



The Pioneer Days campers brought history to life
this summer!

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Director's Updates

Cathy Flament

Excited doesn't begin to describe how thrilled we are with one of our latest donations. Come and view a chair that belonged to Alonzo Carter, the first settler of Cleveland. We are honored to have been entrusted with such a unique part of history.

Pioneer Days was again an engaging event that was well-received. Twenty-five children enjoyed crafts such as making kaleidoscopes, rainmakers, candles, woven mug mats, journals, plant baskets, and games. We even made bread from starter and each child was able to take home their own loaf to enjoy right out of the oven. They were able to sample some on Friday with butter they had churned themselves.

Be sure to visit Rose Hill before October to view the spring/fall installation of the Ann DiBenedetto hats. They are truly amazing. The next – and last – group featuring fall/winter hats will be on display through the end of the year. They have been a tremendous draw for us. We appreciate the dedication and creativity of Patti DiBenedetto Corna over the last two years. She has been an incredible asset to the Society.

We have an exciting year fast approaching. 2026 will be a celebration of America's Sesquicentennial as we remember the 250th anniversary of the US. Have a love of history? Do you have a special interest that you would like to share? Join us in planning fun activities, creative displays, interesting articles and more. This may be your time to shine. If it sounds interesting, contact me at bvhsrosehill@gmail.com. Our major exhibit planned for 2026 will be at the Osborn Learning Center, making it an interesting experience.

We are transitioning to a new collections management program which is more user friendly and expands our capabilities. If you haven't volunteered to work with our collection in the past, this is a great way to become involved. I encourage you to volunteer a couple of hours a month. I am sure you will not regret it.

A special thank you to the Bay Village Foundation for once again giving us a grant to provide worthwhile and immersive programs to the community.

An exciting announcement is that our publication on Lakeside Cemetery, *Retracing Footsteps*, is in the process of its fourth printing due to a number of requests. It is a genealogy of those buried in Lakeside, and an intimate look at their lives with interesting stories and amazing insight.

The next project on the buildings will be the stabilization of the north porch of Rose Hill and attention to the roof of the cabin. The city is an amazing partner and we are grateful to them for their dedication.

Be sure to attend the next general meeting, it promises to be an interesting one.



Visit Rose Hill soon to view the Alonzo Carter chair & the Ann DiBenedetto spring/summer hats.

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Can you volunteer at Osborn Learning Center?



Volunteers are needed to hold open the Reuben Osborn Learning Center on Sunday afternoons, April through December, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There are no tours. We just need a volunteer or two to keep the facility open and available for viewing, and to answer questions.

Contact Eric Eakin at (216) 319-4634 or info@bayhistorical.com if you can help.

Our Condolences



The Bay Village Historical Society would like to express its sympathies to the family and friends of long-time volunteer and co-director of the Osborn Learning Center, Dean Brennan, on the loss of her daughter, Ann Patricia "Annie" Mahon, age 47.

Annie was the beloved wife of Marty, and the loving mother of Patrick and Maggie. She was the loving sister of Courtney McGurer (Ryan), and a dear aunt and friend to many. She passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on August 26, 2025.

Family suggests memorial contributions to The Gathering Place, 25425 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145.

Board Updates

Monica Thomas has agreed to replace Sue Jachnick as a trustee for the term ending in 2027.

Sue has agreed to be our Secretary, replacing Claire Boettler who passed away this past spring.

We appreciate their support and will miss Claire and the dedication she showed to the Society over the years.



New Social Media Series: Tasty Tuesdays



This September, get baking with us in our new “Tasty Tuesday” series. Each week we will test and share a recipe from our collection of historic cookbooks at Rose Hill and the Osborn Learning Center. We will offer insight on some of the ingredients and measurements common in 19th century baking (i.e. ‘sweet milk’ or ‘butter size of walnut’) and highlight facts around the baking methods – and tools – commonly used by Bay’s earliest bakers.

Don’t miss out! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram:

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Estate Planning

Eric Eakin

I’d like to share with you some of the best reasons to create or update your will today, and perhaps remember the Bay Village Historical Society in it!

First, August was national Make-A-Will-Month. Now is the time!

Second, a will makes it easy for your loved ones to carry out your requests, and ensure your legacy.

A will also helps ensure the future of your family and the causes you love.

Please consider naming the Bay Village Historical Society in your will and, when you do, let us know so we can recognize and thank you.

Your legacy gift will help ensure the Bay Village Historical Society’s beautiful, historic facilities remain viable and accessible to all who wish to be inspired by local history. It will help provide our community with valuable experiences and opportunities for learning. Your historical society builds connections and memories and brings joy to people of all ages. This is your chance to preserve your legacy and make a big difference!

As always, thank you for considering a bequest to the Bay Village Historical Society, no matter the amount!