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Thursday, May 21, at the Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley

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

Main dish of chicken paprikash will be provided by the historical society.

Bring your own place setting and beverage of choice.

Alcohol is permitted at Bay Lodge. Bring cash for the 50/50 raffle!

Last names beginning with:

A-H: Bring a dessert for 10;

I-Z: Bring a side dish for 10.

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

RSVP to Doug Gertz (drqbay@aol.com or 440-554-6355) by Monday, May 18.

Program: The History of the U.S. Flag

The U.S. flag will play a prominent role in the 2026 Semiquincentennial 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

In honor of America250, local presenter Nancy Haas will give a talk on "Old Glory", including its history, presence in American art, and significance as one of the most iconic symbols in the world. Her presentation will review American history through the eyes of artists who have captured depictions of the flag via paintings and photography across centuries.



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President's Message

Cynthia Eakin

There is always something new to discover at the Bay Village Historical Society. A series of informal talks at Rose Hill Museum on Sunday afternoons commemorating America 250-Ohio include a presentation on the Daughters of 1812 by Deb Marish on May 17. She will give a brief history on the War of 1812 and its impact on our area and Lake Erie. Join us on May 31 for an afternoon of music from the Bay Middle School Orchestra.

Learn about the history of the United States flag at our potluck event on Thursday, May 21. Nancy Haas will talk about "Old Glory," its presence in American art and significance as one of the most iconic symbols in the world. A social begins at 6 p.m. at the Bay Lodge, followed by dinner and the presentation at 7 p.m.

This has been an eventful year for the Bay Village Historical Society. Executive Director Cathy Flament recently accepted the Ohio Museum Association's "Educational Outreach Award" for museums with a budget under \$500,000 for Pioneer Days, our week-long camp that is offered in July. We have accepted a number of collections including the chair of Lorenzo Carter, Cleveland's first settler. The transcription of the Cahoon papers and letters is complete. The collection is now available online under "Explore Our Collections" with the Aldrich collection. Numerous private tours of the museum have been given, including writing a special tour for Junior Girl Scouts to assist in the completion of their badge requirements. The stabilization and painting of the Osborn Learning Center is finished. There has been a complete restructuring of the center's first floor. Stop by some Sunday afternoon to view major displays regarding the Revolutionary War, Native Americans and the Wischmeyer boat collection.

Registration is now open for Pioneer Days 2026, slated for July 20 through July 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost remains the same as last summer. Sign-up details can be found on our website at bayhistorical.com.

The Bay Village Historical Society will have a presence at Bay Days in Cahoon Memorial Park over the July 4 weekend. Volunteers are needed to help man the table. Contact info@bayhistorical.com if you are able to fill a shift.



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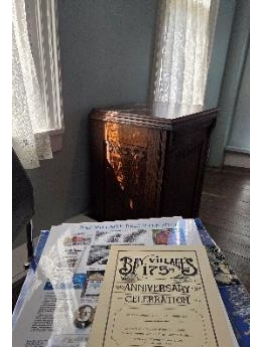
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to all of our donors for
their continued
support!*

If you haven't visited the Osborn Learning Center, be sure to stop by and interact with the special guests we are hosting every Sunday. They are interesting, informative and this is a great way to support your historical society.

OLC has had a complete transformation of the first floor. This entailed the stabilization of the building; removing the cork boards in the north room, which exposed an original wood wall of up to an 18" board; painting all the walls; new window shades; redesigning the curtains; setting up all new displays in every room; revamping of the boards in the SW room with some permanent information and 10 panels that we can rotate; designing new displays for the recently donated Wischmeyer boats, providing informational content on the displays in stands, signage, and more.

This has been an overwhelming job. The City of Bay Village sponsored the construction and did an excellent job under the direction of Paul

Greenwell with Mary Kay Costello's support. Pat Cook, our assistant curator, did an excellent job writing and researching the information that is featured on our stands including the eight Revolutionary War soldiers who settled in Dover. Special thanks to members who helped me including: Diane Pavan, Karen and Ted Zalenski, Brigid Boettler, Pam Ebert and Monica Thomas. Native Americans have a written narrative and short film provided by Ben Miyares of Rocky River as his Eagle Scout Award. Nora Chevreaux of Shaker Heights devoted hours to assessing our collection of Indian stones and points as part of her studies at Durham University in Durham, England where she is studying Archaeology and Ancient History. To add to this collection, we uncovered an impressive art project written by Luella Januska Petto from the 1940's that you don't want to miss. Other organizations who assisted included OfficeMax, Frames Unlimited, Bay Village Library and Rocky River Library. A project of this magnitude needed teamwork and I can't thank those enough who stepped up to make this happen in the short timeline we had to work with. There are always new projects, so if you weren't involved in this one, there are plenty more to come!



The new exhibits in the Osborn Learning Center commemorate America 250 and the revolutionary era in Ohio. Be sure to visit!

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Executive Director's Update Cathy Flament

We were thrilled to receive the 2025 Best Educational Outreach Award for museums with a budget under \$500,000 from the Ohio Museum Associations for our "Pioneer Days" Program. I accepted the award at their annual state convention in Dublin, Ohio, in April.



Be sure to stop by to see the impressive glass award that we were presented with. We are indebted to the Bay Village Foundation for their financial support of the program.

As mentioned in the president's message, we have hosted several private tours since opening in April, and we have a number of tours booked that will be coming up in the next couple of months as we continue to share our facility with the community. We are always looking for volunteers to assist.

If you haven't explored our newest website additions, be sure you do. We have uploaded over 3,000 items to date from our collection with more to come. More of our 15,000 items will gradually be added. If there is something you are interested in having us include, let us know.



Bay Village Historical Society presents:

PIONEER Days

Kids entering grades 3-6

JULY 20TH-24TH
9am-12pm
Cahoon Memorial Park & Bay Police Station

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
NATURE WALKS
GARDENING
PIONEER GAMES

CELEBRATE AMERICA250!
Check out our special activities
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REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 15TH!

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Promotion is underway for Pioneer Days 2026!
Spread the word that registration is open for a week of timeless learning, fun, and fresh air. Sign-up information is available at bayhistorical.com

Calendar of Events: Osborn Learning Center

Sun., May 17: A Special Talk on the War of 1812

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Deb Marish of the United States Daughters of 1812 will discuss the War of 1812 and its impact on our area and Lake Erie.

Sun., May 31: Afternoon Concert

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Join us for an enlightening performance of music from the Bay Middle School Orchestra.

Sun., June 7: A Presentation of Revolutionary War Weapons

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Original antique British military items presented by a local expert fusilier, including:

- Land Pattern Musket ("First Model Brown Bess") and bayonet, pre-dating the Revolution;
- Short Land Pattern Musket ("Second Model Brown Bess") and bayonet, Pattern of 1779, issued for service in America;
- Representative hangars (short swords) as carried by Grenadiers and non-commissioned officers -- "Patterns of 1741 and 1752";
- An original British infantry drill manual of 1762;
- Equipment worn by this exhibitor, while serving in the 23rd Regiment of Foot, Royal Welch Fusiliers (in America) during the Bicentennial of 1975-1981;
- Replica Short Land Pattern Musket (built from a kit) and bayonet;
- Fusilier's bearskin cap (shorter than a Grenadier's), regimental coat, accoutrements and goatskin knapsack

Sun., June 14: A Special Talk on Captain Wolf of the Lenape/Delaware Peoples

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Gazebo in Cahoon Memorial Park

Living history re-enactor John Burke presents the history of Native Americans in Northwestern Ohio. John has a long history of reenacting vital parts of Ohio history.

THIS EVENT WILL BE OUTSIDE. PLEASE BRING CHAIRS or BLANKETS. (In case of inclement weather, the event will be relocated to the Bay Village Library, 27400 Wolf Road)



June 27 (SATURDAY): Interactive Art Event

10 a.m. – noon at the Bay Village Police Station

Studio Go, the Cleveland Museum of Art's mobile art van, will provide an art project suitable for all ages. Don't miss out on this fun activity!

Sun., June 28: Walking Tour on Foraging in Dover

2:00 p.m. Meet at the Osborn Learning Center

Stephanie West will lead a foraging walk through Cahoon Memorial Park highlighting what pioneers had to endure and search for in the early days of Dover Township. Please wear appropriate shoes and clothing for the walk.

General Membership Meeting Updates

A proposal has been made to amend the bylaws of the Bay Village Historical Society, for consideration at the general membership meeting on Thursday, May 21.

The proposal reads:

“That Article IV, Section 1, be amended as proposed: That the position of “Director” be amended to “Executive Director.”

Article IV of the bylaws would then read:

Article IV Officers and their Election Section 1.

a) The officers of the society shall be:

- Executive Director
- President
- Vice president
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Four (4) trustees

A vote in the affirmative by a majority of members is required for passage.

Per Article IV of the bylaws, the nominating committee of the Bay Village Historical Society recommends the following candidates for office, to be confirmed at the society’s general membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21:

President	No candidate; Cynthia Eakin serves through 2027
Vice president	No candidate; Doug Gertz serves through 2027
Secretary	No candidate; Sue Jachnick serves through 2026
Treasurer	No candidate; Eric Eakin serves through 2026
Executive Director	No candidate; Cathy Flament serves through 2027
Four (4) trustees:	No candidates. Marie Albano serves through 2026; Monica Thomas serves through 2027; Pamela Ebert serves through 2026; Diane Pavan serves through 2027.

Kite extravaganza at Bay Days 2026

The Bay Village Historical Society will be sponsoring a kite extravaganza as part of Bay Days 2026.

The event will be held on Thursday, July 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the soccer fields west of Bay Days in Cahoon Memorial Park (south of Lake Road and west of Cahoon Road), weather permitting. If there is rain, meet at the soccer field pavilion on Yoder Blvd.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest kite, most colorful kite, most patriotic kite, and best home-built kite. There are no age restrictions.

For more information call (216) 319-4634.



**Bay Village
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
Presents
BAY DAYS 2026
**KITE
EXTRAVAGANZA**
THURSDAY, JULY 2ND
4 PM - 6 PM
**CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK
SOCCER FIELDS**

Enjoy the elevating adventure of kite flying by bringing your favorite kite to fly or come and lift your eyes to the sky!

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Membership Renewals

The Bay Village Historical Society would like to remind its current and potential members that it is time to send in or renew online your annual membership! How time flies!

Friends, if you do not belong to the society, but are mightily impressed by what you have seen us accomplish, and want to help in the future by joining the best run and funnest historical society in the area, we readily welcome your membership application.

Members, watch your mailbox for exciting information on why your volunteer efforts and money are sorely needed, why your dues are important to the future of this society, what your dues have helped us to achieve in the past, and the varied and interesting ways to pay them!

Friends, get off the fence, go to a computer, go to the “membership” page at www.bayhistorical.com, and sign up. It’s that easy. Annual dues start at \$10 a year.

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 and foremost, 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!

