

## Explore the Rich History of Oakwood



*Horse-drawn Streetcar, Oakwood and Dayton View circa 1912*

**Oakwood Ohio is a special place**, distinctive with its tree-lined streets, historical architecture, and strong sense of community. Please join The Oakwood Historical Society in its mission of preserving the past, present and future of the Oakwood Community.

### *Opportunities and activities include:*

**Research and Outreach** – As your local historical society we strive to protect and share Oakwood’s history. We do this by researching neighborhoods, publishing walking tours, conducting oral histories, and gathering historical photographs and papers from private collections - fascinating and gratifying activities for the history enthusiast.

**Children’s Programs** – Introducing children to the wonderful world of history is fun and rewarding. Consequently, our year-round, hands-on Children’s Programs have been extremely popular and always in high demand. Every child should experience the past!

**Education** – Don’t miss our Far Hills Speaker Series. We partner with Wright Memorial Public Library to host local speakers highlighting the history of Oakwood and Dayton. In October, join us for our annual Walking Tour Program. Each year we feature one of Oakwood’s local neighborhoods - enjoy the crisp cool air as you experience the history and architecture of Oakwood. And, as a member of the historical society you will receive our newsletters that feature articles about Oakwood’s unique past.

**Fundraisers and Events** – We hope you’ll join us for our May Wine Tasting or come by in August for our annual car show, Classics on the Lawn. You won’t want to miss our Holidays at the Homestead in December - it’s a great way to ring in the holidays! These are just a few of our annual events held at the Long-Romsper Homestead. We look forward to seeing you and hope you’ll bring a friend.



*Maypole Celebration, Smith School circa 1930*

**Gardening and Cooking** – The next time you are driving South on Far Hills, before you get to the business district, look up to the right and see our beautiful Homestead and gardens. The gardens and grounds of the Long-Romsper Homestead are nurtured and cared for by volunteers - a year-round labor of love! Stroll around to the back and you will see the original Summer Kitchen which proudly boasts a working wood-fired stove. You can almost smell the bread baking!

**Long-Romsper Homestead & Museum Restoration** – Beautiful old homes require tender loving care, and our House Museum is no exception. The Long-Romsper Homestead is one of only three individually-listed buildings in Oakwood on the National Register of Historic Places. She tells the story of Oakwood’s development starting in 1863 through 1923. We can always use additional help in maintaining and restoring our Homestead. What a grand old dame she is!



*Long-Romsper House Museum*

Get involved! Please visit [www.oakwoodhistory.org](http://www.oakwoodhistory.org) or call (937) 299-3793 for more information on how you can make a difference and support your local historical society.

## Annual Membership\*

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$200

**Discount\*: \$5 for Students, Seniors and Active Military**

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### Payment Information

**Checks** - Please make payable and send to:

The Oakwood Historical Society  
1947 Far Hills Avenue  
Dayton, Ohio 45419

**Credit/Debit Card** - Please complete the following:

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**Thank you for your support!**

**\*Information about membership benefits and discounts may be found on our website.**

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## Calendar of Events – 2014

**February 23, 2:00 p.m.** § Far Hills Speaker Series - *Beyond the Flyer III - Dayton's Aviation Heritage*, Janet Bednarek, Wright Memorial Public Library

**March 23, 2:00 p.m.** § Far Hills Speaker Series - *The Classic Architecture of Oakwood*, Mark W. Risley, Wright Memorial Public Library

**April 6, 2:00 p.m.** § Far Hills Speaker Series - *Oakwood Our Home on the Hill*, a classic video presentation, Wright Memorial Public Library

**April - October** § Children's Gardening Program - Hands-on fun for children of all ages - Always a sellout, sign up early, Long-Romspert Homestead

**May 4, 2:00 p.m.** § Far Hills Speaker Series - *Your House's History: A How-to Workshop*, Mackensie Wittmer and Mychaelyn Michalec, Wright Memorial Library

**May 17, 4:00 p.m.** § Wine Tasting at the Long-Romspert Homestead - Relax with fine wines, good food and great conversation

**June 11-13, 16-18** § Children's Summer camp - Where your children experience the past: crafts, games, foods and fun - Sign up early, Long-Romspert Homestead

**August 24, 12:00 p.m.** § Classics on the Lawn - Our annual car show - Bigger and better every year, Long-Romspert Homestead

**September 28 & October 5** § Annual Photo Shoot - 20-minute private session with local photographer Betty Cochran, Long-Romspert Homestead

**October 4** § Walking Tour of Schantz Park Historic District - A unique walking tour celebrating the 100th anniversary of Oakwood's first subdivision

**October 26, 2:00p.m.** § Far Hills Speaker Series - *Public Transit in Oakwood From the Early Days to the Present*, Tom Morrow, Wright Memorial Library

**November 29** § Holiday Ornament Workshop - Make old-fashioned ornaments for display at our Holiday at the Homestead event, Long-Romspert Homestead

**December 7** § Holiday at the Homestead - Enjoy vintage holiday decorations, hands-on crafts, and festive food and drink, Long-Romspert Homestead



Lemonade Booth at The Far Hills, John H. Patterson's Oakwood Estate, circa 1903

## Make History With Us!

Join our efforts to maintain, protect and promote the stories, artifacts and environment that make Oakwood unique. As a member, you'll have the opportunity to participate in many facets of our work.

Please check your area(s) of interest:

- Historical Research and Outreach
- Event Coordination
- Education
- Children's Programs
- Gardening
- Cooking, Weaving and Needle Art
- Homestead Restoration and Upkeep
- Written Communications (Newsletters, Fliers, etc)
- Docent Tours

Questions? Call 937 299-3793



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