



The Historian

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Preserving the past, present, and future of the Oakwood Community • June 2025

Dear Members and Friends of The Oakwood Historical Society,

As we find ourselves midway through the year, I am delighted to share some of the developments and plans we have in store for our organization. Our dedicated team has been working diligently on continuing and enhancing our activities to foster a deeper connection with our community's rich history.

Firstly, I am pleased to announce that we are actively recruiting new members and volunteers. Your involvement is crucial as we plan our events for the remainder of the year. From historical tours, educational workshops, and event planning, there are numerous opportunities to contribute and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of our shared heritage.

In addition to the events, we are embarking on an ambitious project to update our beloved house museum. Our goal is to reimagine the narrative flow, ensuring that each visitor's experience is both engaging and enlightening. We are also excited to introduce the opportunity to host rotating exhibits, which will allow us to showcase a broader spectrum of stories and artifacts. This initiative is designed to keep our community engaged and offer fresh perspectives on our history.

Preserving our community's rich heritage is at the heart of everything we do. By fostering equitability, curiosity, and active involvement, we aim to cultivate a deeper appreciation and understanding of our past. Your participation and support are vital to achieving these goals.

Thank you for your continued dedication to The Oakwood Historical Society. Together, we can ensure that our history remains a source of pride and inspiration for generations to come.

Warm Regards,

President, The Oakwood Historical Society



*The Oakwood Historical Society invites you —
Oakwood residents of all ages to a summer party!*

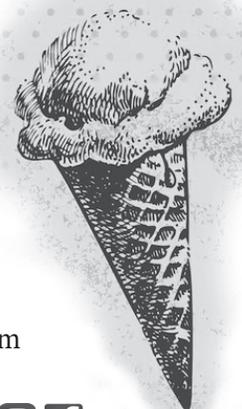
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Sunday, July 20, 2025, 3 - 5 p.m.

1947 Far Hills Avenue, Oakwood, OH 4519

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Come have a fun summer afternoon with us touring the Long-Rompert House Museum, making new friends, enjoying tunes by **DJ Dave**, chilling with some ice cream, playing games from generations past, and learning about Oakwood history. Follow our Facebook and Instagram for trivia clues and party details.



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BOARD MEETINGS

Fourth Monday of each Month
7 PM

The historical society is known for a wide
range of endeavors:

PRESERVING HISTORY

- ~ The Homestead
- ~Its Gardens
- ~Archives
- ~Historical Markers

TEACHING

- ~Children's Garden Program
- ~Elementary School Days
- ~Publications
- ~Displays at Wright Library
- ~Radio P.R. & Scarecrow Row

SHARING COMMUNITY

- ~Far Hills Speaker Series
- ~Car Show
- ~Photo Shoot
- ~Scarecrow Row

EXPLORING

- ~Home Tours
- ~Wright at Home
- ~Woodland Day
- ~Walking Tours of
Gardens/Woods

Gifts To The Homestead

Linda Pearson and Carol Holm enjoyed an afternoon with Attorney Ed Smith, Executor of the Estate of Gloria Ruth Smith, a graduate of Oakwood High in 1929 and his aunt.

Our Society was bequeathed from her a French Empire clock and candlesticks originally owned by Valentine Winters ("merchant king of Dayton"), president of Winters City Railroad and City Railroad of Dayton. He was one of the founders of the Dayton Country Club. His heirs since his death in 1944 were Winters Bank, executives until it merged with Bank One, now J.P Morgan Chase.

The Historical Society welcomes meaningful gifts.



SAVE THE DATES!

The Oakwood Historical Society Calendar of Events 2025

Mark your calendars for historical, educational and fun times!!

May–November 🌀 House Museum Tours, Second and Fourth Sunday, 1–3 PM. Step back in time and experience life from the 1860s through the 1920s. Free and open to the public.

July 20 🌀 Community Family Party, 3–5 PM. Tour “The Homestead,” enjoy ice cream, music, learn more about Oakwood history, and enjoy games of the past. Free and open to the public.

August 17 🌀 Classics on the Lawn – Our annual car show, Oakwood House Museum, 11 AM–4 PM. Enjoy a wide variety of unique vintage, exotic and special interest automobiles beneath the tall pines of “The Homestead”. Lunch will be available, and the house, out buildings and grounds will be open for tours. Free admission and open to the public.

September–November 🌀 Far Hills Speaker Series, Third Sunday 2 pm, Wright Memorial Public Library

September 28 🌀 Cemetery Tour

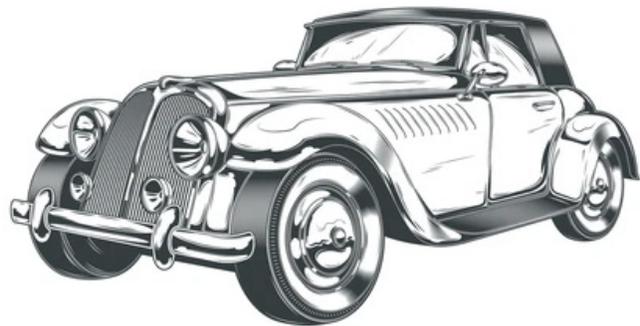
September 27, 28 & October 5 🌀 Annual Fall Photo Shoot, Oakwood House Museum

October 🌀 Hidden Parks Walking Tour

November 🌀 Annual Member Meeting

Fall/Winter TBD 🌀 Single Home Tour*

*Note: Holiday Home Tour will be biannual



🌀 Follow our social media for additional event details, updates, and/or changes. 🌀



1947 Far Hills ~ Avenue Oakwood, Ohio ~ 45419

Due to limited parking, guests are encouraged to park off site or enjoy a scenic walk or bike ride to events.

Accessible parking/drop-off is available.

'Codebreaker Month' Turing, Anderson visit Oakwood



Sir Dermot Turing, Deborah Anderson and Oakwood historical Society

An historic meeting took place at the Homestead on May 7th when Sir Dermot Turing, nephew of Alan Turing (who developed the decoding machine to break the German's Enigma Code) and Deborah Desch Anderson, daughter of Joseph Desch (who significantly improved the machine at NCR in the 1940's) met at the private reception commemorating the Victory in Europe Day May 8th. Society President Jeremiah Jenkins conducted an informative question / answer session with them.

Those May Days



Rosé in May

Oakwood Historical Society will offer guided tours of Long-Romsper Museum this summer

The Oakwood Historical Society is pleased to announce that the Long-Romsper Museum will be open for guided tours on the second and fourth Sundays during the Summer months from 1 – 3 PM.

The history of three generations that lived in the house as well as the history of the area are the focus. Admission is free.

The museum is located at 1947 Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood. Visitors can walk, bike, or park on nearby streets.

This continues the historical society's tradition of providing tours at the Wright Mansion in the Spring, and house tours late in the year, as well as walking tours of gardens and cemeteries.



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