

# Upton Association Update

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## Mission Statement

To preserve the memory of Harriet Taylcr Upton  
To provide educational services to the community  
To collect and preserve significant materials related to Harriet, the Suffrage movement,  
And women who have made an impact on Ohio History.

## ***President's Report*** By Ken Conklin

Dear Members

In April, the gavel will be handed over to the new President. It has been an honor to serve as president of the Upton Association. In my involvement with this organization, I have served as president for 5 terms and I appreciate the Board's support and confidence in my leadership.

The Upton Association is extremely important to me and I am proud to be a part of it. I will continue to watch over the House, will continue to have my paint brush in my hand, will continue to crawl around in the Women's Park to install bricks and will continue to be the official tour guide.

I thank the Board of Directors and our wonderful membership for their interest and for the millions of volunteer hours given to the Upton Association. We continue to be an asset to the community and I am sure Harriet would be very pleased. Thank you!!!

Annual Meeting  
April 10 at 4:30  
Please join us

April 20th

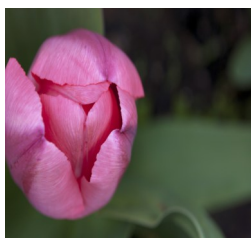


## **House Report** *by Ken Conklin*

Harriet's home continues to bring surprises. Sadly, someone, or someones, were able to enter the house without being invited. There were no signs of forceable entry. They went down to the basement and cut and took the copper piping. They did not bother to turn off the water so a portion of the basement floor was very wet and water went down the basement drain. This happened sometime between a Saturday afternoon and a Monday. Harriet is blessed to have a very dependable plumber on her board of directors who came in and repaired the damage. Unfortunately, someone had access to a key to the house. We have changed the locks and the keys cannot be duplicated. In our 35 plus years, this is the first "break in" we've experienced. The good news is.....no one was hurt and there was no damage.

## **March is Women's History Month**

It began by giving Women a Day to celebrate.....then a week.....but in 1987 President Ronald Reagan gave the entire month of March for the celebration of women—their role and their achievements in history, culture and society. In 1988, Congress passed legislation declaring the month of March to honor the women who have shaped our history. Our 2025 National Theme: "Moving Forward Together! Women Inspiring and Educating Generations". Trumbull County celebrates with a luncheon on March 22nd. Mahoning County has many speakers in the libraries during the month. Many thanks go to the women of the Suffrage Movement and the opportunities that have been given. Because of their loyalty to the cause, generations that are following are able to support and add to their heroic acts.



### **Women's Park** *by Marti Flint*

Little green shoots are pushing up from the soil at The Women's Park. Happily this means spring bulbs are waking up and will be blooming soon. The garden committee is looking forward to starting our weekly gardening sessions and is looking for interested people to join us. The Park Committee is sad to report that the butterfly bench has been stolen. Many people enjoyed the bench as it was a perfect place for photos or just relaxing and it will be greatly missed. If you would like to join our group and help plant, trim and weed at the Women's Park please call Marti at 330-772-5623

**Harriet's Garden** *by Marti Flint* The garden will soon be showing signs of spring. Now is the time to think about volunteering for a chance to help maintain the garden. If you love to work at your own pace and schedule, this is the place for you. The garden is now divided into sections and each person or group can reserve a spot and work at their convenience. We will have a quick meeting in April to discuss our plans. If you are interested please contact Marti at 330-772-5623

# FIRST WEDNESDAYS

On Wednesday, March 5th, Carane Ladd spoke at our First Wednesday Event. Her topic was “The Six Women Geniusses of the Victorian Age. They included Mary Anning, Elizabeth Philpot, Beatrix Potter, among others. We met at 9:30 for coffee, tea and a bit of a sweet as we do each first Wednesday in March, April and May.

**On April 2nd** our next speaker will be Tom O’Grady. Tom sailed as a deck worker on an ore carrier on the Great Lakes aboard a sister ship of the fated Edmund Fitzgerald, surveyed for the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, launched the first comprehensive curbside recycling program in the state of Ohio and has been promoting waste reduction and sustainable economy for thirty years. He has spent a good deal of the past twenty-five years as a student of Ohio history researching its geography and settlement, the mound builders, Ohio canals and several of its interesting characters and their stories. His topic this lecture is “The Barn Builders: An Architectural Legacy in Ohio’s Rural Landscape. Culture groups migrating from New England, Middle Atlantic states and from the South settled in various regions of Ohio and their distinct farms and barns can be observed when traveling throughout the state. The geographic distribution of the various barn types is due to routes followed into the state, geographical influences, or cultural affinities. In any case, one can identify regions settled by people of Pennsylvania German descent, those settled by migrants from the upland south, or those migrating to Ohio from New England by the type of barns and other buildings on farmsteads remaining on Ohio byways. These artifacts of timber frame construction house the remnants of Ohio’s primeval forests. This Program will be supported by The Ohio Humanities.

On May 7, our speaker will be John Kudley. John is the Director of the Aurora Historical Society and Museum. He has earned two Master degrees from Kent State University and is a retired educator having taught and coached in the Aurora City Schools for 35 years.

John’s presentation entitled “Geauga Lake Amusement Park - A nostalgic Look Back” focuses on the early history of the park as it grew from a popular picnic lake park into a family-oriented amusement park in the 1920s. Based upon the diaries of Harry Hammond, Cleveland Attorney and the primary “brains” behind the development of the park along with historic photos, the program provides the audience with a sentimental look at what was once one of Ohio’s premier amusement parks.

Come Join us for our Wednesday Morning Series. We meet at 9:30, with the lecture time of 10:00

## BRICKS

*By Diane Williams*

### REMEMBER MOTHER ON MOTHER'S DAY

What a lovely way to say I Love You with a Brick for your mother to be placed at the Women's Park. It would be a lovely tribute.

The cost of a 4x8 brick is \$50.00. The cost of an 8x8 brick is \$100.00. There are many spaces available for the 4x4 and 8x8. However, there are only 8 spaces left for the 12x12 bricks.

Please consider purchasing a brick. The forms are available in this newsletter, in the mailbox at the Park and at the Upton House.



## GIFT SHOP

*By Joyce Fleischer*

### Stop by the Upton

Gift shop when you are taking a tour of the house or at one of our Wednesdays at the Upton programs.

Explore our collection of delightfully different gifts.



Hi Everyone!

Opportunities await—get involved. We can always use volunteers at the Upton House. Some of the opportunities include gardening, being a hostess for parties, garage sales and Christmas events to name a few. If you are interested or want more information about volunteering, please call me at 330-974-2114 or talk to any board member.

*By Joyce Fleischer*

## **GARAGE SALE—SAVE THE DATES**

**July 10th to 12th and November 13th to 15th**

## **THE UPTON NEWSLETTER**

This newsletter will be published bimonthly and be sent by email to the members.

More current information will be available to the members so they can plan ahead.

The first issue will be sent at the end of September and then November, January, March, May and July. This new format will be more timely and save on printing and mailing costs. **Please check your inbox and spam folder for the publication in the middle of March.**



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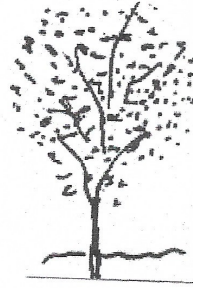
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# A Lasting Legacy...Purchase A Brick in The Women's Park

Help pave the courtyards and path in The Women's Park with bricks inscribed with the name of women important to you.



Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_. Check payable to Women's Park Fund

*Payment for your brick is tax deductible. Any profit from the sale of the brick goes toward the support and maintenance of the park. All bricks are the property of the Upton Association.*

**GUIDELINES: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.** Only one character is allowed for each block INCLUDING PUNCTUATION AND SPACES. You could describe her with a phrase such as: Extraordinary teacher; Music was her life; Founder of our village; Cherished friend, humorous or sentimental. IF YOU WISH US TO NOTIFY THE HONOREE, LIST NAME AND ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

4" x 8", 3 lines 14 characters per line; \$50


8" x 8", 6 lines 14 characters per line \$100


12" x 12", 9 lines 17 characters per line \$250


QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL 330 394 6683 – 330 240 7067

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