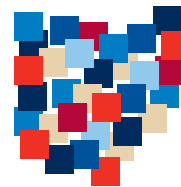


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**10|4****Friday****8am–3pm — Registration****8–10am — Continental Breakfast****8am–3pm — History Marketplace**

The History Marketplace is like “Sharing Time” at the Alliance’s regional meeting – only without the two-minute time limit! Bring a table-top display and share your organization and its activities and accomplishments with colleagues from all over the state. Vendors of goods and services for history organizations will also be in the marketplace and may have just the solutions you’re looking for! Advanced registration required – space is limited.

**9–9:50am — Concurrent Sessions****Food and Beverage Go Together Like Horse and Carriage, a Historic Site Guide to Safe and Legal Service**

Back by popular demand! Navigating the ins and outs of food and beverage service can be complicated and risky for staff and patrons. Trying to find concrete answers to your questions can be difficult and frustrating. We will start with a short presentation on general food and beverage service rules as well as where to find your local regulations and end with a discussion around real life examples and questions you may have for your site. Bring your questions, your off-the-wall scenarios - you are not alone. *Kristal Bell, Ohio History Connection*

**Coming Soon: Ohio History at the Ohio State Fair** In 2026, the new Ohio Showcase building will be dedicated at the Ohio State fairgrounds, featuring an Ohio History Connection Gallery. Hear about this exciting project and have an opportunity to participate in developing experiences that will share stories of the Land, Innovation, People and Communities who have called Ohio home. *William Mahon Ohio History Connection*

**The Next Big Challenge: Aging Volunteers and the Opportunity for Impact** When a group is small in number, but big in purpose, finding the balance between volunteer impact and intervention is vital to the success of the organization and achieving its mission. Understanding how aging impacts physical, mental and social aspects of life can empower organizations to know when to support, when to evaluate, and when to intervene with volunteers. This session will provide attendees with an overview of some of the myths and realities of aging and how to move from obstacle to opportunity mindset in volunteer relations. *Jennifer Bechtel, Office of Geriatrics and Gerontology, The Ohio State University*

**Find Digital Ohio: Advocating and Promoting Your Digital Collections—SOA** Learn about Find Digital Ohio, a customizable, no-cost digital collections advocacy toolkit developed as part of the ILEAD Ohio program. Topics will include background and inspiration, the toolkit itself, and some marketing best practices. Designed to scale to large or small institutions, we’ll share practical solutions and spark conversations about promoting digital collections. *Jenni Salamon, Ohio History Connection; Cari Hillman & Adam Wanter, MidPointe Library System*

**10:10–11:00am — Concurrent Sessions**

**Exhibit Creation on a Budget** You don’t need a lot of money or a ton of staff to produce high quality exhibitions! In this session we will walk you through the basics of exhibitions, from research, writing, and editing to design and fabrication – all on a shoestring budget. *Kim Kenney, McKinley Presidential Library & Museum*

**Forget the Best: Good and Better Approaches to Preservation** Organizations strive to meet professional “best practices” when it comes to preserving their collections. But for organizations with limited resources, achieving “best” can often feel impossible. This session focuses on how institutions can forgo the “best” in favor of “good” and “better” approaches to preservation, highlighting practical ways to make preservation a component of any collections care program even one with little to no dedicated resources. *Dyani Feige, Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts*

**Building a Youth Volunteer Program** Is your organization trying to recruit young volunteers? In this session, learn about how to get students through the doors of your museum in a meaningful and impactful way. Representatives from the Ashland County Historical Society will talk about their experience in building a successful Youth Board composed of local high school students and share tips on how you can build one too. *Jennifer Marquette & Sydney Miller, Ashland County Historical Society*

**Crucial Conversations: Preserving Undertold Stories—SOA** Join the Society of Ohio Archivists (SOA) Justice, Equity, Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (JEDAI) committee and a panel of guests for a discussion on archiving audio media related to underrepresented people. No matter where you are in the process of creating oral histories or preserving audio recordings, bring your questions!

**11:20am–12:10pm — Concurrent Sessions**

**Bringing a Local Civil Rights Story to the National Stage** The making of a documentary to tell the story of the first northern test case of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision and the road to getting it shown on 90% of PBS stations nationwide. Lincoln School Story project director, Kati Burwinkel, along with one of the Lincoln marchers will share this experience. *Kati Burwinkel, Highland County Historical Society*

**Building Projects from Need to Completion** We all love historic buildings, but we also know that they have maintenance and remodeling needs! The building that houses your organization needs to be maintained so it can welcome visitors and protect your collections. In this session, hear from Ohio History Fund awardees about their journey from identifying a building maintenance issue to getting the funding through completing the project. *Donna Harris, Over-the-Rhine Museum; Karen Perone, Alliance Historical Society; Dalton Rininger Kline, Alliance Area Preservation Society*

**Advocacy Took Kit** Being prepared is a key component of successful advocacy - whether it's sharing your site's story with a new acquaintance or asking for federal funding. Learn the basic components of an Advocacy Tool Kit, which will help you build relationships and make the case for support. *OLHA Advocacy Committee Members*

**Designing and Sustaining an Institutional Archives—SOA** Presenters will discuss the value of establishing a well-organized institutional collection that meets the needs of its organization and broader audiences. Presenters will detail the processes that allowed them to effectively establish the institutional collection at the Shaker Historical Society as well as the elements they developed to create a sustainable solution. Discussed elements will include securing funding, conducting an inventory, archival appraisal and processing, legal considerations, and the user-centered elements that contribute to a sustainable and usable institutional collection. *Brianna Treleven & Rachel Sykes, Shaker Historical Society*

## 12:30–1:45pm — Lunch & Keynote Address **Ulysses Grant Dietz**

Ulysses Grant Dietz served as curator of Decorative Arts at The Newark Museum from 1980 until 2017, and was appointed Chief Curator in 2012. He received his BA in French from Yale University in 1977, and his MA in American Material Culture from the University of Delaware's Winterthur Program in 1980. As the curator of 114 exhibitions covering all aspects of the decorative arts from colonial to contemporary, he studied and collected furniture, silver, base metals, glass, ceramics, textiles, and jewelry. He is particularly proud of his work on the Museum's National Historic Landmark Ballantine House, built in 1885. The Ballantine House was reinterpreted between 1992 and 1994 with a groundbreaking installation called *House & Home*.

Mr. Dietz has published numerous articles on decorative arts, drawn from the Newark Museum's nationally known collections. His most recent publications are *Masterpieces of Art Pottery, 1880-1930*, from the Newark Museum in 2009, and *Dream House: The White House as an American Home*, released in September 2009 by Acanthus Press in New York. His last book as curator was *Jewelry from Pearls to Platinum to Plastic*, published in 2017. His most recent publication is a memoir, *Growing Up Grant: A Gay Life in the Shadow of Ulysses S. Grant*. Mr. Dietz is a great-great grandson of Ulysses and Julia Grant. He is a trustee of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University, and of the Society of Presidential Descendants.

## 2:00–2:50pm — Concurrent Sessions

**Preparing A Successful Bid For State Capital Budget Dollars** Jason Warner, Director of Strategic Engagement with the Greater Ohio Policy Center (GOPC), will provide attendees with a “101 on the Capital Budget,” as well as case study examples of small communities utilizing capital budget dollars for thoughtfully-planned projects, including their planning steps and process to secure funds. This session will walk attendees step-by-step through the process of identifying projects, lobbying lawmakers for project funding, and securing funding from state agencies once budgeted. *Jason Warner, Greater Ohio Policy Center*

**Keynote Follow-Up Discussion** Join Ulysses Grant Dietz for further discussion of the themes and topics covered in his keynote address.

**Crafting a Reimagined Cemetery Tour** As people look for personal ways to connect with history, organizations are turning to innovative storytelling opportunities – like cemetery tours. New approaches can offer guests in-depth stories from diverse perspectives. Learn how to create or reimagine your tour with lessons from Mahoning Valley Historical Society's popular Oak Hill Cemetery Tour. *Traci Manning, Mahoning Valley Historical Society*

## 2:00–4:00pm — Workshop

**Intersectional DEI Mini-Workshop—SOA** Diversity and Inclusion must be intersectional to be successful. The speaker will discuss strategies for management/leadership and staff for how to create a truly diverse and inclusive environment that fosters and supports social justice efforts. Change comes from a thousand little acts, not one giant leap. Michelle will talk about small ways to build big changes and shift institutional thinking. *Michelle Ganz, Dominican Sisters of Peace*

## 3:10–4:00pm — Concurrent Sessions

**Charting Paths: Co-Creating the Future of Education in Museums** Explore the collaboration between the Ohio History Connection and Tribal representatives as they co-create education resources highlighting tribal sovereignty, culture, and deep ancestral connections. This session provides insights into relationship-building with Tribal representatives and co-creation best practices. Join us in this journey of empowerment through collaborative storytelling and education. *Carla Mello & Trevor Rhodes, Ohio History Connection*

**Deaccessioning Basics or How to Declutter Your Museum with a Purpose** Most museums have collections built up over time from many unknown or unwanted sources. Removing materials from storage can be a scary and daunting endeavor. The speaker will share some of his tips and techniques used to properly deaccession materials gleaned from over 30 years in the field. *Ronald Marvin, Jr., Wyandot County Historical Society*

**Running an Event Space** Have you been thinking about providing event rentals of your space as a way to provide income and share your space with the public? In this session you'll hear about what the Delaware County Historical Society has learned and accomplished as they manage their event space, The Barn at Stratford. *Donna Meyer, Delaware County Historical Society*

## 4:00pm — Alliance Annual Business Meeting

### 4:45pm — Ice Cream Social!

After the hard work of the business meeting, enjoy an icy treat as you meet and mingle with fellow museum leaders and public historians. The social will be held at Quest Conference Center. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required.

**8:00am–3:00pm — Registration**

**8:00–10:00am — Continental Breakfast**

**8:00am–3:00pm — History Marketplace**

*(see Friday for description)*

**9:00–9:50am — Concurrent Workshops**

**So You Want To Write a Book** Are you interested in submitting a proposal to Arcadia Publishing/The History Press for a local history book about your site or region? Join Kim Kenney, Executive Director of the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum and author of 9 books, for a session that will demystify the process. Learn how to craft a successful proposal, create partnerships, and navigate your project from coming up with an idea to selecting cover art -- and everything in between. *Kim Kenney, McKinley Presidential Library & Museum*

**America 250: Projects and Partnerships** With just two years to go until 2026, it's time to be thinking about your plans for the commemoration! Get inspired for your own planning by hearing about the individual projects and the county-wide coalition planning toward America 250 in Licking County. *Sarah Hinkelman, Newark Earthworks and Flint Ridge, Ohio History Connection; Belinda Gore, The Great Circle Alliance; Megan Hancock, Denison Museum*

**Making Choices: Which Collections Database is Your Right Fit?** If you're looking to move beyond an Excel spreadsheet or wondering if it's time to change from your existing collections management system, the choice can be difficult! This presenter will cover her experience searching for and finding the right software for the collection she was managing. *Marlise Schoeny, Ohio History Connection*

**10:10–11:00am — Concurrent Sessions**

**Connecting with the Ohio History Service Corps** Did you know that Ohio has one of the few history-focused AmeriCorps programs in the country? It's true! Come to this session to learn more about the Ohio History Service Corps, how to connect with them, and how they can help you. The panel will include insights about hosting a member at your site and how to access help from members in your region. *Dr. Betsy Hedler, Ohio History Connection; Liz Schultz, Oberlin Heritage Center; Ashley Aldrich, Lillian E. Jones Museum*

**Public Displays of HISTORY: Creating a Permanent Heritage Trail** History surrounds us, but it isn't always obvious...unless you are in downtown North Canton where 12 permanent panels have been installed throughout the city highlighting important people, events, and organizations that have shaped the town's history. This session will detail the process of creating a permanent heritage trail. *Megan Pellegrino, Hoover Historical Center, Walsh University; Kelly Odegard, North Canton Heritage Society*

**Celebrating Ohio through 12-Month Themes** Each month in 2026, America 250-Ohio will celebrate a different aspect of how Ohio has contributed to the United States for 250+ years. We're inviting museums, cultural centers and history-related sites to align your 2026 programming with one or several of the 12-month themes. Our goal is to create an engaging, year-long 250th celebration for all Ohioans, and we want you to be part of it! Join us for a world café style workshop where we'll brainstorm ideas for highlighting content, developing program partnerships and celebrating our state's accomplishments. Participants will leave with a toolkit of strategies, ideas, and inspiration to align your dynamic programming with the 12-month themes. *Chris Hurtubise, Communications Director, Ohio Commission for the U.S. Semiquincentennial*

**11:20am–12:10pm — Concurrent Sessions**

**Lafayette 200** Lafayette 200 is the bicentennial commemoration of the Marquis de Lafayette's grand tour of the United States in 1824-25. Beginning August 2024, members of the American Friends of Lafayette will celebrate, commemorate and educate through city-by-city festivities highlighting his remarkable life as an abolitionist, feminist and human rights advocate. Join Marietta's AFL Representative to learn about the Ohio portion of Lafayette's trip and how the 13-month celebration planning is being coordinated across 24 states, and ideas on how to use virtual assets to enhance your America 250 planning. *Erin Augenstein, Northwest Territory Museum Society*

**Having Difficult Conversations with Visitors: Using the Reframing History Toolkit** Explore the American Association for State and Local History's Reframing History Toolkit - an evidence-based resource kit that explains what history is, how we come to understand the past, and why it matters to society. Learn how the toolkit was produced, how to incorporate its ideas and suggestions into your planning, and recommendations for communicating history to a wide and inclusive audience. *Traci Manning, Mahoning Valley Historical Society*

**Collecting History that's Happening Now** Many local history organizations don't think of the present or recent past as part of their purview, but the present will become historical sooner than we'd like to think, and excluding the recent past means cutting marginalized communities out of the conversation, particularly the LGBTQ community and recent immigrants. Learn more about the benefits of adjusting your collection's timeframe, both to create a more complete picture of the past and to ensure that new members feel like they can see themselves in the archives. *Megan Sheeran, Columbus Metropolitan Library*

**12:30–1:45pm — Ohio Local History Alliance Outstanding Achievement Awards Luncheon**

The annual awards luncheon, part of the Alliance's Annual Meeting and Conference for over two decades, honors great people and great projects that inspire fascination with community history. But the luncheon is more than honored recognition for the winners and a good meal for everybody; the luncheon is a font of ideas – inspired by award winners and by conversations around the table. Join us!



## 2:00–4:00pm — Concurrent Workshops

### Oral Histories Today: Modern Workflow for a Timeless Art

Oral history is a way to learn about past events directly from the people who lived them. In this workshop you'll learn how to ask questions, record, edit, and share your oral histories. We'll also discuss how modern technologies can make the process simpler. Like collectibles an oral history's value increases with time. The voices of today become the voices of long ago and find new meaning to future generations. Come learn about oral histories in this workshop. *Cameron Wood, Story Collective Coordinator, Ohio History Connection*

### You CAN Handle the Truth: Navigating The Realities of Federal Grants as a Small Museum

Using its grant-funded National Endowment for the Humanities collections project as a case study, IWASM will share tips for approaching a federal grant, including conceptualization, application, and execution. This workshop will explore the realities of executing such a grant with a previously unmanaged collection and a staff of two. *Sara Fisher, Executive Director, International Women's Air & Space Museum (IWASM)*



#### Cover Image:

A young boy with an American flag crouches in front of a crowd, as part of the mile-long demonstration called "The March and Vote for Jobs and Freedom," which took place in Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 27, 1963. The crowd was estimated to be from 15,000 to 30,000 persons with about one-third being white. Speeches, signs, and songs reflected the message of the civil rights march. *Ohio History Connection, AV3\_B16F24\_01*

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**Note: Lunches are not included with registration and must be purchased individually.**

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*Full Conference Member	_____	\$100
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*Friday Only Member	_____	\$70
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**Friday Keynote Luncheon** \_\_\_\_\_ \$40

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**Saturday Alliance Awards Luncheon** \_\_\_\_\_ \$40  
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Alliance Organizational Member	1/2 table _____	free
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## Meeting Details

### Directions

The Quest Conference Center is located at 9200 Worthington Rd, Suite 400, Westerville, Ohio; just east of I-71 at the Polaris Parkway exit. Detailed directions can be found on the website or by request from [ohiolha@ohiohistory.org](mailto:ohiolha@ohiohistory.org).

### Accommodations

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Drury Inn & Suites at Polaris for \$168/night. Booking information can be found at [ohiolha.org/alliance-annual-meeting](http://ohiolha.org/alliance-annual-meeting). Be sure to make your reservation by September 4; after September 4, the block of rooms will be released, and the hotel may charge higher rates. Parking is free.

### Scholarships

For those who need financial help in attending the Annual Meeting, two scholarships are available. The **J.D. Britton Scholarship** is for an emerging museum professional, paid or volunteer, who has worked for two years or less in a museum setting. The **Trella Romine Memorial Scholarship** is for anyone who needs financial assistance to attend. Both awards grant full registration and lodging. See [www.ohiolha.org](http://www.ohiolha.org) for more details.

### General Information

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### Questions

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### Advance Registration Deadline Monday, September 23!

After September 23, you must register at the door on October 4-5. On-site registration prices will include a 10% surcharge, and lunches and event tickets will be provided on an as-available basis.

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