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Hale Farm & Village

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At the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS), history happens every day, and you are part of the story. WRHS creates opportunities for audiences of all ages to explore, celebrate, experience, and preserve the history of our region. Thanks to your generous support, WRHS continues to thrive. In fiscal year 2022/2023, many experiences highlight the diversity of our region and collections including:

- The return of Civil War Weekend and Made in Ohio Arts & Craft Festival, which attracted more than 190 vendors and over 10,000 visitors to Hale Farm over Labor Day Weekend.
- The continuing celebration of the 50th anniversary of the African American Archives Auxiliary of WRHS (AAAA) with yearlong programming, including the Allen Cole photography exhibit, “Partnerships, Portraits, and the Power of Photojournalism: Black History According to Allen E. and Frances T. Cole.”
- Educational programming for thousands of students at WRHS.
- “The Golden Age of Cleveland Art: 1900-1945” exhibit reflected Cleveland’s growth as a city in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

We continue to invest in WRHS people and places including advancing numerous priority Collection Management and Capital Projects, safeguarding historical buildings and grounds, improving accessibility, and creating new revenue streams to support operations. About $3,000,000 in capital improvement projects are planned for FY23 and FY24 including the Meetinghouse Restoration Project, the Pottery Kiln at Hale Farm & Village, as well as upgrades to Shandy Hall and the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum. Your tax-deductible contribution makes these experiences and improvements possible! For further information, please call Glenn Anderson Jr., Senior Vice President of Advancement at 216-721-5722 x1401 or Christie Gound, Advancement Manager at 216-721-5722 x1501. Please know that you can contribute online at www.wrhs.org/product/donation or by wire transfer. Thank you again for your important and meaningful support of the Western Reserve Historical Society.

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Explore the tangible history of Northeast Ohio at the Cleveland History Center. Discover our vast archives in the WRHS Library, create memories with a ride on the historic Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel, and step into our city’s prosperous past at the Hay-McKinney Mansion. Each gallery at the Cleveland History Center is filled with stories of real people doing extraordinary things including these exhibits: Partnerships, Portraits, and the Power of Photojournalism: Black History According to Allen E. and Frances T. Cole; Black Moses: The Art of Rev. Albert Wagner; Dressed for the Job: Clevelanders in Uniform; Carl & Louise Stokes Making History, Cleveland Starts Here®; and Women and Politics | Empowered to Vote, Empowered to Lead. Additionally, the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum will showcase a new exhibit over the winter titled Porsche 911: The Evolution of an Icon. These exhibits and full calendar of complementary programs and events are sure to make your next trip to the Cleveland History Center a memorable one.
Explore Hale Farm & Village, our living history museum that preserves and shows 19th century life in the Western Reserve. Visitors travel at their own pace through nearly 100 acres of rolling hills and 34 historical buildings. On site costumed interpreters facilitate demonstrations and seasonal events. Kick off the start of spring with breakfast at the Maple Sugar Festival and Pancake Breakfast; enjoy a day of shopping at Made in Ohio, the region’s premier Arts & Crafts Festival; travel back in time at Civil War Weekend; and explore Native American culture and traditions at Native American Cultural Weekend.

“You enter Hale Farm & Village it is like stepping back through time. It provides a glimpse into the simplistic beauty and craftsmanship that defined our Western Reserve in the late 1800’s. I was delighted to help secure funding for this Cranz Farm project at Hale Farm & Village and know that it will delight and attract visitors to our area.”

- Senator Kristina Roegner
"I am grateful for my work at the Cleveland History Center for the last four years through the partnership with St. Martin de Porres work/study program. Here they have helped me grow as a researcher and prepared me to navigate my work and college life. I collaborated with Dr. Regennia Williams, the museum’s Distinguished Scholar of African-American History and Culture, on a bibliography and short essay to encourage further study of a sacred jazz artist, assisted the education department in hosting various school programs, and learned about the inner workings of the museum."

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For over 150 years, we have guarded our collective history with the immeasurable help of esteemed benefactors like you. Through a planned giving legacy gift, you can join other passionate supporters to ensure access to our collections, exhibitions, and educational programs for generations to come. It is our greatest hope that after you provide for your loved ones, you consider continuing your lifetime donations with a legacy gift to WRHS. Everyone who shares their intention to make a gift in will to WRHS is invited to join the Guardian Society which honors the benefactors who support the future of WRHS. Members receive recognition in the annual report and are invited to special events.

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In my adult years I have come to learn of the true importance of the Western Reserve Historical Society and the valuable history resources collected and maintained by the Society. As long as Cleveland’s oldest existing cultural institution (WRHS) continues to place value on collecting, maintaining, and sharing the diverse history of the Western Reserve and its resources, my family will be involved and support this great work.”

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Ed’s career at WRHS began in February 1995 when he became head of its educational program, and he worked to make that program more interactive and engaging. He would remain at WRHS until his retirement in January 2020, assuming a variety of leadership positions. Given his wide interests as an historian and experience at major national museums – and his exuberant enthusiasm – he was capable of almost anything. He oversaw exhibits in every department and location of WRHS, was central to planning new galleries and museum ventures, and was always focused on creating new, attractive and well-grounded historical experiences. It is not an overstatement to say that Ed was central to making WRHS a more enjoyable, interactive, and historically “conscious” institution.

Yet, above all, it was Ed’s personality that really resonated with the staff who worked with him. He had an infectious “can do” attitude and a deep humanity that encompassed family, friends, and his beloved four-legged companions. He took adversity in stride and despite any difficulties, he saw beyond them.

Siegfried began work as a Cabinetmaker in the maintenance department in 1959 for WRHS to fill a temporary position to last only for 6 weeks. In the late 1960’s Siegfried took the small museum from a single house and a few barns to a living history museum with a village created from historic buildings moved from throughout the Connecticut Western Reserve area of Ohio with live historic crafts, costumed interpreters and a variety of special events. As what has become to be known as Hale Farm & Village grew, so did Siegfried’s role; becoming Director of Properties for WRHS and overseeing the restoration and operation of properties such as James A. Garfield House, Shandy Hall, and Loghurst. Siegfried was a believer that history should be experienced and presented in a way as to make it alive, tangible, and accessible. He was a member and worked with many museum organizations and associations to help further history, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Northeastern Ohio Inter-Museum Council. In addition to museums Siegfried also had a dream to preserve the natural and historical beauty of the Cuyahoga River Valley and lobbied with U.S. Congressmen and U.S. Senators to create the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area which eventually became the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.
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