



Heritage News

Gas Lamp Restoration Wins State Award

Glendale's amazing Gas Lamp Restoration was one of 13 projects in Ohio honored with an Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office Award at a luncheon in Columbus on November 10. It took nearly four years and 500+ volunteer hours to restore 117 historic cast-iron gas lamps, which mostly date from the 1890s. GHP committed \$15,000 to cover the cost of materials, supplies and sandblasting.

Led by Rachel Schmid in collaboration with Tom Alderfer, Glendale's longtime Public Works supervisor, the project was carried out by a group of volunteers including Rachel's husband Dave Schmid, Nancy Macenko, Mike and Carolyn Beaugrand, Bob Denny, Bill Skillingstad, Carol Beaird and Carl Stritzel, who hung in for the duration of the project. Ralph Hoop, Don and Mary Lofty, Mark Godbey, Jenny Mor, Frank Auciello, Ralph Goode and Jack and Sue Buescher lent a hand when they could.

It all began in 2015 when Rachel noticed that the vintage gas lamp in front of her house on Greenville Avenue needed painting and, being a veteran DIY-type, she decided to take it on. She contacted Tom Alderfer and offered to strip the many layers of paint off the lamp post and repaint it. After seven hours of work, the finished product drew an enthusiastic response from neighbors, and she noticed that many



David & Rachel Schmid, Burt Logan, CEO of the Ohio History Connection, and Don Lofty, Mayor of Glendale

other gas lamps were suffering from peeling paint, rust, broken glass globes and more.

Rachel approached GHP, then led by Nancy Macenko, and obtained the financial support necessary to launch the village-wide effort. All lamp standards were stripped of paint and rust, primed and repainted with "bottle" green oil-based paint. Each gas light was carefully dismantled and working lamp parts--glass globes, chimneys, mantels, domes and crowns--were replaced in kind.

Mayor Don Lofty, who represented the Village at the award luncheon, cited the project as "yet another example of Glendale generosity and volunteerism." Rachel, who recently moved away, contributed greatly to the preservation of the Glendale Historic District through stewardship of the McLaren House at 815 Greenville Avenue, and service on the Glendale Planning & Historic Preservation Commission and GHP board.

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2018 was a very busy year for donations. Donations are the primary way we help our collections grow. GHP would like to thank all of our donors in 2018 and those from years past.

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Submitted by Joanne Goode

Donor Spotlight by Joanne Goode

Our column this time showcases a holiday-related donation from Randy and Nancy Parks. It is a catalog of Christmas toys from the Famous Funn Family Service available through Schatzman Hardware Store, which was located at 15 Village Square for many years. The 1940 catalog (see excerpt below) along with a Holiday Poster from the store was included in our holiday display in the Depot Museum during the month of December. The motto of the Funn Family Company was “to help you pick the toys that children want.”

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GHP endeavors to serve the community by opening the depot museum and gift shop to the public. The depot is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Please consider volunteering to staff our wonderful museum and gift shop. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at (513) 407-7878 or brewer1@cinci.rr.com and I'll find you a slot that fits your schedule.

Jim Brewer, President

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828 "STRICTO" FIRE PATROL TRUCK. Has 3 detachable automatic ladders, 100' long and rubber tires. 36" long.

830 "STRICTO" WRECKER TRUCK. Has hand crank and steel chain that fits objects. Removable crane, 100' long and rubber tires. 27" long.

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838 A TWINKLE TUNE PIANO BOOK. A wonderful toy, made by TOY CREATIONS. Has 24 8-button pages of favorite songs, with built-in 8-key alarm. Keys and song notes correspond numerically. You'll want several!

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842 MAMA POPPA-MAMMA DOLL. What a sensation! This doll says "Poppa" as well as "Mamma"—says it clearly and loudly. She's all dressed up in beautiful, original, with poodles and a pig. Has beautiful sleeping pose. Born real babies. Made by IDEAL. She's 18" tall. There's never been a doll like this! If you'll just see her and hear her, you'll also want to buy her!

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Glendale Historic District Amended

The Glendale Historic District, as listed in the National Register of Historic Places, was recently amended, with final approval by the National Park Service on December 18, 2018. The 57-page amendment, prepared by Beth Sullebarger and supported by a grant to the Village from the Ohio History Connection, increased the boundary to include Van Nes Drive.

The amendment also extended the Period of Significance (POS) for the district, which previously covered 1855 to 1899, to include 20th-century buildings built through 1966 as contributing to the character of the district. The extension of the POS means that the Eckstein School, opened in 1916 and expanded in 1928, will qualify for state and federal tax credits for historic rehabilitation.

It also recognizes Woodie Garber's house on Coral Avenue as a superb example of the International Style. This amendment does not change the National Historic Landmark district OR the locally designated district. The latter already includes 20th-century buildings as contributing.



840 Van Nes Drive, west façade

Eckstein School to Be Renovated

The Village of Glendale formally closed on the sale of the historic Eckstein School on December 17, 2018. The new owner, the high bidder in an open bidding process and approved by the Village Council, is M & O Real Estate Holdings, LLC, which is based in Cincinnati. The new owner plans to redevelop the historic building into a multi-use Artists Center with art classes and studios at affordable prices. The estimated timeline to complete the rehabilitation and open to the public is 2 to 3 years.

The Eckstein School served African American children from 1915 to 1958. It began when John J. Burchenal, a P & G executive and member of the school board, purchased a house at 42 Washington Avenue and donated it to the board to accommodate black students through grade 5. Previously owned by the Verdin family since 1886, the house was modestly remodeled in 1916. In 1928, the large Mission-Style auditorium/gym was added on the front. Designed by architect Stanley Matthews, the new part was unified with the old by applying stucco to the entire exterior and installing steel windows and a terra cotta-colored metal tile roof throughout.

The school closed in 1958 after a local lawsuit that was concurrent with the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision in 1954. That decision declared state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students to be unconstitutional.