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## September News

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### Message from the President

#### HHA's 2020/21 Year Begins, with Challenges, New Perspectives & Exciting Possibilities

As September officially begins HHA's 2020/21 year, we have been hard at work with important advocacy and preservation initiatives, our annual membership drive, welcoming and orientating our new board members, and finalizing the planning and coordination of our fall and winter programs. While COVID-19 has challenged the way we interact, we are encouraged to embrace this new on-line, virtual world of communicating, educating, learning, and connecting with people and our community. HHA's 2020/21 year will be different from past years, but we are excited to share the great program events, ideas, and initiatives we have planned, for what promises to be a remarkably busy and exciting year!

In this Newsletter, you will read about our upcoming **virtual program** on September 10 featuring the historic **Case-Barlow Farm Barn** and broadcast on Hudson Community Television's [HCTV's Channels Online](#). We are thankful to HCTV for an on-going collaboration and for providing our members and the Hudson community with direct access to HHA's monthly programs. We are also studying ways to air past HHA programs and having these readily accessible to the public.

HHA is excited to introduce five **new board members**: Nora Jacobs, Nicholas Kent, Marty McCormack, Jon Ridgway, and Shelley Sedlacek. HHA welcomes this talented and enthusiastic group of individuals to our board and we look forward to learning more about their creative ideas, interests, and perspectives!

Over the summer, we launched a creative and engaging way to promote Hudson's architecture and history with HHA's first-ever **2020 Summer Coloring Challenge!** We are delighted with the responses and drawings received to date. More on the Coloring Challenge can be found below and at [Hudson Heritage Association's website](#).

Last summer 2019, the City of Hudson began studying the possibility of expanding the **Historic District** to include homes on Elm Street, Roslyn Avenue, and individual homes along E. Streetsboro Street. The study included an online survey and a neighborhood

meeting with City staff, the Cleveland Restoration Society, and representatives of HHA. The results of this initial study were presented to City Council on March 3, 2020. Additional information, including the initial survey results, can be found on the City website at: <https://www.hudson.oh.us/1199/Historic-District-Expansion>

While initial homeowner responses to the proposed expansion were low, Council advised City staff to reach-out to homeowners directly to address the benefits of owning a home in the Historic District. In early August, the City sent a letter to homeowners, which included a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheet and design standards relevant to properties within the Historic District. Simultaneously, HHA sent a letter to homeowners, promoting Historic District Expansion and encouraging homeowner support. [Click here to read the letter from HHA](#). City staff walked the neighborhood, door-to-door, to follow up with homeowners that had not responded and to provide them with an opportunity to ask questions. The results of the survey will be presented again to Council in September.

On January 9, 2020, the Hudson City School District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the adaptive reuse of the historic **1927 Hudson High School** building on Oviatt Street. HHA responded on March 20, 2020, with a comprehensive 25-page proposal for a Cultural Arts Center, identifying a unique and exciting opportunity to bring people, community organizations/groups and institutions together for shared experiences in arts and culture, youth and senior education, civic and social activities, and services. While HHA's RFP proposal was the only one received, and perhaps not the typical response seen from a developer, it was an important step forward in the potential preservation of the 1927 HHS Building. Notwithstanding, demolition of the original 1927 HHS Building and its additions to the east is planned for next summer, 2021. The Hudson community's attention and voice will be critical if there is any hope to save this building! Look for further updates from HHA later this month.

We are excited to share important initiatives with you as we begin the 2020/21 program year and we look forward to seeing you (virtually) soon!

Be well and stay healthy.

**Christopher Bach**  
President  
Hudson Heritage Association

## September Program

### Case-Barlow Farm: A Model of Historic Preservation

### September 10 at 7:30 p.m. on Hudson Community TV



Hudson Heritage Association's popular monthly programs are back, and those interested in the history and architecture of the Western Reserve won't have to leave their homes to enjoy them.

For the health and safety of everyone, HHA's 2020-21 programming year will begin virtually with presentations airing on Hudson Community TV (Channel 1021) and HCTV's online livestream ([www.hudson.oh.us/1081/Watch-HCTV-Channels-Online](http://www.hudson.oh.us/1081/Watch-HCTV-Channels-Online)). The season launches September 10, at 7:30 p.m. with Julie Linder, Trustee at Case-Barlow Farm, sharing a presentation about the remarkable 206-year history of Case-Barlow Farm and the exciting renovations

that have transformed the buildings and property into one of Hudson's crown jewels. For those who miss the broadcast on September 10, the program will be available soon after on HCTV's online archives.

Lindner will share the history of Case-Barlow Farm, located at 1931 Barlow Road, and the self-sustaining nonprofit that has operated the stunning homestead since 1996. The organization has nearly completed an ambitious preservation and restoration of "Big Red," the farm's iconic barn that dates back to 1890. Once complete later in 2020, Big Red, one of the largest dairy barns in the state, will be used for programming and events, generating income to ensure the continued preservation of the farm for years to come.



The exterior of Case-Barlow Farm's recently renovated "Big Red" barn.

The history of Case-Barlow Farm traces back to 1814, when Chauncey Case, wife Cleopatra and their five children arrived in Hudson to begin a new life on 150 acres they'd purchased from the Connecticut Land Company. In 1830, a colonial home was built on the property using bricks fired on the property. The Case family thrived, and by 1890 the farm had grown to 485 acres. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the farm served as a stop on the Underground Railroad and was often the site for local abolitionist meetings.



Henry Case Barlow and Isabel Sackett Barlow, photographed with their sons Franklin, Harold and Donald, in the early 20th century.

The farm remained in the Case and Barlow families for almost 200 years. In the 1990s, Don Barlow donated the remaining acres, the historic home, wagon shed, milk houses, corn crib and barn to the First Congregational Church of Hudson. In 1996, an effort led by

Hudson Heritage Association led to the formation of a nonprofit, which was able to purchase, save and give new life to the farm and buildings.

"Case-Barlow Farm stands as one of our best examples of the power of historic preservation," said Chris Bach, Hudson Heritage Association President. "The lessons of farm life apply to Case-Barlow's many volunteers and advocates: hard work and passion reap bountiful rewards."

"While we would love for this program to be in person, so we could see our members and friends - old and new - we know that right now, health and safety are top priorities," Bach added. "We will continue to provide our popular and informative monthly programs and continue to fulfill HHA's mission of education, preservation and advocacy. We look forward to when we can be together again."

Join HHA as we examine the remarkable history and exciting future of  
Case-Barlow Farm.  
September 10 at 7:30 p.m. on HCTV Channel 1021

## HHA Board Spotlights

### HHA Welcomes Five Board Members!

Hudson Heritage Association is pleased to announce the addition of five dynamic Hudson residents to the HHA Board of Directors. While there won't be an in-person introduction anytime soon, we hope you will read the biographies below and join in our enthusiasm as we welcome these talented individuals.

#### Nora Jacobs



Nora Jacobs was born and raised in Sagamore Hills, Ohio. When she visited her family dentist Dr. Hammel on East Main Street in Hudson as a five-year-old, she never dreamed she would one day live in a house around the corner from his office.

Nora is returning for her second term on the HHA board, having served six years from 2010-2016. During that time, she served as board secretary and as chair of the marketing committee.

A graduate of Kent State University with a degree in English literature, and a master's degree in education from John Carroll University, Nora serves as senior vice president for Cleveland-based Hennes Communications, a firm that specializes in crisis communications for organizations throughout the United States and elsewhere. Previously, she served as executive vice president of Ohio-based Edward Howard & Co., the nation's oldest independent public relations firm. She began her career at BFGoodrich Chemical Group, where she oversaw the group's advertising, public relations, community relations and issues management programs.

Nora is immediate past chair of the Kent State University Foundation Board, a former director and past-president of the Kent State National Alumni Association, past-president of the Kent State Honors College Advisory Board, a former director on the board of the



Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America. She also has served on the boards of the Cleveland Engineering Society, the Cleveland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the Press Club of Cleveland and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Cleveland. For several years, she headed publicity for the Hudson Garden Club's Home and Garden Tour.

## Nicholas Kent



Dr. Nicholas Kent currently serves as Associate Head of School at Western Reserve Academy. Dr. Kent brings a vivid worldview to Hudson, with a boundless curiosity and many stamps on his career passport. In Shanghai, at the Concordia International School, he had a 360-degree angle on education. His roles included humanities teacher, Head of Marketing & Admissions and High School Assistant Principal and High School Principal. In Jakarta, he was Deputy Head of School at Jakarta Intercultural School, overseeing nearly 300 faculty, cementing school accreditation and interacting with the Indonesian Ministries of Education, Labor, Manpower and Education. He and his wife Erin reside on campus with their daughter, Alice.

Nicholas holds a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, a Master of Arts in American History, Providence College, Providence, RI, and a Bachelor of Arts in History, Providence College, Providence, RI.

## Marty McCormack



Marty is a 20-year Hudson resident comprised of two separate time frames, 1994 to 2004 and 2010 to present. He served as an HHA board member in 2003 and 2004 until business took him and his family to Chicago for a five-year hiatus from Hudson. From 1994 to 2004 they lived in a century home on North Oviatt Street and returned from Chicago in 2010 and purchased a home on Aurora Street. His prior experience on the HHA board focused on advocating for the new library design to conform with the historical Western Reserve architecture that is typical in Hudson. While in Illinois, he served on the Lake Bluff Architectural Board of Review for two years with a primary focus on commercial development projects.

Marty married a Hudson native, Nicolle, and they have two children, Jack and Zoe, who are both college graduates and graduates of Western Reserve Academy and now live in Chicago and Washington D.C., respectively.

Professionally, Marty manages a small specialty finance group for First National Bank of Pennsylvania.

## Jon Ridgway

Shortly after moving to Hudson in 1991, Jon Ridgway and his wife Julie discovered Hudson was the childhood home of John Brown. The couple felt an instant connection to Hudson since Julie grew up in Charles Town, West Virginia, which is where John Brown was convicted and hanged for leading the raid on



the federal arsenal at nearby Harpers Ferry, Virginia, now West Virginia.

After graduating from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Jon worked in the chemical industry for 39 years. He retired at the end of 2019 after spending the last 30 years of his career with The Lubrizol Corporation. During his career he held various positions including plant engineering, commercial & business management, corporate planning and mergers & acquisitions.

Jon is honored to be on the Board of Directors of the Hudson Heritage Association. He looks forward to working with fellow HHA Directors and members to preserve the historical character of the "best small town in Ohio".

## Shelley Sedlacek



Shelley grew up in Kent, Ohio and has resided in Hudson since 1983. She and her family were fortunate to experience an expatriot experience in Brussels, Belgium from 1988-1992. While in Brussels, she was involved in numerous volunteer organizations including St. John's International School and the American Women's Club of Brussels. Her husband Bill is a life-long Hudson resident. The two have always enjoyed being involved in various Hudson community and school organizations. Bill is currently serving at the president of the Hudson Community Foundation. The couple have two adult children, Eric and Courtney.

After graduating from Miami University, Shelley worked as an account executive for General Foods Corporation, Philip Morris, Kraft Foods from 1979-1988. In 2008 she became a Carlisle Collection Consultant.

Shelley has been actively involved in volunteer work. She served as logistics chair for the Hudson-Landsberg Sister City Christkindlmarkt, co-chair of the Western Reserve Academy Antiques Festival, event chair for the Cleveland Sight Center's "Night at the Races" fundraiser, and held various board member positions including president of the Delta Gamma Fraternity, Cleveland East Alumnae Chapter and the PEO Sisterhood DO in Hudson.

## HHA Membership Drive Reminder

We are nearing 200 members for the 2020/21 year! Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships or joined for the first time. If you have supported HHA in the past and not yet sent in your dues, we encourage you to do it today.

Annual dues are critical to our mission. They help us cover the general operating expenses that bring monthly programs to the community, they fund the research of historic homes, and they support our ongoing community advocacy. Annual dues are also an affirmation of the trust our members place in us to protect the unique architecture and streetscape of our special town.

More than ever, your membership and financial support are vital to the organization's preservation efforts. Whether you are renewing your membership or joining for the first time, HHA appreciates and values your support! Your participation stands as a tribute to

the preservation of our historic city and to HHA's efforts to safeguard the architectural legacy of Hudson.

**Please don't delay**

It's easy to renew online at [www.hudsonheritage.org/membership/](http://www.hudsonheritage.org/membership/) or send a check to cover membership fees at one of the following levels:

- \$35 Individual
- \$55 Couple
- \$100 Historian
- \$100 Business
- \$250 Preservationist
- \$500 David Hudson

Mail to: Hudson Heritage Association, Box 2218, Hudson, OH 44236

Please contact us at [info@hudsonheritage.org](mailto:info@hudsonheritage.org) for more information.

**We hope to hear from you soon! Thank you for your support!**



**Hudson Heritage Association  
Extends Coloring Challenge with Prizes!**

The Coloring Challenge has been extended! - prizes will be awarded until September 30. Complete all 7 pictures and you will receive:

- A certificate of completion.
- A coupon for a free Hershey's ice cream cone.
- An HHA keychain.

All prizes have been donated to HHA!

Congratulations to all who completed the challenge this summer and submitted their artwork to HHA. One lucky artist who completed the challenge before August 31 will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Learned Owl. The winner will be contacted before the end of September.

To participate in the Coloring Challenge, visit Hudson Heritage Association's website, [www.HudsonHeritage.org](http://www.HudsonHeritage.org), and click the [For Families](#) tab. There, you'll find downloadable and printable coloring pages featuring seven of Hudson's most well-known and historic structures:

- [Brewster Mansion](#)
- [The Barn at Case Barlow Farm](#)
- [The Clock Tower](#)
- [Baldwin-Buss-Merino House](#)
- [The Chapel at Western Reserve Academy](#)
- [Presidents House at Western Reserve Academy](#)
- [Loomis Observatory at Western Reserve Academy](#)

Once completed, take photos of your artwork (include the artists in the photo if you'd like) and either email them to HHA at [info@hudsonheritage.org](mailto:info@hudsonheritage.org) or post them to Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram using the hashtag #HHAColorHudson and make sure to tag Hudson Heritage Association in your post.

HHA will contact participants to request the names and mailing addresses of the artists.

The challenge was made possible, in part, with support from Ohio History Connection and its Ohio History Fund COVID-19 Emergency Grant Program. This temporary grant program helps history organizations address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit [www.ohiohistory.org/covidgrant](http://www.ohiohistory.org/covidgrant) for more information.

For full details on the Coloring Challenge, visit [www.HudsonHeritage.org](http://www.HudsonHeritage.org).

## 2020/21 Program Dates

HHA is planning a virtual program year for as long as there are state mandates against in-person gatherings. The safety of our members and friends is our priority! Please plan to join us on our regular program dates/times (second Thursdays each month at 7:30) when our programs air on HCTV (channel 1021) and Hudson Community Television's HCTV Channels Online and anytime after as the programs are available on HCTV's online archives.

Tune in to HCTV (channel 1021) at 7:30 p.m. as HHA presents the following:

### September 10

Case-Barlow Farm Barn with Julie Linder, CBF Trustee  
HHA Annual Meeting

### October 8

Removing Gorge Dam with Elaine Marsh  
Hudson's Cuyahoga River Watershed

### November 12

History of the Railroad in Hudson with Tom Vince

### January 14

The Art of Dying, Glendale Cemetery with Michelle Colony

### February 11

Millionaire's Row with Dan Ruminski

### March 11

Women of Summit County with Leianne Neff Hepner  
Summit County Historical Society

### April 8



## David's Hudson's Family with Tim Hudson

**May 13**  
HHA Annual Meeting - TBD

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