

#### **November News**

November 7, 2020

# November Virtual Program "The Railroads of Hudson" with Tom Vince November 12 at 7:30 p.m. on Hudson Community TV

Since 1851, when Hudson became the first town in Summit County to have a railroad connection, trains have carried freight, passengers, booms, busts, even a president-elect, into our historic town. On Thursday, November 12, Hudson Heritage Association welcomes distinquished Hudson historian and Western Reserve Academy Archivist Tom Vince, who will present "The Railroads of Hudson."

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the program will be virtual, airing on Hudson Community TV (Channel 1021) and HCTV's online livestream (www.hudson.oh.us/1081/Watch-HCTV-Channels-Online). For those who miss the broadcast on November 12, the program will be rebroadcast on HCTV, with programming times listed in the Hudson Hub-Times and the city's website. The program will also be available later on HCTV's online archives at www.vimeo.com/hudsoncommunitytv.



Hudson's Pennsylvania Railroad Depot, photographed 100 years ago in 1920. Despite efforts to save the historic structure, the depot was demolished in 2013.

Vince will discuss the arrival in town of the original Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad (later renamed the Pennsylvania Railroad) and the way trains moved people and products in, out and through the town in the decades that followed, including a February 1861 stop in Hudson by President-Elect Abraham Lincoln. In addition he will describe the effort to save Hudson's historic train depot, which was demolished in 2013.

Vince will also share the story of the Clinton Air Line Railroad, an ambitious project that was never completed, yet gave Hudson one of its most unique and hidden landmarks: the Clinton Line Railroad Bridge. He will discuss the potential preservation of the bridge, located off Morse Road, and the challenges that such an effort would face.

"Tom Vince's presentations are always the highlight of Hudson Heritage Association's programming calendar," said Chris Bach, HHA's President. "For half a century, Tom has had people leaning forward in their seats as he brings our town's history to life. He is simply the best person to tell the story of the history of railroads in Hudson."

During his 50 years in Hudson, Tom Vince has dedicated himself to historic preservation and education. In addition to his 25 years as Archivist and Historian at Western Reserve Academy, he has served as director of the Hudson Library and Historical Society, where he was responsible for enlarging the Library Archives with the John Brown Collection from Dr. Clarence S. Gee, the Grace Izant collection of albums and photos taken in all counties of Ohio, and the large David Hudson Collection. He has served as president of Hudson Heritage Association and has written more than 250 articles about Hudson and its history and has



Hudson Historian and Western Reserve Academy Archivist Tom Vince.

given hundreds of walking tours and presentations. He's twice been named Hudson's Citizen of the Year. In 2019, he was one of the inaugural recipients of Hudson Heritage Association's Award for Distinguished Contributions to Hudson

"All Aboard!" with HHA and Tom Vince! November 12 at 7:30 p.m. on HCTV Channel 1021

### Coloring Pages Always Available

As temperatures fall and indoor activities become the norm, don't forget the coloring pages available on the HHA Website under the FOR FAMILIES tab.

The 2020 Summer Coloring Challenge may be over but it's never too late to unleash your creative side while learning about Hudson's historic architecture. Whether for yourself, your children, grandchildren or friends, the creative possibilities are endless! For example, design President's House with a Fall hue and later add a snowman in front of Case Barlow Farm. Spread the word and keep coloring.



#### **HHA Membership Directory Coming Soon**

Thank you for renewing your memberships or joining for the first time. HHA is pleased to report that we have exceeded 200 total members again and membership donations have increased 15% versus last year. Thank you!

In this time of uncertainty in our nation and the world, HHA is particularly grateful for your membership dollars which are critical in funding our programs, advocacy efforts and operations. We thank you for your interest in HHA and the trust you have in our work toward preservation in Hudson. We thank you also for your patience and understanding as we transition to virtual programming to remain impactful in a world upset by COVID-19.



The new membership directory is in the works and will be distributed to all members via email soon.

While our official membership drive has come to an end, HHA welcomes new members throughout the year and will publish a directory addendum in February, with additions and corrections.

Join us anytime using the online payment option that you'll find on our website by <u>clicking here</u>. Or contact us at info@hudsonheritage.org.

There's no time like the present to support the past!

## 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 or 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:

November 12

History of the Railroad in Hudson with Tom Vince

January 14

The Art of Dying, Glendale Cemetery with Michelle Colopy

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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