

REFOCUSED ON GIRARD



Last year, the board of the History Center recognized a need to refocus the organization's efforts on our 120-acre farm known as the Battles Estate in Girard. I am very pleased to report substantial progress both from a construction front as well as programmatic.

This past July, we unveiled the fully renovated Yellow House to our membership. After four months of work by volunteers, professionals, and our staff, the house has been transformed both inside and out: new painting, furniture, decorating, lighting, and HVAC.

The house is now available for classes, special events, and rentals. In addition to Yellow House renovations, we have begun a multi-phased effort to renovate the White House's exterior: siding replacement and painting, new gutters and repainting and sealing the roof.

We planted thousands of sunflowers between the two houses for aesthetic appeal and recently hosted sunflower picnics with wine and charcuterie boards.

Programmatically, we are working with a culinary theme for the estate as it pays homage to the historical roots of the property as a working farm. To that end, we are hosting a community-wide BBQ on September 28, and a locally sourced Farm to Table Dinner on September 29 and 30.

In addition, we will convert the Yellow House into a pop-up restaurant for two weekends in November. The pop-up will be in partnership with Red Letter Hospitality which owns the Cork 1794 and Skunk & Goat. We are calling our restaurant "The Red Door at the Yellow House." This October will kick off the next 12 months of culinary classes at the Yellow House with a different seasonal focus each month.

Fall is one of the most beautiful seasons to visit the Battles Estate, so we invite you to discover or rediscover this magnificent historical asset at one of our upcoming events!



Caleb Pifer
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Executive Director





YELLOW HOUSE SHINES

More than 200 History Center members witnessed the grand reopening of the restored and renovated Yellow House in Girard.

The Yellow House opened with plenty of fun in July, followed by Sunflower field picnics in August, thanks to our friends at Full Circle Winery. We also offered photo opportunities with antique tractors, thanks to Peter Burton and Dylan Fedei.

Visitors stopped for photos into September.

The second floor of the Yellow House is available for [Airbnb](#) bookings and was booked most weekends this summer. It features a two-bedroom apartment with a fully equipped kitchen.

To enjoy a unique stay with incredible views of more than 120 acres of scenic, country property, visit the listing on [Airbnb](#). It's available for \$122 per night May through November.

Culinary classes begin at the Yellow House

We've partnered with local experts to offer cooking classes, starting Oct. 3. Check the schedule below and visit our website for sign up information. All classes will begin at 6 p.m. In January and February, the Yellow House is closed for the winter but it reopens in March and we will continue classes after that. We'll provide updates as soon as we have them. Each class includes all supplies and costs \$50 per person. Sign up at erichistory.org/events



Tuesday, Oct. 3
All Things Apple Butter
- Make it Fabulous Catering



Tuesday, Nov. 6
Mason Jar Meal Prep
- Abby DeSantis Meals with Abs



Tuesday, Dec. 5
Traditional Wassail and other holiday favorites
- Full Circle Winery



Tuesday, March 5
Cooking with Maple Syrup
- Jan Woods, Hurry Hill Maple Museum



From left, Girard Mayor Peter Burton and Dylan Fedei invite visitors to see the sunflowers and antique tractors; a drone shot of the refurbished Yellow House; sunflower picnics.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 28 to 30, we have a weekend of events in Girard and Erie

Thursday, Sept. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m., join us for a Community Picnic and BBQ event at the Yellow House. History Center members receive 2 free beers with membership card.



Red Letter Hospitality X **HAGEN HISTORY CENTER**

BBQ PARTY

Hosted by **HAGEN HISTORY CENTER**
THURSDAY THE YELLOW HOUSE GIRARD

28
SEPTEMBER
5-8PM

436 WALNUT STREET GIRARD, PA 16417

LIVE MUSIC
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FOOD & DRINKS
 BBQ INSPIRED MENU
 BEER & WINE

APPETIZERS:
House Fried Pork Rinds \$12
 ANCHO CHILI SPICE, PICKLE BRINE AIOLI
Not So Standard Potato Chips \$10
 PECORINO ROMANO, SCALLION, ROASTED GARLIC, BLACK PEPPER BOURBON KETCHUP

MAIN:
Burnt End Mac N Cheese \$16
 GRUYERE CHEESE, CHIPOTLE BBQ SAUCE, JALAPENO CORNBREAD CRUMBLES, SCALLION
Smoked Brisket Sandwich \$18
 SMOKED PROVOLONE, CRISPY ONION RINGS, BOURBON BBQ SAUCE, BRIOCHE BUN
Pig Sandwich \$16
 PULLED PORK, PORK BELLY, PEPPER JACK CHEESE, FRIED JALAPEÑO
 BOURBON BBQ SAUCE, BRIOCHE BUN

SIDES:
 POTATO SALAD \$8
 CREAMY COLE SLAW \$6
 BBQ BEANS \$6
 MAC N CHEESE \$8

www.eriehistory.org/events/



Saturday, Sept. 30, Porchfest and Community Free Day from noon to 5 p.m. Patrons receive free admission thanks to Gold Sponsor Women Creating a Legacy, Silver Sponsor Erie Insurance and Bronze Sponsor Erie Federal Credit Union. **Food Truck Day** at the Watson-Curtze Mansion! 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. with Spanglish Skillet.



The Yellow House

WEDDING SHOWCASE

Saturday, September 30
 1 to 3 p.m.
 436 Walnut St., Girard, PA

Featuring the talents of:
 Red Letter Hospitality, Jessica Hunter Photography, Copper Carriage, We Weddings & Events, The Dollhouse at Pointe Four Vintage Boutique, Primo Tailoring, The Brig Cigar Lounge
 ... and more!

Enter to Win!

Saturday, Sept. 30, Join us for The Yellow House Wedding Showcase from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at 436 Walnut St., Girard, Pa. This event is free and open to the public! The Cork 1794, Jessica Hunter Photography, Copper Carriage, Primo Tailoring, The Dollhouse at Pointe Four Vintage Boutique, The BRIG Cigar Lounge, WE Wedding and Events and more will be on hand to help make your wedding vision come to life. There will be champagne and giveaways!

Register at eriehistory.org/events



Friday, Sept. 29 & Saturday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.

Seats are selling fast! Hurry! Join us and our partners at Red Letter Hospitality The Cork 1794 for our 2nd Annual Farm to Table Dinner Experience at the Circa 1857 Yellow House in Girard! Enjoy a locally sourced five-course dinner paired with delicious wine.

Tickets: eriehistory.org/events

OCTOBER EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m., Eric Rivet speaks about the Ohio's Western Reserve (And Why It's Called the Connecticut Western Reserve) at Jefferson Education Society.



Join Chief Curator of the Cleveland History Center for a discussion about the fascinating history of the region from its beginnings in the 17th century, and see some of the rarest treasures in the Western Reserve Historical Society's collection including early maps of the Western Reserve. This FREE event is in collaboration with the Jefferson Society, 3207 State St.

Visit the [JES website](#) to register.



"Wicked Erie Tour" is modeled on last year's popular *More Murder and Mayhem* walking tours conducted by Justin Dombrowski, local author of multiple books including his newest book "Wicked Erie." Thanks to our Gold Sponsor WJET-TV and

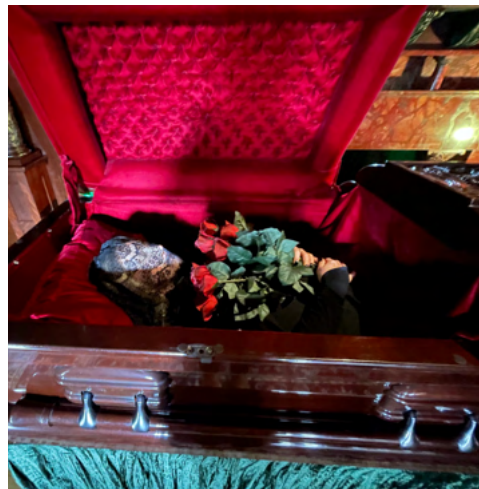
Bronze Sponsor Erie Federal Credit Union. Visit our [website](#) for updates.



Wednesday, October 11, 5:30 p.m., Canalside Readers book club discussion of "Frank Lloyd Wright: A Biography by: Meryle Secret" in the Wood-Morrison House Presidents Room.

Sunday, October 15, noon to 5 p.m., Victorian Halloween in the mansion. If you saw our coffin in the mansion last year, we're bringing it back.

It's time to take a spirited look at Victorian traditions of life and death in the Watson-Curtze Mansion. Our entire campus will be open for a \$2 admission charge, thanks to our Gold Sponsors WJET-TV and Women Creating a Legacy & Bronze Sponsor Erie Federal Credit Union. Hours: Noon to 5 p.m.



Monday, October 16, 5 p.m., Curtze Circle member tour of the newly renovated Sommerheim Pumping Station (Richard S. Wasielewski Water Treatment Plant) at the foot of Sommerheim Drive in Millcreek Township. This tour is open to Curtze Circle members only. It was originally constructed in 1932. **To join the Curtze Circle, call Geri Cicchetti at 814-454-1813.**

Monday, October 23, Glenwood Hills tour, 5 p.m. Join us for a walking tour of one of Erie's most iconic neighborhoods. \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Thanks to our Gold Sponsor WJET-TV and Bronze Sponsor Erie Federal Credit Union. Visit our [website](#) for updates.



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EVENTS



Nov. 3-4 and Nov. 9-10
“The Red Door at the Yellow House” pop-up restaurant for two weekends
 Our partnership with Red Letter Hospitality, which owns the Cork 1794 and Skunk & Goat, will have a scrumptious and creative menu for you! Visit our [website](#) for updates.



Thursday, Nov. 30 to Sunday, Dec. 3
Victorian Holidays

Our entire Erie campus will be open for a \$2 admission charge during Victorian Holidays from Dec. 1 through Dec. 3, thanks to our Gold Sponsors Erie Federal Credit Union and Women Creating a Legacy and Silver Sponsor Erie Insurance. Hours: Thursday, Nov. 30: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 1: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. to coincide with lighting of the tree in downtown Erie; Saturday, Dec. 2: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 3: Noon to 5 p.m. Decorations will remain until January 7.



THANK YOU

Wednesday, Nov. 15, Volunteer appreciation night at the Watson-Curtze Mansion

We invite our volunteers to join us to celebrate their contributions to the museum from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Details will be emailed to all volunteers.



HAGEN HISTORY CENTER AND WERNER BOOKS PRESENT

HAGEN HISTORY CENTER MEMBERS
CANALSIDE READERS
BOOK CLUB

MEETS SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30PM

PRESIDENT'S ROOM - WOOD-MORRISON HOUSE ON THE HAGEN HISTORY CENTER CAMPUS

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Wednesdays, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13, meet in Wood-Morrison House

at 5:30 p.m. Join Kyle Churman (owner of Werner Books) for some reading and discussion of books to be determined. Visit our [website](#) for updates.

What we did this summer

We enjoyed seeing so many of our members and friends, and their children, on the many adventures we hosted during the summer. Here are some memories from just a few events.

In July, Cal Pifer, Laura Howard, Michele Curtze and Tom New took bike riders on a tour of the east and west bayfront to visit historic and architecturally significant buildings. Thanks to WJET-TV and Erie Federal Credit Union for sponsoring! The popular tour will return next year. Make sure to check our [website](#) for updates.



We welcomed student campers

Our History Detectives Camp and our first-ever Architecture Camp were a hit!

Students toured historic sites, learned some incredible things about Erie County's history and they had fun doing it! Special thanks to our camp directors Abbie Harrington and Laura Howard.

The Architecture Campers discovered drawing techniques to illustrate building plans and elevations. They visited our friends at expERIENCE Children's Museum, the Niagara, construction sites and much more.

Extra special thanks to Dennis and Dianne Howard, Robert and Mary Margaret Scypinski Scholarship Fund, Hovis Summer Camp Grant, our volunteers and Rupp Limousine for transporting our student campers in style. Campers gave our directors an A+ for all their efforts. Camp will return next summer. But you can always bring your students to the History Center for tours and activities Tuesdays through Sundays, year-round.



LET US HOST YOUR EVENT



We've hosted multiple celebrations this year, and we have the perfect space for any size event at our Erie and Girard venues. The Ferraro and Gross families shared their recent experience with us at the Watson-Curtze Mansion.

At left, Antonio Gross and Samantha Ferraro posed on the steps of the Mansion.

Is a wedding in your future?

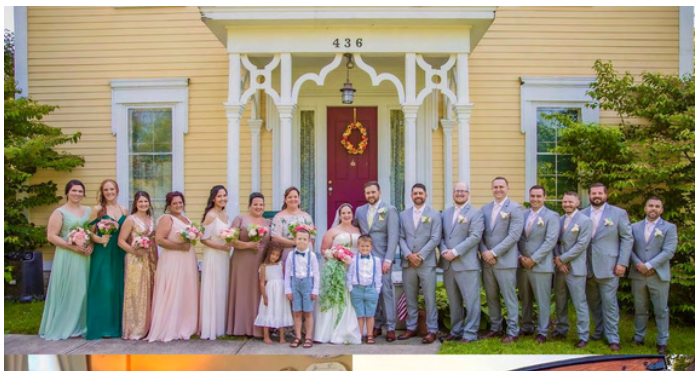
A big party? Family reunion? Or, how about a birthday party, shower, high school reunion or holiday party?

Enjoy Victorian elegance at the History Center's West Sixth Street campus. Or have a **fabulous farm wedding** in Girard at our Battles properties that sit on more than 120 acres of bucolic scenery.

To view pictures and find more information, hover over the QR code. For a private tour, contact our special event coordinator Kelly Bucci at events@eriehistory.org or 814-860-1450.



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Abbey Rae Fish and Kyle Amy's wedding took place at the Yellow House in Girard.
Photos by Mike DeWalt Photography

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COMMUNITY BBQ PICNIC WITH US



Sept. 28, 5 to 8 p.m.
Yellow House 436 Walnut St.
Girard, PA



Enjoy food, games, beverages
and our beautiful 120-acre
farm. History Center members
receive two free beers with
membership card.



Come on out for a Community Picnic with us in Girard!

Thursday, Sept. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m., join us for a Community Picnic and BBQ event at the Yellow House. History Center members receive 2 free beers with membership card. See menu on page 3 inside.

Have you visited our Carriage House Gift Shop?

If you haven't purchased anything from our gift shop yet, now's the time to shop for Halloween and anytime items! It's also time to bring out the Christmas fun.

We have a full complement of books by local authors along with games, jewelry, clothing and more. Erie-themed and timely holiday-themed items are always available.

Get your Frank Lloyd Wright themed gifts from us. We have a full stock of socks and home decor items.

Save the Date to shop the Carriage House Gift Shop this holiday season! Join us Thanksgiving weekend for discounts, raffles, and holiday cheer. Our Gift Shop has inspiring gifts for the history lovers in your life, as well as fun gifts for kiddos and sweet holiday decor!

Visitors love that you can purchase items for \$1 on up. Start your holiday shopping with us.

