

Orange Oracle

An Electronic Update from the Orange County Historical Society

Call for Volunteers:

*Outdoor Clean Up Day-
Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 am-3 pm.*

On Saturday, Oct. 1, starting at 9 am, we'll need volunteers to help spruce up the grounds of the Research Center at 130 Caroline St., Orange. Bring tools such as loppers, hedge clippers, pole saws, leaf blowers and weed eaters; anything suitable for pruning, bush trimming and weeding. And don't forget work boots and gloves.

And we always need help with scanning family research files and making them more accessible. Contact May Saxton: OCHistVolunteers@gmail.com

Three's a Charm

After two unsuccessful attempts to hold a Historical Society picnic at Maplewood Cemetery, the third try proved to be the charm. At a lovely, shaded spot, on the evening of August 28th, more than 40 people assembled to enjoy one another's company and learn a bit about the history of Maplewood, some of the people buried there, and the use of cemeteries as a gathering place. A lively question and answer period capped this delightful summer evening.

Interested in Orange County history?

Become a Society Member!

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18th & 19th Century Building Techniques Program Sunday Sept. 25th, Taylor Park, 3 pm

Our program for September features a fascinating discussion on the methods and materials of 18th- and 19th-century timber frame construction. Salvagewrights Ltd.

founder and owner, Craig Jacobs, will share with us his extensive knowledge of how structures were built, from laying the foundation to crowning the top of the chimney and everything in between.

The program starts at 3 pm, Sunday, Sept. 25, and will be held at Taylor Park in Orange. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, we will move to the Research Center at 130 Caroline St.

Our program for October will be held at the Orange County Airport. Longtime airport advocate, Hubert Compton, will give us a brief history of the facility. The talk is scheduled for 3 pm, Sunday, Oct. 30.



News from the Education Committee-

In anticipation of schools opening, the committee sent "Welcome Back" letters to all history teachers, grades 4-12, in the Orange County Public School System. The letters welcomed new and reminded returning history teachers that they have an honorary membership in the society.

The committee members were surprised to learn that since July 12, 2021, of the 45 history teachers in the system, 21 of them are new hires. That's an almost 50% turnover rate from last year to this year.