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# PROGRESS THROUGH PRESERVATION OF GREATER AKRON

## PTP May Membership Meeting Saturday, May 19, 2018

### Weymouth Preservation Society & Medina County Historical Society



Weymouth Preservation Society



Medina County Historical Society

**On Saturday, May 19, we will venture into Medina County for tours of two historic buildings.** We will meet at 10 a.m. at Weymouth School, the home of the Weymouth Preservation Society, located at 3314 Myers Rd., Medina, Ohio. The school was built in 1925 and closed as a public school in 1956. It then became the home of St. Nicholas School, which was created by the families and friends of children with special needs to provide them with education and training. In 1961, Medina County became the first county in the state to support such a school with a tax levy. Ohio didn't require schooling for children with severe disabilities until 1967 and the pioneering role of Medina County in this effort is commemorated by an Ohio Historical Marker. Local historian and founding member of PTP, Susan McKiernan, will talk to us about the history of Weymouth and the school. We are fortunate to be visiting the school while they are featuring an exhibit of 19<sup>th</sup> century boys' and girls' games and toys, along with household items, tools, and crafts. After our tour of the school we will drive to the nearby Weymouth Church, where we will view the exterior of the building. Built in 1835 as the First Congregational Society of Weymouth, it is the oldest church building in the county. Susan will provide us with the history of the church and its importance to the community.

**Next we will head to downtown Medina and the 1886 John Smart House which is home to the Medina County Historical Society.** Here we will tour the restored Queen Anne style Victorian and hear the history of the home and its inhabitants over the years. Also, the museum is currently displaying a special collection of Civil War artifacts and photos. They possess a rare collection of 94 Civil War soldier ambrotypes and 28 tintypes. This promises to be a most interesting introduction to the history of Medina County.

After our tour of the Smart House (a quite wonderful name for a house!) you will be free to have lunch on your own at one of the many fine eateries and/or shop in some of the quaint shops that line the historic town square.

**Reservations: This meeting is free and open to members and guests, but please RSVP to Alice Christie at 330-864-8364 or [achristie@malone.edu](mailto:achristie@malone.edu) by Thursday, May 17,** so that we will know how many to expect. The tour should take about 2½ hours.

**Directions & Parking: The Weymouth Preservation Society is located at 3314 Myers Rd., Medina, Ohio.** Take Ohio Route 18 west to Windfall (just before you get to I-71) and turn right. Windfall dead ends into Granger road; turn left onto Granger and then right on Nichols road. (Nichols will turn into Old Weymouth road.) At the intersection, with the lovely Gothic cottage on your left, turn left onto Remsen. The Weymouth School/Preservation Society will be on your left in one block. **There is parking in front of the school.** *Directions to the church and the historical society will be available at the meeting, along with a list of local restaurants.*