

History in the Hills – 2023 Biennial Seminar
Gallia and Jackson Counties Thursday
June 8 through Saturday, June 10
Quality Inn 577 State Route 7 North, Gallipolis OH 45631
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The John Gee Black Historical Center

The John Gee Black Historical Center is a cultural and educational center to ensure the preservation of tradition, culture, crafts, music, and art of the African Americans in southeastern Ohio and to educate our diverse people about African American traditions and about the past and present contributions of African Americans to this country.

Our House

The Our House Tavern was established in 1819 by Henry Cushing and his sister Elizabeth Cushing Foster. It was run as a tavern and inn for travelers. The tavern also served as a gathering place for the local people to get the latest news and discuss current events with the travelers. Today, it is a place to see living history. The museum is staffed by volunteers known as docents, the French word meaning to serve. Come and spend some time with the docents as they step back in history. Points of interest within the museum are General Lafayette's jacket that was left behind during his visit in 1825, the Summer Kitchen, the Tavern Room, and artifacts in the attic.

The French Art Colony

The French Art Colony is a regional multi-arts center dedicated to supporting arts education and cultural enrichment in our communities. For more than fifty years, the French Art Colony has woven creative threads throughout the diverse area.

Bob Evans Farms

Bob Evans, founder of the company, lived on the Bob Evans Farm in southeastern Ohio for nearly 20 years. He and his wife, Jewell, reared their six children in the large brick farmhouse. The Farm also has many beautiful sites – including several reconstructed historic cabins alongside a schoolhouse and a Revolutionary War cemetery.

The Welsh Museum

Our mission is to preserve, protect and promote Welsh history and culture. We are also proud to have preserved the beautiful old brick Welsh Congregational Church built in 1868 as the second home of the congregation. The Welsh American Heritage Museum was chartered in 1972, after a group of concerned local Welsh Americans bought the building that had once been the Welsh Congregational Church in Oak Hill. The first curator was Mildred Jenkins Bangert, who spent the next forty years collecting books, artifacts, and memorabilia on the Welsh settlement of this area of Jackson and Gallia Counties.

The Lillian Jones Museum

Explore the rich history of Jackson, Ohio, and the surrounding area in an active historical, cultural, and educational museum. Situated on the edge of the historic section of downtown, the museum is housed in the former home of its benefactor and namesake Miss Lillian E. Jones.

Michael's Ice Cream

A family-owned, old-fashioned ice cream parlor and restaurant is located at 371 Portsmouth Street in Jackson and has been in the ice cream and ices business since 1909. Michael's is the home of *The Bubble*.

The Gallipolis Hocking Valley Railroad Freight Station

The Gallipolis Hocking Valley Railroad Freight Station, 918 Third Avenue, was built in 1901. The station remained a bustling freight depot for the area through the ownership of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway as well as the Baltimore and Ohio and the Chessie System. The station was closed by CSX in late 1981. In the years that followed, ownership passed to the O.O. McIntyre Park District and the City of Gallipolis. In 2015, a group of concerned residents organized by Dallas (Jim) Love became involved in efforts to save the deteriorating 26' x 80' station. By 2016, the Gallipolis R.R. Freight Stations Museum, LLC was formed. Bylaws were written, officers, and directors were elected. A 501(c)(3) status was granted by the IRS. During late summer of 2016, the city deeded the station to the museum board.