



Fall Speakers Series 2018

Ross County Historical Society

45 West Fifth St., Chillicothe

Free & Open to the Public

Something for Everyone!



Mission Accomplished! A History of World War Two's Most Famous Bomber: *The "Memphis Belle"*

Featuring Raymond L. Robb, USAF (retired) currently with the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He is a free lance writer and frequent lecturer on aviation history, Dayton.

Wednesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.

On May 17, 1943, an American Army Air Force B-17 bomber and crew made history by completing their 25th and final mission of Nazi occupied Europe. Upon reaching that much coveted milestone, the plane and crew were sent home to the United States on a War Bond sales tour and became instant national heroes and celebrities. Hollywood made several movies about them, and their plane became a symbol of American airpower and will to win the war. Join us as Air Force veteran and historian Ray Robb presents the story of the aircraft (and its crew) during the war, its post-war career on display in Memphis, and its recent meticulous restoration by the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton.



May Cook

Ohio Women in the Great War

Featuring Susan Talbot-Stanaway, retired director of the Zanesville Museum of Art, Zanesville.

Wednesday, October 24, 7:30 p.m.

Elsie Janis, of Columbus, was the very first professional entertainer to perform before American troops at, and in, the front lines and hospitals of France and England. Already a movie star and the highest paid actress on Broadway, she paid her own expenses and took nothing but an occasional meal from the Army. May Cook, born in Chillicothe, was a sculptor, who did pioneering work with surgeons to restore the faces of soldiers. Mary E. Gladwin, who grew up in Akron, was a Red Cross nurse in Europe. For her World War I service, she was awarded the Serbian Royal Red Cross, Russian Imperial Medal, Ribbon of St. Anne, and the Florence Nightingale Medal. Ohio women also contributed to victory on the home front in munitions factories, war gardens, and as volunteers with the Red Cross, the Y.W.C.A, and church groups. This talk highlights their fascinating stories.

Buy Local or By River: How Early Ohioans Furnished Their Homes

Featuring Andrew Richmond, president and CEO of Wipiak Consulting and Appraisals in Sunbury, Ohio. Studied American Material Culture at the Winterthur Program/University of Delaware,

Co-sponsored by the Ohio Humanities Council Speakers Bureau

Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.

Contrary to popular beliefs, the Ohio frontier was not a remote backwoods devoid of style. Trade via the rivers and lakes, and later, the canals, provided easy access to all manner of goods produced in eastern urban centers and in Europe. While early Ohioans did import great quantities of goods, they also produced equally great quantities of goods as well. Using both documentary evidence and surviving objects, Andrew Richmond will examine the wide range of goods both made and used on the Ohio frontier and how trade networks and consumer choice played key roles in the furnishing of frontier homes.

