



# Grandview Heights/ Marble Cliff Historical Society

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## Your Local History Resource

Greetings from your local historical Society. **We are so happy to have you as a member.** I am personally pleased to introduce you to this digital publication as a new feature of the Society. **You will receive brief messages from the Society on a quarterly basis.** It will provide for you news of the Society and a snippet of local history. This is just one piece of a larger refresh of the Society's overall communication tools.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome **new Board member Marnie Hoag.** We are pleased to have Marnie joining the Board.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Kent Studebaker  
President

Look for a renewed Society website [www.ghmchs.org](http://www.ghmchs.org) to launch Summer 2021.

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## History Walks

**Take self-guided walking tours of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff**

**History Walks is a free app** that connects you to the past as you stroll the neighborhood. Explore local history, inspiring landmarks, and notable people.

A seventh tour (**Greenways Tour**) was recently launched. Discover the well known and not so well known "**green islands**" in our **communities** as you learn about **fascinating local history.**



**History Walks is a collaboration** between the *Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society* and the *Grandview Heights Public Library.*

**Download the app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store.](#)**

Currently each of seven free tours guide you through five to nine historical stops. Each tour is about two miles long. Additional themed **tours will be added** to the app in the future.

The Society was recently **awarded a grant** from the Grandview Heights Marble Cliff Education Foundation to help fund the **creation of an upcoming student/youth oriented History Walks tour** of the communities.

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## Toepfner Mound



For centuries Indian tribes buried their dead and associated artifacts in large above-ground sites, known as "mounds." Two of these mounds were **located close to Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff** - the [Shrum Mound](#) on McKinley near Trabue Road, and the [Toepfner Mound](#), shown in this 1892 photo.

This 30 feet high, 165 feet in diameter mound was located near the **intersection of Grandview Avenue and Dublin Road**, and was the **burial site of the Adena Indians**. Radiocarbon dating has set the date of the establishment of the mound at **410 BC**, and the artifacts have been associated with the early to middle woodland period of archaeology, representing over **85 burials in an estimated 600-year timeframe**.

The Mound was on the property of landowner W.A. Anderson, who sold it to W.A. Pope (whose home is shown in the background) in 1888. The land was purchased in 1946 by Studebaker dealer Joseph Toepfner, who **attempted to bulldoze the site** for a truck repair shop. His attempts were blocked for 7 years by local residents until 1953, when the **Ohio Historical Society (OHS) agreed to excavate it**. Dr. Ray Baby of The Ohio State University supervised the dig, and built a temporary structure over the excavation to keep the weather out. Many artifacts are on display at OHS.

*Moment in Time* - reprint from June 7, 2017

For more information about Toepfner Mound, [click here](#).

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## Tour of Homes 2022

The Society's triennial historical Tour of Homes will be held next in October 2022.

The tour **highlights the unique and varied architecture** of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff.

If you'd like to **volunteer your time or your home** for the 2022 tour, please contact the Society at: [ghmctourhomes@gmail.com](mailto:ghmctourhomes@gmail.com).

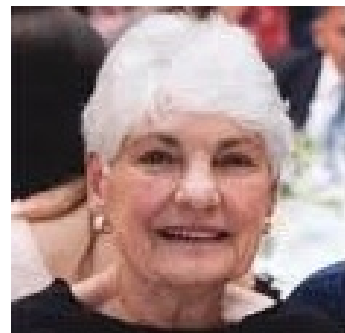


To see the homes and information from **past tours**, [click here](#).

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## Tribute to Board Member Jane Harris

**Jane Harris** was a **dedicated Board Member** of the Society for 13 years. She was elected to the Board in 2008 and served as the Society's secretary until her untimely death in January 2021. Her **dedication to the Society** began years earlier in 2004 as Jane and her husband Ron became Life Members and offered their **circa 1892 home** for the Society's 2004 Tour of Homes. Jane **wore many hats** during her tenure on the Board. She maintained the GH/MCHS display in the Grandview Bank Block breezeway. She was **quick to volunteer** as a home tour docent, man tables during Lazy Days, and represent the Society during the Summer Farmers Market. Her **outgoing and warm personality** was most evident when she and Ron annually hosted a fall fish fry "Board Meeting" at their residence and generously shared salmon they brought back from their Alaska fishing trips.



Jane Harris was a **quietly effective dynamo** in other organizations as well. She wrote in her Board Member profile for the Society's newsletter in 2008, "In 2010 I will be chairman of Docents at the Columbus Museum of Art, Secretary of the Grandview Heights High School Alumni Association, Secretary of Buckeye Ranch Sustaining Board, and Docent of the Ohio Theatre Backstage Tours. I look forward to **supporting Grandview history** through the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society." She **enthusiastically supported the Society** and **made significant contributions** throughout her life in a gracious, kind, and unassuming way.

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## Board Member Sought

**Want to learn more** about Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff and **help preserve our communities' heritage**? The Society is seeking a **Society member** to fill one unexpired Board term. Responsibilities of Board members include:

- attending monthly meetings of the Board
- assisting with the Society's events
- leading one Society activity area/effort
- promoting the Society's mission

An in-depth knowledge of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff history is not essential; however, a strong interest in **learning about our communities' history** is important. Preferred skills include marketing, event planning and coordination, and/or membership management. Computer proficiency is required. Board members receive no compensation and **serve a three-year term** that can be renewed.

**If you have interest** in serving on our Board, please send an expression of interest, contact information, and a short summary of your skills and background to Kent Studebaker, President, at [ghmchs@gmail.com](mailto:ghmchs@gmail.com) by May 28, 2021.

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## The Society's Mission



The purpose of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society is to discover, collect, and preserve information, materials, structures, and landmarks which may help to establish interest in the historic record of the founding and development of the communities of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff and thereby educate

the citizens of these communities and other interested persons.

It is also to maintain an historical archives to support the research and preservation of the early history of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff and their environs.

For more information visit [ghmchs.org](http://ghmchs.org).

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