The Ellwood City Area Historical Society has been preserving Ellwood City’s heritage since 1988, but many of the artifacts contained in the Society’s current location had been lovingly cared for by generations of residents long before the Society opened its doors.

In 1988, Robert Barenfeld established the Ellwood City Area Historical Society in 1988, stating, “Our goal is to generate an appreciation for the history of our community and the pioneers who became the cornerstone of what we call Ellwood City and the area around it. The Historical Society’s exhibits help us to realize the great heritage we have. We are proud of our history and the people who came here before us and gave us so much. They were very special people and we owe them our deepest gratitude.”

Over the years, the Historical Society’s active membership has grown and faltered, but it has always retained its devotion to preserving the past. In its current location at 310 Fifth Street, the Society displays photographs, artifacts, documents and much more that go back hundreds of years. They are a rich testament to the families, communities, industries, social gatherings and many faiths that have put down roots in Ellwood City and flourished.

Historical Building Shelters Local Artifacts

The building that now houses the Historical Society has an impressive history of its own. Ralph Stiefel constructed the building in 1908 and leased it to the U. S. Postal Service until 1914, when he donated the building to Ellwood City as a town library. In 1920, when the library had outgrown the 310 Fifth Street location, J. I. Porter purchased the building to use as a mortuary. It fulfilled that role until the 1960’s, when Porter’s daughter-in-law Martha converted it to a flower shop. In 1970, Bill Hall bought the building, although Porter’s Flower Shop continued to operate out of it. In 1994, six years after the Ellwood City Area Historical Society was formed, it purchased the building and continues to call it home today.

The main floor displays a wide range of artifacts, clothing, industrial equipment, personal letters, documents and much more in wide glass cases and along the walls. Thousands of additional artifacts are cataloged and stored in the basement of the building with corresponding computer records so that the many items can be carefully preserved and protected. One of the most revered pieces of history is the luggage wagon from the old Baltimore & Ohio Railroad property that was salvaged by ECF/EGI and lovingly restored by Robert Barenfeld.

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But the Historical Society needs the means and the volunteers to be able to rotate their catalogue of artifacts from the basement to the main floor so that visitors can see a new display each month. There are more than enough items in storage to fully support special “themed” shows throughout the year, but it takes a considerable amount of care and planning to do so and ensure that the items are properly cared for. Director Pat Shoaf would welcome any volunteer who has experience in this area and could help her keep the main displays fresh and interesting.

Serving Many Functions

The 1990’s were the heyday of the Historical Society, with high points including the October, 1996 dedication of the New 5th Street Bridge. The Ellwood City Area Historical Society provided trolley rides for public officials at the ribbon cutting ceremony. The trolley had been restored to its former glory as part of the Harmony Short Line trolley route that ran through Ellwood City at the turn of the century.

At regular meetings of the Historical Society over the years, there have been guest speakers from across the country, reenactors who have demonstrated old time equipment and traveling displays from larger historical societies and museums across the country. The Society is also involved in local education, offering special tours to students and providing scholarships to local students who write a winning essay about some aspect of local history. Past projects have included self-guided walking tours of the area and special displays based on various historical themes.

Looking Toward the Future

Today the Ellwood City Area Historical Society is hoping to expand its reach through a variety of media options and word of mouth. Many of today’s young people aren’t aware of the treasure trove of history that is currently housed in the Society’s display area and in the basement archives, but that is changing. The Historical Society recently hosted a contest to name the various mannequins who wear period era clothing. Contestants of all ages competed for the honor of naming four mannequins, with the winning names all related to Ellwood City History. You can now visit the Ellwood City Area Historical Society and meet Mary Holliday, wife of Ellwood City founder Henry Hartman; Fannie Forge, named for the Ellwood City Forge; Ellwood and Hazel Dell.

With so many historical artifacts, fascinating photographs and personal mementoes of our past, the Ellwood City Area Historical Society is poised for an exciting future. If you would like to be a part of the renaissance of the Historical Society, drop by at 310 Fifth Street between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm Tuesday through Friday and talk to Director Pat Shoaf. She’ll gladly show you around and you’ll quickly discover what some people already know – that the Ellwood City Area Historical Society is a hidden gem that, with enough support, could become a showcase for residents and visitors alike. If you would like to support the mission of the Historical Society, call Pat Shoaf at 724-752-2021 or email the Historical Society at pat@ellwoodhistory.com.

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The Ellwood City United Fund uses all donations to help those in need on a LOCAL level. Your donations will always be used for those in need in your own community.

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Peggy’s Floral has been a staple in Wampum, PA since 1960, when it was opened by Peggy Rychlicki as the perfect place to pick up a bouquet on the way home or order just the right flowers for a prom corsage. Over the years the store evolved and became not just a florist’s shop, but an eclectic gift shop as well.

In April of 2014, Valerie Hemphill purchased Peggy’s Floral from Jackie Matus, the second owner, and recently moved it to its current location at 324 Main Street in Wampum. Valerie’s decision to move to the beloved shop from its original location to its new one was practical – moving the short distance up the main street of Wampum gave the store more exposure to passers-by. Valerie also enjoys having a shop that truly reflects her personality, designed and decorated so that it offers a new and exciting style. Because the new location has formerly housed other businesses, visitors sometimes reminisce about the “good old times,” and Hemphill wouldn’t have it any other way.

Full Service with a Custom Flourish

Peggy’s Floral is a full service retail florist, offering everything from funeral arrangements to complete wedding décor and bouquets. Hemphill works with fresh cut flowers, permanent silk arrangements and green plants in order to give her customers plenty of choices. She also carries fruit and gift baskets, jewelry, home décor and sympathy items at a variety of price points. Every arrangement that leaves the shop is branded with Peggy’s Floral’s green bow with a gem in the center. The signature bow is quickly becoming recognized by local customers as a sign of quality.

Hemphill explains, “I want every arrangement that leaves Peggy’s Floral to have my signature bow because I want people to know that I’m proud of my work and that I stand behind every arrangement. Many of my customers are amazed by how long their cut flowers stay fresh. They often tell me that their flowers have stayed fresh and beautiful for as long as two weeks. I’m very proud of that; it’s why I don’t skimp on the cost of my flowers. I’m blessed that the Lord has given me a talent to work with such beauty and I want to deliver that to my customers.”

One of the most unusual requests Hemphill received was for a recent casket spray. The deceased’s family wanted a funeral arrangement that incorporated a large set of Elk antlers to pay tribute to his passion for hunting. “We never say never,” Hemphill notes. I worked personally on the Elk antler funeral spray and it was lovely. After the service, I posted pictures of the funeral spray on the Peggy’s Floral Facebook page and was amazed by the number of hits we received! We’ve had thousands of visitors compliment us and forward the photos to others. That tells me that I’m doing something right.”

A Philosophy of Faith and Tradition

Hemphill notes that her faith is the foundation of her success. “My philosophy is true faith in God, thanking Him every day, knowing he put me here for a reason. I work hard every day, just like my parents taught me to. I always try to smile even when it’s difficult because I’m adding beauty to someone else’s day. I am blessed to make the lasting gift someone gives their departed loved ones and I’m blessed to make a memorable picture of beauty in couples’ wedding photos. Peggy’s Floral can be a part of every major milestone in a person’s life; that’s not something I take lightly.”

“I’m proud every day when I open the door to my shop because I know I’ll see returning customers who depend on my commitment to quality. Carrying on the business name established years ago by Peggy Rychlicki is my tribute to the owner who came before me and who offered the same personal touch and superior products. I’m looking forward to continuing that tradition for years to come.”

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Peggy's Floral Open House Scheduled for November 19th, 20th & 21st

With the holidays quickly approaching, Peggy’s Floral is gearing up for a holiday open house to introduce shoppers to a full range of gift items, holiday arrangements and home décor accessories. The Open House will be on November 19-21, with store hours being 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on Thursday, until 5:00 pm on Friday and from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday.

You can visit Peggy’s Floral at 324 Main Street in Wampum, PA. Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For phone orders, call 724-535-8162 or visit www.peggysfloral.com.

Second Annual Fall Fest Draws Over 2,000 Visitors

The Chamber’s Second Annual Fall Fest on September 26th was a huge success this year due in large part to the hard work of Bob Rivers of National Grind and Caroline Golmic of Aflac, both Chamber Directors.

The day’s festivities included a car cruise featuring over 200 classic and antique cars that were parked along Lawrence Avenue and spilling into a few parking lots. The owners of the first one hundred cars to arrive received gift bags and dash plaques. The winning car was a beautifully restored Duesenburg owned by Bob Nye and driven by Sam Pawlowski. Another winning car left early before the name of the owner could be obtained.

Community Participation

Other activities included a horse drawn wagon ride with two gorgeous Percherones pulling wagon loads of children and adults along Lawrence Avenue. Children also loved the pedal cars and tractor pulled train rides. Rick DeLoia provided children’s activities and several area high school students donated their time to oversee the children’s activities.

Soup Crawl Competition was Fierce

A Soup Crawl featured ten businesses that put forth their best soups in a competition judged by the public. Individuals could get a list of the soup crawl contestants, visit each place and taste the soups before casting their vote. Soup Crawl participants included Shakespeare’s Restaurant, Venezie Sports, Weddings by the Color Center,
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Breaking Bread, National Grind, The Jacqueline House, Rosalee’s, Venezia’s, H&S Diner and Gyro Shoppe and Bill’s Valhalla. The winner was Breaking Bread, located on Lawrence Avenue. For their winning Wedding Soup, Breaking Bread received a $100 cash prize and an oversized “Golden Spoon Award,” which is now proudly displayed in the diner’s front window.

Lawrence Avenue from 5th Street to 9th street was packed from 11:00 am until after 4:00, with shoppers browsing local vendors. You could shop for everything from essential oils to pulled pork sandwiches and everything in between. Local radio station WXED did their first live broadcast live throughout the day and visitors were treated to a variety of music and entertainment.

A Thank You to the Sponsors

The Fall Fest wouldn’t have been successful without the generosity of its sponsors, including Pennsylvania American Water, ECF/EGI, WesBanco, MIBS, Inc. Nalco, The Color Center, T&M Hardware & Rental, Eric Ryan Corporation and Signs by Sam. These companies gladly supported the Chamber’s efforts to bring families into the downtown for an afternoon of food and fun and we are grateful for their support! Ray Santillo was also a great help in getting the word out about the car cruise. A special thanks goes to Nikki Mars, Executive Assistant at the Chamber, for taking the many wonderful photographs of Fall Fest.

With such an impressive turn-out, there is no doubt that there will be a Third Annual Fall Fest in 2016!

Did You Know….?

- Fall Festivals or Harvest Festivals have been celebrated since Pagan times
- Festivals are usually held on the weekend closest to the Harvest Moon
- In the Jewish faith, the Harvest Festival is called Sukkot, or the “Feast of Ingathering”
- In the Middle Ages, the church celebrated Lammas, or “Loaf Mass”
- Harvest Festival celebrates the beginning of harvest, while Thanksgiving celebrates the end of harvest
Young Dance Studio Owner Revels in Students’ Successes

You’ve probably driven by the over-sized, picture window at 701 Lawrence Avenue in Ellwood City countless times and admired the beautifully styled window displays. What you may not know is that the window displays are the creation of Taylor Lucas, the owner of Studio P Dance Studio.

Studio Spaces with Style

Students at Studio P are treated to beautiful studio spaces that are just as original as the many window displays that rotate in the front window throughout the year. A full wall of mirrors, a dance barre, padded floors and whimsical murals painted on the walls in vibrant colors all contribute to a stylish, inspiring workspace. It’s an inspiring setting for budding dancers.

Taylor Lucas was just twenty-one years old when she bought Studio P Dance Studio from its founder, Angela Pier. The founder opened the popular studio in 1993, but sold it to Lucas in 2010. Today, the dance studio at 701 Lawrence Avenue is a thriving business that gives instruction to young and old alike.

Taylor Lucas explains “It was a real leap of faith to purchase the studio when I was so young, but I realized it was a rare opportunity that might not come my way again. Taking on that challenge was one of the best decisions I’ve made. I get to share something I’m passionate about every day.”

Variety and Professional Instruction for All Ages

Studio P Dance Studio offers a wide range of dance classes to students of all ages, including a variety of dance styles for every level of expertise. Classes in the past have included Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Modern, Lyrical, Hip Hop and Ballroom. Lucas stresses that if someone is interested in a particular style of dance, they should call the studio to see what kind of lessons can be arranged.

During the summer months, Studio P also offers special camps and clinics featuring guest instructors. For the last five years, the dance studio has hosted a summer dance camp for students featuring dance Amber Ardolino, who is currently starring in Rock of Ages in Las Vegas. She’ll be returning for another summer camp in 2016.

“We offer the highest quality of dance lessons by trained, well-rounded instructors at a very affordable price. Our classes are fun, safe and exciting and offer an exhilarating environment where children and adults can flourish. As Studio P’s owner, I get tremendous gratification from offering children the opportunity to not only express themselves through dance, but to better themselves and learn poise and grace. They will take that confidence with them throughout their lives.”

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**All Ages, Both Genders**

Although most people think of dance classes as primarily for young ladies, Studio P has plenty of young men as students as well. There are currently sixteen boys ranging in age from two to fifteen taking instruction in tap, jazz, hip hop and more. The studio’s competitive team includes 42 students of various ages, both male and female. They compete in several dance competitions in the Pittsburgh area as well as in Ohio. When they aren’t competing, these students take part in many local celebrations, including the Ewing Park Arts, Crafts, Food & Entertainment Festival; Ellwood City Light Up Night; local Halloween and Christmas parades and more. Each June there is also a recital at Riverside High School. Studio P Dance Studio’s boy dancers also perform at the playhouse in New Castle for the New Castle Mini Stars show each January.

“Throughout the year we work with our students, but we have a great time, too. They practice so hard and are willing to work to perfect a step or learn a new move. Then, at the end of the year we are able to share everything they’ve learned with their families and friends,” Lucas concludes. “We get to be part of wonderful memories that our faculty will never forget.”

To learn more about Studio P Dance Studio’s classes, visit [www.studiopdancestudio.com](http://www.studiopdancestudio.com) or call 724-752-0304.

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**Chamber’s Inaugural Manufacturing Day Event Introduces Area Students to Local Career Opportunities**

The Ellwood City Area Chamber of Commerce participated for the first time in National Manufacturing Day by arranging for interested high school students from Riverside High School and Lawrence County Career and Technical Center to visit three industrial employers in Ellwood City.

National Manufacturing Day was founded in order to, “correct common misperceptions about manufacturing by giving manufacturers an opportunity to open their doors and show, in a coordinated effort, what manufacturing is — and what it isn’t,” according the Manufacturing Day website ([www.mfgday.com](http://www.mfgday.com)). This year’s field trips were made possible due to the generosity of INMETCO, transportation sponsor for the event, and Nalco, lunch sponsor for the day. Between the three stops on the field trip, busses took the students to Ewing Park for a pizza lunch.

The day is meant to celebrate the future of manufacturing in the United States and inspire the next generation of manufacturers. In an effort to encourage students to consider a future in manufacturing and learn about the many career opportunities available in today’s manufacturing related industries.

**Area Industries Educate Students on Local Manufacturing Opportunities**

For the Chamber’s inaugural year as a Manufacturing Day sponsor, three local companies – INMETCO, Nalco and ECF/EGI (the Forge) opened their doors. INMETCO’s John Onuska, Albert Hardies and Stacy Court spoke about the many employment opportunities available at their Ellwood City recycling facility. They discussed the wide range of recycling services provided, including batteries and industrial metals. Nalco’s Scott Schawalder spoke to the students about career opportunities with Nalco, an Ecolab company, and what types of education and training are most desirable. At the Forge, students were able to tour the forge in small groups led by ECF employees and executives.

There were forty-seven students from Lawrence County Career & Technical Center and twenty-nine students from Riverside who participated in Manufacturing Day. Lincoln High School students were unable to participate due to a scheduling conflict, but Principal Michael Brooks stressed that Lincoln expects to be able to participate in next year’s National Manufacturing Day activities.
The Holidays are Coming!

The EC Chamber of Commerce Newsletter will be issuing a combined November/December issue in early November. Now is the time to order an ad to wish your customers a happy holiday!
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