

# UPTON ASSOCIATION *Update*

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## Banner at Upton House Honors Women



*By Judi Sheridan*

In honor of Women's History Month in March, the Upton House has a new banner on the front porch. It honors 4 amazing women who made their mark working towards equality for women. They were also recognized during programs at the Upton House. From Ashtabula County, the earliest woman seeking equality was Betsy Mix Cowles. She was an educator and outspoken for the cause. Also from Ashtabula, the banner honors Judge Florence Allen, the first woman Ohio Supreme Court Justice. Harriet Taylor Upton and Elizabeth Hauser represent Trumbull County in this all-star tribute to Women's History Month.

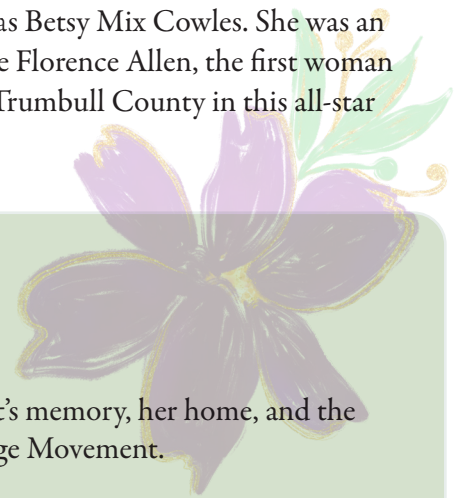
## Spring 2024: President's Report

*By Marti Flint*

The Upton is starting to become active as the spring and summer programs are beginning. Our first Wednesday programs for March and April were well received and enjoyed by all who attended. The May 1 program will be very interesting with Tim Brookes giving a talk about Pretty Boy Floyd and his local ties. Our summer Open House Program will be on June 2, July 7, and August 4 when we will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Upton Association. This is a great day to reflect on how much has been accomplished by this organization

in preserving Harriet's memory, her home, and the history of the Suffrage Movement.

I am completing my final term as President and will pass the gavel to the capable hands of Ken Conklin. A big thanks to all who serve on the board and volunteer in any way to keep this organization strong. I am proud to stand beside the women and men who saw the vision 35 years ago and have worked tirelessly to make sure this organization stays strong.



# Original Painting Generously Donated to Upton

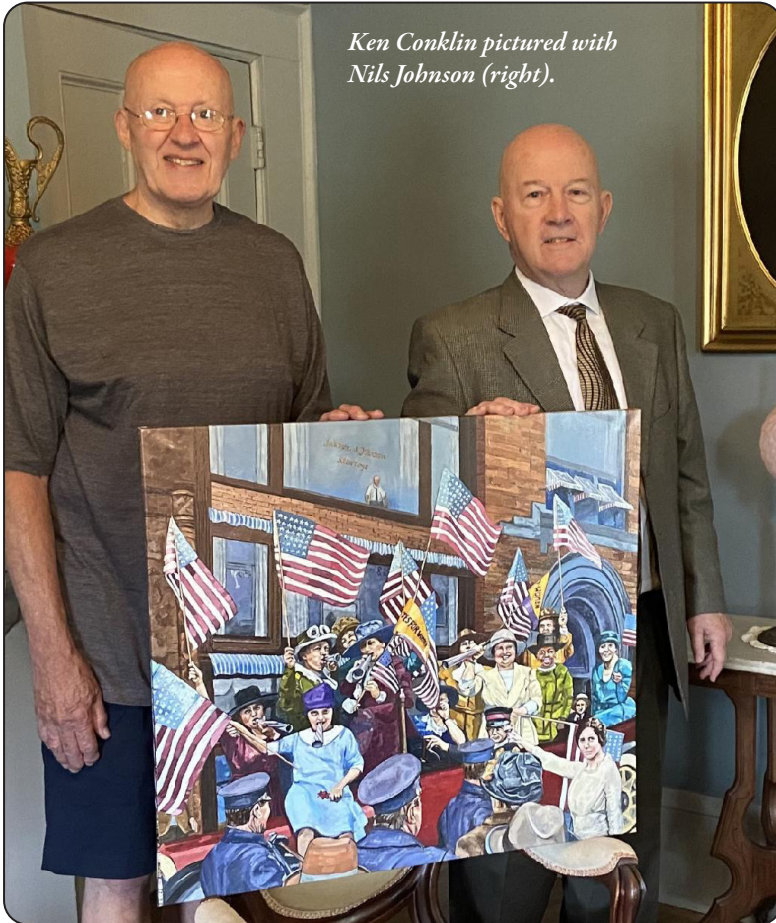
*By Bonnie Hood*

Nils Johnson, a local artist and attorney, recently donated one of his original paintings to the Upton House. The painting depicts the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Johnson placed Harriet Taylor Upton wearing a green dress and seated in the front of the car.

A three-painting mural by Johnson entitled “Century of Women and the Law” hangs in the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center. The first panel portrays suffragists demonstrating in front of the Mahoning County Courthouse in 1912. The second panel celebrates the ratification in 1920, while the third honors the 13 women who have served as justices for the Ohio Supreme Court.

Johnson said, “What these women did over the past 100 years to advance our democracy should be known by everyone.”

We appreciate his insight and generous gift!



*Ken Conklin pictured with Nils Johnson (right).*

# Series remains popular with members and public

The March program featuring Paula Jasper was a standing room only presentation. Ms. Jasper was impressive as Francis Perkins as she told the struggles and triumphs of this intriguing woman. The program was created especially for our lecture.

On April 3, Roger Peterson will present a talk on the background and people who were behind the Boston Tea Party. The Tea Party was 150 years ago last December 16.

The May 1 program will be taking us to East Liverpool, Ohio, to hear about the life and times of “Pretty Boy” Floyd. Timothy Brookes, local historian from East Liverpool, will fill us in on the details of his final end. Was he misunderstood or a product of his times?

All programs begin with coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. and program at 10 a.m. You can look forward to more interesting talks in October and November.



*Paula Jasper portrays Francis Perkins*



# House Report

By Ken Conklin

Harriet's home continues to keep us busy with minor and major projects. Our biggest project is the installation of four (yes 4) furnaces and air-conditioning units. The furnaces are in and keeping Harriet's home nice and toasty. Before summer, the air conditioning units will be installed. This work was done by Phillips Heating.

We also have contracted with Boak and sons Roofing to install a new roof on the Upton House.

The financing for these projects has been supported by the Trumbull County Commissioners through the American Rescue Plan...AND...through the generosity of dedicated members of the Upton Association.

These projects will ensure that the Upton House will be around for many more years for future generations to enjoy.

On behalf of the Upton Board of Directors, I thank everyone who contributed financially to this project. THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Your support of the Upton is greatly appreciated.

# SPRING LUNCHEON SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 4

By Judi Sheridan

Save the date for Saturday, May 4 as we host our annual spring luncheon. The lunch will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Invitations will be in the mail in early April and seating is limited to 40.

The speaker will be Professor Kimberly Hamlin from Miami University and she will tell us about the life of Helen Hamilton Gardner. There are so many interesting women who worked tirelessly for equality who we need to hear about. Join us for this annual event.



Professor Kimberly Hamlin



## Membership Report

By Sandy Mahaffey

We had a successful membership drive beginning in January. Success means our membership is strong and thriving against all the pressures of today. It always impresses me to realize we have wonderful members who recognize the importance of maintaining Harriet's home and gardens. We call her home the Jewel of Warren. How fitting. Thank you to all who rejoined and are supporting her beautiful home.

## Volunteers Needed

By Joyce Fleischer

Devoted, involved, helpful, and hard-working are a few words that describe our volunteers. Our volunteers make an immeasurable difference in people's lives. We can always use volunteers to help fulfill the Upton Association Mission. You can contact me at 330-974-2114 if you are interested or talk to any board member about volunteering.

## Visit the Upton Gift Shop

By Joyce Fleischer

Stop by the Upton Gift Shop the next time you're at one of our events or taking a tour of the Upton House. We have a variety of books, coasters and bags to name a few of our items, so be sure to take a look.

Visit our website for the latest updates:  
[www.uptonhouse.org](http://www.uptonhouse.org)

# Spring 2024 Garden Report: Coming Alive Again!

By Marti Flint

The Upton gardens are getting ready for spring and the flowering bulbs are beginning to bloom. The gardens surrounding the house add to the beauty of the setting and enhance the area. One area that guests show a lot of interest in is the Suffrage Garden designed by Kathy Seeman in 2022 and is maintained by Kathy and Carol Olson. The area has both perennial and annual flowers that bloom in the suffrage colors. There is a small plaque that explains the significance of each color. The plan for the maintenance of the gardens is doing well. Each volunteer will take a designated section and be responsible for the planting and weeding throughout the season. This plan allows the volunteers to set their own schedule and



gives them flexibility. If this interests you, call Marti at 330-772-5623 to join our group. The garden will be the focal point this summer hosting many weddings, graduations, showers and family events. Hope you can join us in enjoying the garden.

## WOMEN'S PARK UPDATE

By Marti Flint

Winter saw the Women's Park resting with a few local people walking and enjoying the quiet. Now the weather is getting warmer and there are more signs of Spring. The earliest plant to bloom is the Lenten rose (*Helleborus x hybridus*) and it started blooming in late February this year.

The spring bulbs are starting to send up shoots and will soon have lovely blossoms showing pops of color everywhere. Volunteers will be spending time removing debris and leaves throughout the Park to get ready for the opening of the season and to start the weeding and trimming jobs. After the mild winter, we are looking forward to starting our spring work sessions. We work most Wednesday mornings and are always welcoming new faces to help beautify the area. If interested, call Marti at 330-772-5623.

Watch for more native plants as we expand the butterfly garden and hope to attract more varieties of butterflies. Our fish can be seen starting to move around and will be happy to have the net removed and the stream working again. We are excited to share our space with each of you.

*Come walk through the park and enjoy the spring!*

## BUDGET UPDATE

By Judi Sheridan

Anticipated income for 2024 from regular sources is \$18,707.

The attractive interest rates on the Endowment Fund will help to cover the expected expenses of \$24,950. The American Recovery Plan grant will be used to purchase four new high efficiency furnaces and new shingles for the house roofs.



We appreciate all donations to the association very much whether they are monetary, garage and Christmas sale or volunteer time. Thank you for your support!

# A Lasting Legacy...Purchase A Brick in The Women's Park

*Help pave the courtyards and path in The Women's Park with bricks inscribed with the names of women important to you...and leave a lasting legacy in their honor.*

*She was an early settler, a pioneer, an immigrant.  
 She was grandmother, teacher, mentor.  
 She is mother, sister, daughter, partner, friend.  
 Whether she lived her whole life here or never visited,  
 If she was important in your life,  
 You can honor and celebrate her life and all the lives of the women you love.*



Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Payment: Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check payable to Women's Park Fund  
*Payment for your brick is tax deductible. Any profit from the sale of the brick goes toward the support and maintenance of the park. All bricks are the property of the Upton Association. The Upton Association wishes to thank you for your participation.*

Guidelines: PLEASE PRINT! Only one character is allowed for each block **including punctuation and spaces**. You could describe her with a phrase such as: Extraordinary teacher; Music was her life; Founder of our village; Cherished friend to all. Humorous or sentimental, use this opportunity to celebrate her life. If you wish us to notify the Honoree, list name and address:

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4" x 8",        3 lines        14 characters per line;        \$50


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12"x 12",        9 lines        17 characters per line        \$250


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