



## *221 Broadway East*

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*The mission of the Robbins Hunter Museum is to inspire appreciation and understanding of the architecturally significant Avery-Downer House, its collections, and the stories of those who lived here.*



Fall is a great time to visit the museum! Come out and see what's new and rediscover your favorite spots inside and outside the museum.

### **New for Fall**

- Pumpkin Man Artwork
- Scarecrow Invasion
- Garden Folly Halloween Display

We love to see RHM from your perspective. Take a few pictures and share them with your friends. Tag @robbinshuntermuseum on Facebook and Instagram and use the hashtag #RediscoverRHM.

We may share your pictures!

Tours are free and available Wednesday through Saturday, 1-4pm. The public is invited to enjoy the Jill Griesse Historic Garden and Garden Folly from dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.

## **Pumpkin Man Artwork**

**Look what we found in the attic...**

Former Executive Director



Ann Lowder found this piece of art in the museum attic years ago.

It's a bit of a mystery. We believe it may have been commissioned by Robbins Hunter for a Halloween party, or could have been left behind by one of the fraternities that used to call the museum their home.

We have it on display right now on the main floor.

## Scarecrow Invasion



Scarecrows have invaded the museum! Don't miss our 7th annual collaboration with Welsh Hills School.

13 Welsh Hills students created scarecrows inspired by the theme, "Kids Can Change The World."

Stop by to see the scarecrows on display in the front lawn through the end of October.

Pictured, left to right: Scarecrows depicting Malala Yousafzai, Anne Frank, and Greta Thunberg.

## Garden Folly Photos

Stop by the Garden Folly, behind the historic house and take a picture in front of our Halloween panels this month.

Thank you to the Granville Chamber of Commerce for these Instagram-worthy backdrops.

Don't forget to tag @robbinshuntermuseum and use #RediscoverRHM on your posts!





## Welcome Our New Staff Members



We've recently added two new members to our team. Shannon Langford (left) is our new Administrator. Shauna Orr (right) is our new Communications Manager. They join Executive Director Sarah Straley Hottle (center) here at the museum.

## Executive Director's Note

As we welcome Autumn and its beautiful fall colors, it's worth noting that the pace behind the scenes at the Robbins Hunter Museum has been steadily picking up.

In late August, we said goodbye to Darcy Warden, our former Administrator, and quickly welcomed two new staff! As the saying goes, many hands make light work, and to hire Shannon Langford as our new Administrator and Shauna Orr, as our new Communications Manager, is a great blessing to the museum. Their enthusiasm, appreciation of this historical gem and moxie to get things done are contagious, and I hope you will join me in welcoming these talented women to our team.



A top priority this past quarter has been fundraising for our gutters, siding and columns. The Board and staff are learning a lot, and what was originally deemed a simple maintenance need is now morphing into a bigger restoration project. Thank you to everyone who has supported these efforts! Our Buildings and Grounds committee continues to monitor these maintenance needs and collect expert advice on how best to move forward. A capital campaign will likely emerge as we learn more, and we ask that you please excuse the dust as we deal with some short-term fixes and gather intelligence for our longer-term restoration schedule.

One of our collective goals this year has been to increase the membership of the museum. Currently, we have about 120 members, and the Board and I hope to reach the goal of 150 members by the end of 2021. Membership does indeed have its benefits ([see those here](#)), and it is also worth noting that your membership dollars are yet another way you can support this public sector, non-profit organization with its general operating funds. Your membership allows us to plan an even more dynamic 2022 and helps to ensure that the Robbins Hunter Museum will be here for future generations to enjoy and uplift.

I am sad to share that Tom Wortham, a beloved Board member from 2015 – 2019, passed away on Oct. 8, 2021. He loved the Robbins Hunter Museum, and you may remember him for his talks on Mark Twain, and his friendship with Ann Lowder, the former director. Tom recently re-engaged with the Board and staff to raise money for the Ann K. Lowder Fund. This fund will benefit the museum's programming and is being established at the Licking County Foundation. In lieu of flowers, Tom asked for donations to this fund in his honor: <http://www.robbinshunter.org/give-to-rhm> It was also important to him that you wish his dear friend Ann a happy birthday this November, as she will be celebrating a big birthday on Thanksgiving. (Stay tuned for more details on Ann's Fund and celebration coming up.)

Finally, please like us on Facebook or Instagram as our social media presence is only getting better, and we will be promoting more of our upcoming holiday programming there. We hope you will come by to see the scarecrows, if you haven't already, and stop in to meet the new staff. Thanks again for tuning in to this beautiful place and gracing us with your involvement.

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## Help Preserve The Museum

We are currently fundraising for a major restoration effort on the front Ionic columns, wood siding, and gutters.

Our goal is to raise \$40,000. We are currently at over \$6,000 in donations.

With your help, we can save this historic house museum, known as one of the finest examples of Greek



Revival architecture in the country.



**Donate to the Restoration**

## In Memoriam: Tom Wortham



A reception was held in the Long Room and the garden on October 16 to honor the life of Tom Wortham, a former Robbins Hunter Museum board member.

Wortham was a Professor Emeritus who served on the UCLA faculty for nearly forty years.

You can read the full obituary [here](#).

## Victoria Woodhull Woman of Achievement Award

### Rita Kipp: 2020 Honoree

We are pleased to announce Rita Kipp was awarded the 2020 Victoria Woodhull Woman of Achievement award.

Rita is the president of the League of Women Voters of Licking County. This award is in recognition of her work ensuring voting rights for all citizens of Licking County.

"The National Woman Suffrage Association became the League of Women Voters after the ratification of the 19th amendment. From 1920 to now, the LWV has been a nonpartisan



advocate for voting rights," Robbins Hunter Board of Trustees member Christina Gray said. "Watching how all of Rita's hard work has revitalized the League of Women Voters of Licking County was what made her the perfect choice for us."

Robbins Hunter Board of Trustees member Judith Dann explained why the award is in honor of Victoria Claflin Woodhull. "She laid the ground work for more autonomy for women, more protection of children, more recognition of laborers and more reform of education and government."

The museum is proud to have an exhibit and clock tower dedicated to Woodhull.

## Docent Honored

Docent Dorothy Garrett was recently inducted into the Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, for making a positive difference in Licking County.

Garrett has served the community as a former school teacher, member of the Granville Village Council, and docent at the Robbins Hunter Museum, the Granville Historical Society, and the Columbus Museum of Art.

The Ohio Senate issued a proclamation naming Garrett as one of Ohio's finest citizens.



## Upcoming Events

### **Now - October 31: Scarecrow Invasion**

Visit the scarecrow creations on the museum's front lawn, and learn the stories of some inspiring kids.

### **November 18, 5-7pm: Chamber After Hours Networking**

The Granville Chamber of Commerce is holding its monthly "after hours" event for chamber business members at the museum. Mingle, see the museum, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

### **November 27: Gingerbread House Workshops (ages 5-7, Family & Adults)**

Build and decorate your own gingerbread house to display at the museum during the Candlelight Walking Tour. Supplies included. Register by



November 20 through the [Granville Recreation District](#).

**November 30: Giving Tuesday**

Please remember Robbins Hunter Museum as part of your charitable giving this year! We appreciate your support. Donate to RHM [here](#).

**December 2, Noon-5pm: Gingerbread House Competition**

**Drop-off (All ages)**

Bring your gingerbread house entry to the museum, to be put on display in the Long Room during the Candlelight Walking Tour.

This year's challenge: Use candy canes in a unique way as part of your creation!

Get more details, rules, and an entry form through the [Granville Recreation District](#).

**December 4: Candlelight Walking Tour**

Enjoy our historic home's holiday decorations and cast your vote on the gingerbread house entries.

**December 15: Lil' Elves Workshop (ages 3-6 with adult)**

Enjoy a morning at the museum with your little elf. They will make their own applesauce-cinnamon ornaments, tour the museum, and more.

Register by December 18 through the [Granville Recreation District](#).

## Want to support the Museum?

**Join or Renew Your Membership**

**DONATE TO RHM**



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