

LEIHS 2026 Calendar of Programs & Events

Not all programs, events and fundraisers fit in the LEIHS Newsletter. Visit leihs.org for our most complete Calendar of Events. Several events are awaiting confirmation before listing. Times and schedule may change.

Friday, May 1	LEIHS Museum & Resale Shop Open for Season. We're open daily, 11 am to 5 pm.
Tuesday, May 12	LEIHS's Capt. Andrew Hunker will attend the PIBCC Blessing of the Fleet.
Saturday, May 16	The Heritage Resale Shop is "Bargain City" during the PIBCC Island Wide Garage Sale. We're happy to accept donation of your leftover items.
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day – LEIHS Pioneers will lay a wreath at the base of the DeRivera Park Doughboy.
Sunday, June 7	"Day in the Life of a Lighthousekeeper" performed by storyteller Brian Ellis at the South Bass Island Lighthouse at 2 pm.
Saturday, June 13	LEIHS's Museum Booth at DeRivera Park during Founder's Day.
Sunday, June 14	Pioneer Cemetery Walk 4:00 focus is on Jose DeRivera.
Saturday, June 20	LEIHS will host its popular Silent Auction at Ohio's Island Wine Fest, hosted by Heineman Winery. The auction will be located adjacent to the Wine Tent. We'll also have our portable Museum Booth on site.
Sat., June 27	LEIHS Museum Booth in Pyrate Village on Saturday, June 27 at PIBCC Pyrate Fest.
Sunday, June 28	LEIHS Membership "Welcome Back Potluck & Membership Drive". Gather at LEIHS Museum for our Welcome Back Potluck. Please bring a favorite dish to share.
Sat., July 11	LEIHS Museum Booth heads to Middle Bass for the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy's Middle Bass Music Festival.
Saturday, Aug. 1	Ottawa County-America 250: Timeline Exhibit at LEIHS. Ottawa County's series of Historic Timeline Banners will be on display throughout the museum from August 1 through September 8.
Sunday, Aug 2	Island Pioneers will greet guests arriving to sign the Declaration of Independence as part of Ottawa County-America 250.



Celebrating the History of LEIHS

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Powered by Volunteers

LEIHS Museum began life as a volunteer driven non-profit. That idea was revived in 2024 when it was operated by volunteers and an intern we shared with another island non-profit. We returned to that operation model in October with an enthusiastic board of trustees eager to fill support positions in the operation. We have enjoyed an outpouring of volunteers for Fall events and for cleaning and extending our season into fall.

Heritage Resale Shop: Supporting Our Mission

A cornerstone of our fundraising efforts is the Heritage Resale Shop, located behind the museum. Islanders generously donate high-quality items, from antiques to household goods, which are then sold to benefit museum operations.

Volunteers are currently cleaning out and moving displays to prepare for a major renovation before we open on May 1. If you'd like to help, please contact Kendra.

Looking Ahead

As the Society approaches our 40th anniversary in 2026, LEIHS remains dedicated to its mission of preserving and educating the public about the history of the Lake Erie Islands. We invite everyone to join us on September 27, 2026, for our birthday celebration, and to participate in the many programs, events, and services that make our museum a vibrant part of the Put-in-Bay community.

Read More Details on LEIHS History @leihs.org

Using the meeting minutes from 1986, we're including more details about LEIHS's beginnings online. Visit us at leihs.org later this winter.