

Major reorganization of Heritage Resale Shop for 2026

Donations and shoppers have flowed in and out of the Heritage Resale Shop since mid-October as a long list of volunteers cleaned, moved furniture and displays to get



During cleaning out the Heritage Resale Shop this fall, volunteers found this beautiful handmade Double Wedding Ring quilt. Quite a find for Stephanie Lipscomb who had just dropped off donations.

the resale space ready for an expected update this winter.

New Board Member June Stoiber, volunteered to handle the museum's retail fundraising. June has a new vision for the Heritage Resale Shop that includes insulation and an HVAC system to stretch the shopping season. The shop will be rearranged to accommodate furniture currently stored in our smallest building.

"We're removing some of the bulkier shelving units," June said, "and moving our hardware department to the current furniture building."

Her plan also includes relocating the checkout counter and donation drop off area closer to the entrance to make accepting donations easier.

Museum Manager Kendra Koehler, who has been supervising work this fall, reported that sisters Linda Parker and Jeanette Luecke have transported boxes of items that have been sitting unsold for years to Goodwill in Port Clinton when making trips to the mainland this fall.

The "Parker Girls" have been regulars at the fall cleanup and reorganization along with Anne Auger and Susette Luecke. Mariah Loud pitched in to help move the heavier displays and furniture.

"Everyone has been great," Kendra said. "We have fantastic volunteers."



Volunteers have been working since mid-October to clean and reorganize the museum's Heritage Resale Shop. Kendra Koehler has managed to keep the resale shop open most weekends this fall as weather permits. This will continue into December. Call Kendra if you need to drop off donations or would like to shop. Ask her about volunteer opportunities.



Reel Bar Makes Annual Donation

Reel Bar hosted a fundraiser for island non-profits in October and divided the door money between the LEIHS, LEIWNC and the LEI Conservancy. Reel Bar's Angela and Andy Christenson, on behalf of themselves and Ray and Laura Fogg, met with LEIHS President Dustin Heineman and VP Kendra Koehler to present their check to the museum. Reel Bar donates funds from this event as well as their Bar Stool painting fundraiser to the museum each year.

Preserving Island Heritage: The Power of Volunteers and Members

Every great community museum thrives on one thing — people. At the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, our volunteers and members are the heart of everything we do. Their dedication keeps local history alive and connects our island communities across generations.

Volunteers: The Heart of Our Mission

From greeting guests at the front desk to cataloging artifacts and helping with events, our volunteers ensure that island history remains vibrant and accessible.

Their enthusiasm and expertise shine through every tour, every exhibit, and every community program we offer. Without their steady hands and passionate hearts, our mission would not be possible.

Members: Building Our Future

Members provide the foundation that sustains our museum year after year. Membership fees and donations fund exhibits, events, and educational outreach — while also showing grant organizations that our community values its past.

Every member is an ambassador, carrying the story of the islands forward and inviting others to join our shared mission.

The Heritage Resale Shop: A Treasure and a Supporter

The Heritage Resale Shop plays a vital role in supporting our society. Through generous donations of household items, collectibles, and decorative pieces, every sale helps fund museum operations and local programs. We're excited to share that the shop is currently undergoing a major reorganization, with reopening planned in the early Spring 2026. The refreshed space will offer an enhanced shopping experience and new opportunities for volunteers and shoppers alike.

Strengthening Our Community Repository

Together — volunteers, members, and supporters — form the backbone of the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society.

Every action, whether giving time, renewing a membership, or donating goods, helps preserve the unique stories that define island life.

We invite you to get involved:

- Volunteer your time at the museum or resale shop
- Renew or begin your membership
- Donate gently used items to the Heritage Resale Shop

Your support ensures that your museum remains a strong, welcoming home for island history — a place where the past informs our present and inspires our future.



Volunteers Diane Nemec, left, and Jan Anteau as Valentine and Catherine Doller at October's Pioneer Cemetery Walks.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of our volunteers who took the time to support the museum this Fall.

BERNIE & MARY ANN MEYERS

CELESTE MYCOSKIE

BILL & JOYCE SLOUGH

JUNE STOIBER

TED & BETSY McCANN

AMY HUSTON

GARRETT GELDINE

BETSY VOLCHKO

DIANE MARTINI

LINDA PARKER

DONA MITCHELL

MARCIA ASHLEY

BARB HUNTER

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