

The Old House Guild of Sandusky



**LOCALLY AND
STATEWIDE RENOWNED
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
DEDICATED TO THE
PRESERVATION, RESTORATION
AND ADAPTIVE REUSE OF
SANDUSKY'S HISTORIC
STRUCTURES**

**Are *YOU* interested in
preserving Sandusky's
architectural heritage?**

You can accomplish this in many ways:

- Attend the annual Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes each December
- Make a monetary Donation to the Old House Guild of Sandusky to continue its mission
- Become a member of the Old House Guild
- Inquire about a lifetime membership in the Guild
- As a Guild member, volunteer your time and talents to projects you think you could assist us to achieve

OLD HOUSE GUILD MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are only \$20.00 a year covering either an individual or couple. The first year is always FREE!!

To join, fill out the attached form and mail to:

The Old House Guild of Sandusky
Attn. Membership Manager
1415 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Old House Guild Membership Information Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

No Information Collected Is Ever Used For Anything Other Than Our Communication With You

Our Past

The Old House Guild of Sandusky was founded in 1978 by Ellie Damm as a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, restoration and adaptive reuse of the historic buildings, houses, sites and objects in Sandusky, Ohio. When the Guild was formed, it seemed that while some people appreciated our fine old buildings, many were still unaware of the excellent examples of period architecture in Sandusky. The Old House Guild hoped to help others see and preserve the beauty of these buildings and sites so we can enjoy the legacy left to us by past generations.

The Guild completed a comprehensive inventory of Sandusky's historic structures for the Ohio History Connection. Nearly 1500 buildings were catalogued ---the largest volunteer inventory ever completed in Ohio. Over 100 of these buildings are now on the National Register of Historic Places including several Historic Districts.

The Old House Guild of Sandusky has received awards and recognition from the Ohio Preservation Office, the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums, the American Association for State and Local History along with numerous local accolades for its contribution to the preservation of Sandusky's heritage.



Our Present & Future

Many buildings in Sandusky are candidates for preservation, restoration or adaptive reuse. The Old House Guild is focused on that preservation and restoration. Also that focus extends to those structures whose original function has passed. How do we best incorporate them into the 21st century?

The Old House Guild acts as a catalyst in achieving the orderly preservation of our community. The Guild exists as the only all volunteer preservation organization recognized by the Ohio Preservation Office. Because we are a non-profit organization, any funds received for preservation projects are used solely to achieve this goal.

The annual Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes gives the public a rare glimpse into many of Sandusky's fine old homes. Given the first Sunday and Monday of December each year, it is our primary source of fund raising.

Community Commitment

America has a long history of building, tearing down and building again. Only recently have we begun to actively recycle our natural resources and structures. The Old House Guild of Sandusky believes this recycling should and must apply to using our old buildings to their fullest potential.

This is a constant challenge if we wish to retain those tangible signs of our magnificent past that will enrich future generations. It is a challenge we must all address or risk the loss of a significant part of our heritage.

The Cooke-Dorn House is managed for the Ohio History Connection by the Old House Guild of Sandusky. Built in 1843-44 by one of Sandusky's most prominent citizens, the house is a splendid example of early preservation when in 1879, it was dismantled from its original site and reassembled one mile south at its present location. The house today is a museum that showcases the collection of its last owners. It is used as the headquarters for the Guild's activities in the Sandusky area.

