

Museum Celebrates 20 Years in Building

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PMCC celebrated the 20th anniversary of the opening of the National Postmark Museum on October 23, 2023. This happened during Work Week, an event that brings members from all over the country to the museum near Bellevue, Ohio.

In 1957 PMCCers established the museum. It was first housed in several locations including a school bus. Growth required a permanent location. One was found at Bellevue's Historic Lyme Village. Continued expansion warranted the construction of an entirely new facility to house the collections.

Massive fund raising activities began at the turn of the century. Contractors were hired with their work completed in the fall of 2003. Named after Curator Margie Pfund, the new National Postmark Museum was dedicated in a magnificent ceremony on October 23, 2002. Both APS President Janet Klug along with Meg Ausman, Historian of the Postal Service, spoke to the crowd. PMCC is one of few APS affiliates to have its own museum. The building was entirely paid for as part of the Dedication Day ceremonies.

Those who came on October 23, 2023 enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches, side dishes and pop. A cake with frosting reading "Happy 20th Anniversary" was served to all. The Bellevue Post Office had a special pictorial cancel available designed by Mark Gollnick that featured a line drawing of the museum.



Seated: Richard Bauer, Kelvin Kindahl, John Gallagher
Standing: Andy Mitchell, Steve Bahnsen, Bill Klose, Thelma Riehle, C.A. Stillions, Larry Hatton, Mark Gollnick, Gary Hendren, Ray Parker, Bette Woods, Eric Kovacs