

# 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

February 1 to April 4, 2018

## GSV Society Winter Lecture Series 2018

The Lecture Series was FREE and open to the public. Speakers were:



**February 14, 2018** - "St. John's Football: Celebrating 90 years of Irish Tradition & Creativity" - Robert "Bubba" Kapral

**February 21, 2018** - "Bringing Canals to Ohio" - David Simmons

**February 28, 2018** - "A Firearms History: Engraving with Hammer and Chisel" - Larry Parker

**March 7, 2018** - "Ohio University in Belmont County, Ohio" - Professor Michael McTeague This was our first "On the Road" lecture given at the Theater Auditorium at Shannon Hall, Ohio University Eastern, 45425 National Road West, St. Clairsville

**March 14, 2018** - "How the Other Half Lived" - Jeanne Finstein and Judi Hendrickson

**March 21, 2018** - "Roseby's Rock: Where Tidewater Met the Ohio River" - Ed Yelochan

**March 28, 2018** - "Murder Never Dies: Crime and Corruption in the Friendly City" - George T. Sidiropolis

**April 4, 2018** - "Historic Belmont County Court Cases" - Judge Frank A. Fregiato & Attorney Daniel L. Frizzi, Jr.

An "On the Road" lecture given at Marion Hall of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, 212 West Main Street, in St. Clairsville

## February 2018 Ohio Capital Bill funding



Ohio Representative Jack Cera and Ohio Senator Frank Hoagland enabled us to receive \$100,000 in construction funds for our GSV Preservation Project managed through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission

## February 2018 Belomar Matching Funds Grant



*Belomar Regional Council*

The Great Stone Viaduct Society was awarded a \$100,000 matching funds grant from Belomar Regional Council to compliment our ODOT TAP grant award from 2017. TAP funds and this match fund will be available in fiscal year 2021.



## April 28, 2018 GSV Society Speaker's Bureau

The Great Stone Viaduct

Historical Education Society Speaker's Bureau presented a talk by Daniel L. Frizzi, Jr. on "River Crossings at Bellaire Ohio," at 7:00 pm, Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Grave Creek Mound Museum, 801 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, WV 26041

The GSV Society Speaker's Bureau is open to speakers and authors of historic and educational interest who may not be able to make a presentation during our Winter Lecture Series time frame. We have several venues available to fit your needs. Call 740-963-3500 Ext. 1 or email us at [info@great-stoneviaduct.org](mailto:info@great-stoneviaduct.org) and let us know your topic and date(s) of availability.



## June 16, 2018 Cass Scenic Railroad -- TWO TRAINS from Cass WV to Elkins WV

The Great Stone Viaduct Historical Society sponsored a day trip to the Cass Scenic Railroad on Saturday, June 16, 2018. The trip departed Bellaire, OH and travel by chartered bus to Cass, WV where we boarded our train(s). The trip include two (2) train rides in one day!



## August 18, 2018 Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad

The Great Stone Viaduct Historical Society sponsored a day trip to the Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad on Saturday, August 18, 2018. The trip departed Bellaire, OH traveled by chartered bus to Romney, WV.

September 30, 2018

## EPA Technical Assistance Grant

The Great Stone Viaduct Society was awarded a Technical Assistance Grant from the Ohio EPA for viaduct preservation purposes.



*September 29, 2018*  
**Nickel Plate  
 Railroad Steam  
 Locomotive #765**

The Great Stone Viaduct Historical Education Society sponsored a day trip to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Our trip departed Bellaire, OH and traveled by chartered bus to Independence, OH, where we boarded our train pulled by Nickel Plate Railroad Steam Locomotive #765.

*September 8-9, 2018*  
**Belmont County Tourism Booth**

The Great Stone Viaduct trustees were invited to staff the Belmont County Tourism booth Friday and Saturday night at the Belmont County Fair. There were lots of visitors and the GSV Society offered two sizes of Great Stone Viaduct crocks, GSV hats and wooden toy train whistles for sale as a fundraising effort.



*September 18, 2018*  
**4th Annual All-American  
 Banquet**

Our 4th annual banquet and fundraiser was held at the Son's Of Italy in downtown Bellaire. Outback Steakhouse catered the event. Music by Michael Murphy. A live auction was sponsored by David Jones Auctioneers. Belmont County Tourism and XTO Energy were sponsors.



*October 2, 2018*  
**St. Clairsville  
 Chamber Membership**

The GSV Society has expanded its outreach in 2018 by joining the St. Clairsville Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will allow us to advertise our Lecture Series, free events and fundraisers in their online newsletter.

*November 2018*  
**GSV Property Maintenance**

Throughout the year, GSV Society volunteers have helped maintain our property by clearing weeds and trees from the viaduct arches colonnade as well as keeping the field cut in the triangle area of our property north of the arches. Tom Breeden Construction has done work to clear much of the rail bed from the west end of the arches out to 26th Street in preparation for our rail-to-trail project.



*December 13, 2018*  
**Hull & Associates  
 Drone Mapping**

Hull & Associates has generously donated a detailed, high-resolution drone mapping of our property that will include accurate elevation data and eventual 3D rendering of the 20 arch viaduct colonnade. The resulting imagery and data files will be of invaluable assistance in architectural and engineering planning of the GSV Preservation Project.