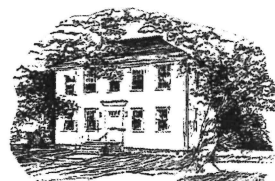


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From the Indian Hill Historical Society



Buckingham Lodge
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The Indian Hill Historical Society Plaque Program

The Historic Landmark Plaque Program was initiated in 1991, under the chairmanship of Brenda Benzar Butler, who was President of the Board of Trustees of the Indian Hill Historical Society at the time.

The purpose of this ongoing program is to encourage recognition and preservation of buildings of historical and architectural merit within the Village. At the outset, certain homeowners were advised of the opportunity to partner with the Historical Society and venerate their structure. A set of criteria specified what structures were eligible, the parameters of individualized inscriptions, the procedures, restrictions, costs, and placement of plaques. In case of a question, the Plaque Committee determined acceptability.

After considering many ideas, a plaque prototype was developed. Noted bronze artist Ken Bradford, who had local experience sculpting the Blue Ash Veterans' Memorial Park and the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Eden Park, was selected as the artist. He designed the bas relief of the Little Red Schoolhouse, which appears at the top of each plaque. The verbiage "*Indian Hill Historical Society, HISTORIC LANDMARK, Indian Hill, Ohio*" is beneath the schoolhouse emblem. Each plaque is customized with the name and construction date of the individual landmark. The foundry, Art in Bronze, creates the 11" by 17" solid bronze plaque with antique finish. Bronze lasts longer than other surfaces and has a distinguished look. Each plaque takes 6 to 8 weeks to be constructed and delivered from the manufacturer. Mounting studs are provided, simplifying installation for the purchaser.



The first plaque was mounted at the Little Red Schoolhouse, also known as the Washington School at 8100 Given Road. Initially, owners of properties featured in *From Camargo to Indian Hill* and *Treasured Landmarks of Indian Hill*. were contacted and invited to participate. Since the inception of the program, 96 plaques have been purchased. Some properties were nominated by their owners, who researched their house histories and compiled data to authenticate the eligibility of their homes.

The Historic Landmark Plaque is strictly honorary. It is not affiliated with the National Register of Historic Places. There are no restrictions as to future renovation/development of the property. People purchasing plaques are guaranteed that their names will not be made public. Homeowners are permitted to mount the plaque at the place of their choosing. Mounting locations have included a secluded area in the garden, on the fireplace inside the house, at the front entrance, and on a gatepost at the entry. Plaques can be seen on homes, schools, barns, chapels and a bridge within the Village. Many plaque owners have been generous and opened up their property for the Indian Hill Historical Society's annual House Tour.

Because of the Plaque Program, Village residents have become more aware of the historic importance of structures in the neighborhood. The Historical Society has been a beneficiary, receiving a tax deductible portion of the proceeds from plaque sales. By teaming with property owners, the Historical Society has increased visibility in the community. Plaque purchasers have a permanent marker signifying the historic and architectural importance of their structures.

To inquire about a plaque for your home contact ihhist@cinci.rr.com or 891-1873.