

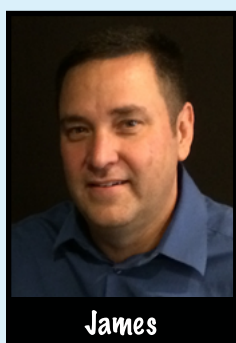


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## Thinking (and acting) outside the box



James

When it comes to the paranormal field, serious researchers will often say that in order to find answers, one must look at things differently—think outside the box, as it were. Well, this issue of our newsletter shall serve to let all our readers know that The Ghosts are putting that theory into practice, in more ways than one.

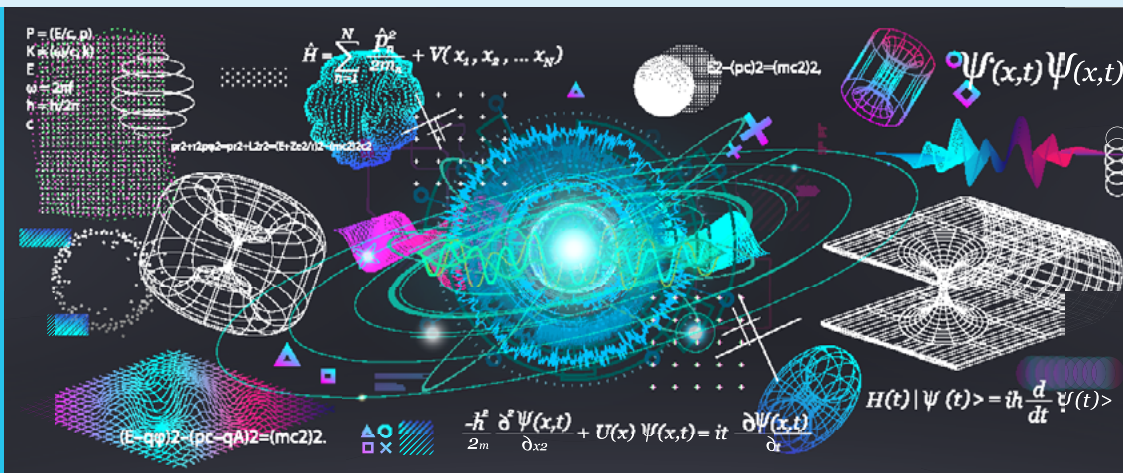
To tackle the age-long question “what are ghosts”, Ghosts Of Ohio member, Mark, has been delving into the notion of how consciousness, thought, and quantum physics interface with the human brain. It’s a deep topic, to be sure, and one that goes far beyond what we currently understand about how the brain works. But it something that need to be entertained because, as Mark so eloquently puts it: “Paranormal activity pushes our experience of reality beyond normal understanding.”

Another long-time member, Wendy, has written a review of our overnight investigation of Prospect Place. Wendy tells the story far better than I could but suffice to say that when The Ghosts Of Ohio first visited Prospect Place back in 2008, we were not only incredibly disappointed, but as a group, we swore to never visit the location again. However, after much debate, we returned, seeking to put our 2008 opinions on hold to see if new ownership, coupled with 14 years of additional paranormal investigation experience, would change our minds about Prospect Place.

As always, The Ghosts Of Ohio is always willing to admit that we don’t have all the answers. That’s what makes exploring new theories and, in some cases, revisiting old locations while leaving any preconceived notions at home, so exciting.

Cheers,

James A. Willis  
Founder/Director



# THE GHOST RETURN TO PROSPECT PLACE



Wendy

Ask any member of The Ghosts of Ohio where they would place our initial visit to Prospect Place in 2008 on their “Best and Worst List” and you may very well hear “top 3 worst”. What put it in that list? Falling-apart rooms crammed with bunches of detritus, hanging canvas sheets you had to walk through and around to get to the few rooms that were open, and the ever-swirling tornado of little flying bugs on the table and next to the bed in the room we could have possibly overnighted in. We all escaped that room, shaking out our hair.

The first few hours of that night in 2008 were mainly spent standing in a circle on the lawn, in 90 degree heat, listening to stories that were a couple steps shy of the truth, given by a host who then left us and locked himself into his apartment to listen to the radio. Weird to say the least, dirty and unsafe to boot. With results that were less than impressive and a side eye to the supposed history and ghost ‘evidence’ of the place, The Ghosts Of Ohio collectively vowed never to return to Prospect Place.

Several years later, several former members of The Ghosts Of Ohio returned to Prospect Place, independent of each other. Each of them told us “it’s getting better”. Next, new members of The Ghosts told us that we should consider going back



*Prospect Place at night, 2022*

because “it’s under new management, it’s in better shape, and we got all kinds of activity”. After much discussion in the group, we decided to give it another try.

Which brings us to June 2022, when a small group of us experienced a much better evening looking for the haunts of both Prospect Place and the carriage house/barn behind it. We started with a very well-documented history given by Amy, which included some insight into what other people experienced and where, along with how it may have tied into the history of the building. There was no sensationalism like ‘oooo there is a portal to Hell in the ballroom’ (there isn’t), or ‘people get scratched and attacked’. There is nothing worse than a historical place feeling the need to make up more and more outrageous stories to make money off of ghost hunters. We are paranormal researchers and investigators. We aren’t out for a quick thrill and a scare. We look at any supposed haunt from the historical aspect. Is there something in the history that could be causing the current activity. That is the money shot for us.

Overall, the building itself is in much better shape. The owners are working

hard at bringing this building back from the dead (yes, I had to say it), and are doing a good job. The rooms are easy to move around in and have wonderful photos and paintings of the original owners, along with just a few pieces of furniture. Less things to trip over, and more places to put folding chairs during investigative sessions. And a lot of work was done researching the real history of the family, the buildings, and the area itself, so not a fabricated story in sight.

The great download of historical data along with the overall much improved shape of the building had us feeling much better about our choice to come back from the very start of the evening. Once we set up our equipment and took our daytime pictures, we split into 2 groups. Jim made sure that there was an empty floor between the two groups at all times and volunteers Kristen and Doug, our monitors for the evening, joined Group 1 so everyone in the building was actually investigating. We tried out new equipment, including an EDI+ meter and many EMF sensitive lights, along with our standard infrared cameras and soundboard microphones. We still need to examine all our audio and visual recordings, so I can only tell you

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about some personal experiences.

In one instance, Group 1 was in the basement and Group 2 was on the second floor. Group 1 heard someone walking across the floor, along with the sound of running water. They assumed a member of Group 2 had come downstairs to use the bathroom on the first floor. Meanwhile, Group 2 heard someone walking and a door close, which they took to be someone from Group 1 coming up to use the first floor bathroom. Group 2 even calling down to the first floor, asking if someone was using the bathroom, but there was no response. Can't explain it.

Next, Group 1 was on the first floor and heard what they said sounded like trunks and tables being dragged across the floor above them. Group 2 was in the third 3<sup>rd</sup> floor ballroom. This we believe we can explain. At the end of the night, 2 of Group 2's members went up to the ballroom and moved chairs to different positions like they had during that earlier session, and a member of Group 1 said that it indeed sounded like huge objects being dragged across the floor. So over a 2-floor distance, 2 people shifting in their chairs sounded very, very loud to people 2 floors below. When investigating, and I can't stress this enough, always attempt to recreate what you heard by re-enacting what was happening when the questionable sound was heard.

Several people said they felt like they were running into cobwebs, which is usually explained as something people will feel in high magnetic fields caused by spirits. But hey, it could have been cobwebs. Is that a woman yelling? No, just the neighbors hound dog barking at raccoon. Cool breezes across lower legs were felt at the same time the EDI+ meter began blinking. Corroborating evidence or just a breeze through the window that happened to move in a particular way?

One investigator felt that his arm was being pulled when he was using dowsing rods in the basement. Tired muscles or one of the escaped enslaved people who stopped here to rest on their journey on the Underground Railroad? We are still discussing. What we are really hoping for it that we can take some of these personal experiences and back them up with possible EVPs or evidence on microphones and cameras. In other words, take the personal aspect and turn it into a documented occurrence of paranormal activity.

At the end of the night, we were able to say that Prospect Place is DEFINITELY off the top 3 worst places and is climbing higher in our estimation. There were enough questionable things happening that night that it could warrant a further visit. I think I can say that between its fascinating history and the possibility of ghostly activity, Prospect Place is definitely worth a visit!



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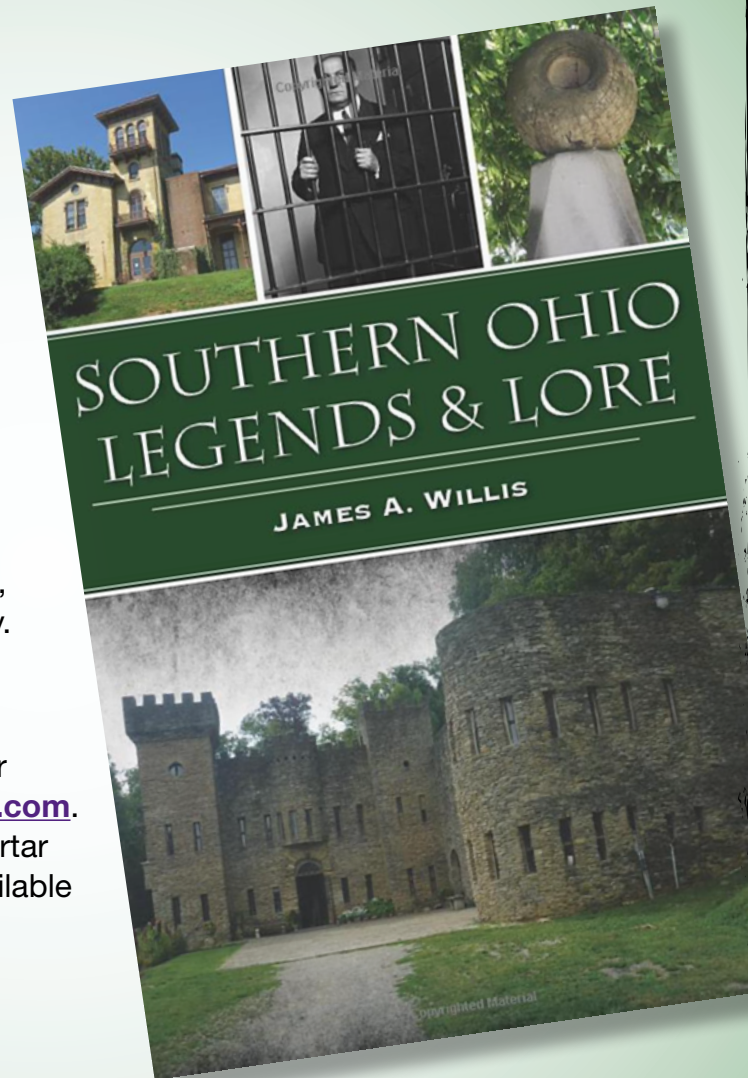
Charles and John Adams' Bedroom, 2022

# SOUTHERN OHIO LEGENDS & LORE

At first glance, it may seem like a bit of a shameless plug to announce that our fearless leader's next book, *Southern Ohio Legends & Lore*, is being released on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Duly noted. But hidden within the pages of this upcoming book is decades of research, most notably on two strange and spooky characters: The Oxford Motorcycle Ghost and the Loveland Frog.

With both, Willis traces the stories back to their origins, unearthing interesting bits of information along the way. For example, why do some people call the creature a "frog" while others refer to it as a "frog man"?

*Southern Ohio Legends & Lore* is currently available for pre-order on [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and [Walmart.com](#). Physical copies are expecting in all Ohio brick-and-mortar stores the week of August 15<sup>th</sup>. Copies will also be available for purchase (he'll even sign it, too) at all October presentations and appearances.



## EQUIPMENT REVIEWS

Got a piece of paranormal equipment you've always wondered how it works? Does it really do what it's supposed to be doing? Or maybe you've created some paranormal equipment you'd like field tested? Either way, let us know because The Ghosts Of Ohio would love to help!

Drop us a line at [info@ghostsofohio.org](mailto:info@ghostsofohio.org) with the subject line "Equipment" and we'll take it from there!

# CONSCIOUSNESS, THOUGHT, AND QUANTUM PHYSICS INTERFACE WITH THE HUMAN BRAIN



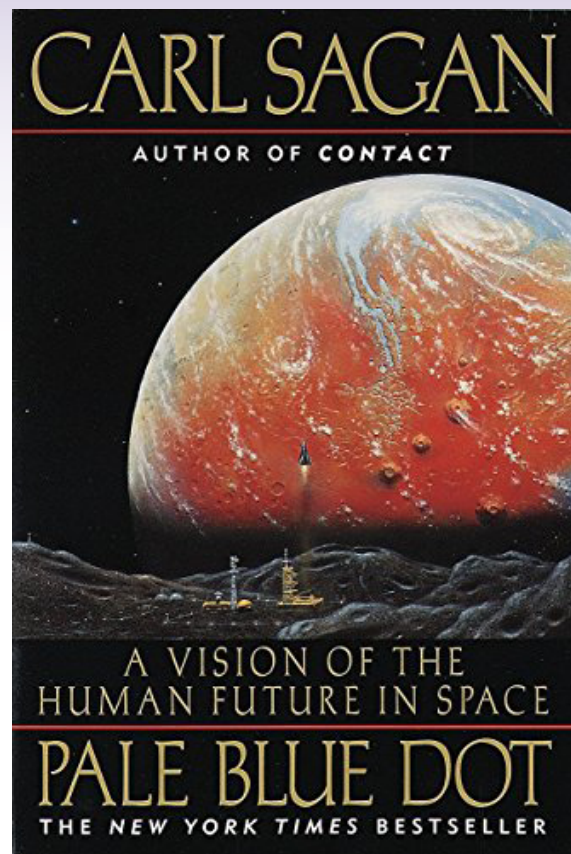
The Universe we live in is truly marvelous, strange, and amazing—from the smallest of physical scales in the fabric of its structure to the

unfathomably large distances between countless stars and galaxies. Renowned physicist Carl Sagan poetically captured the limited human perspective in his 1994 book, *Pale Blue Dot*, which contained a photograph taken by the Voyager 1 deep-space probe looking back at all of us from a distance so vast that the entire planet Earth appeared nothing more than a speck in the transmitted image<sup>1</sup>:

*From this distant vantage point, the Earth might not seem of any particular interest. But for us, it's different. Consider again that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there—on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.<sup>1</sup>*

Albert Einstein's proven theories of Special and General Relativity reveal a Universe where time and space are not the absolute realities we seemingly experience in our everyday lives. Massive objects somehow warp the underlying fabric of spacetime, which in turn governs the motion of matter, the direction light travels, and the flow of time itself. With or without gravitational fields, time measurably slows for the high-speed traveler while the apparent distance contracts in the direction of travel. How marvelous and strange is that! Imagine the 'fixed' 70-mile distance between Dayton and Columbus, Ohio literally shrinking for the near light-speed commuter, as though the physical distance between cities was merely 7 miles.

While the Universe contains enormously large structures and spans distances beyond normal comprehension, equal marvel exists on the opposite end of the spectrum. The Planck Scale sets a fundamental limit on infinitely small divisibility, a scale where nothing smaller can be considered because the laws of physics break down. Even 'empty space' is not truly a vacuum of nothingness. Spacetime fluctuations on a phenomenally small scale create "quantum foam" where energy and virtual particles fleetingly appear and disappear.



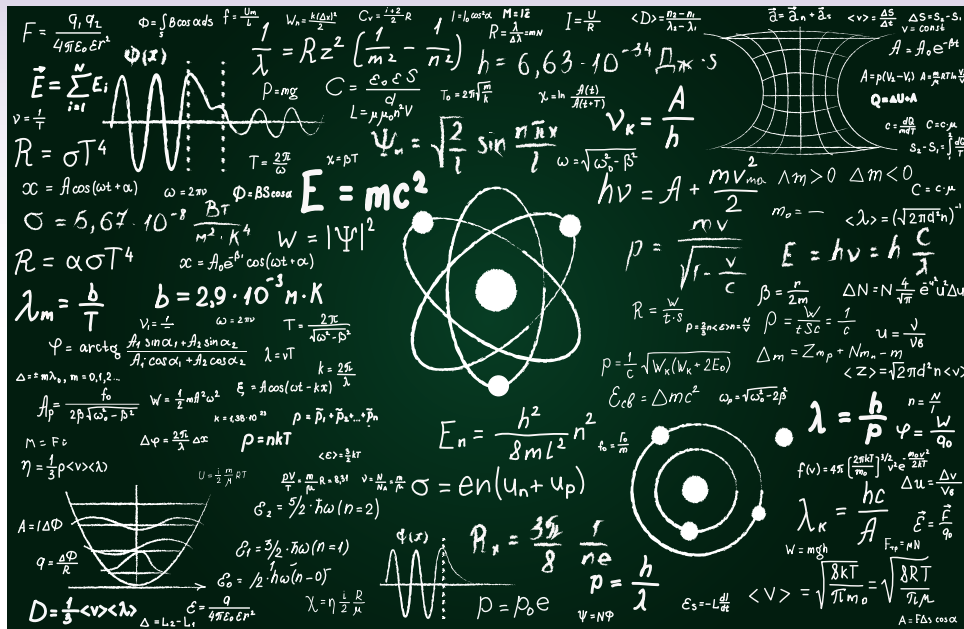
Now consider the tiniest end of the physical spectrum, at the "building block" level of the Universe, a realm where equally strange and marvelous Quantum Physics principles reign supreme. In this domain, miniscule particles such as electrons take on wave-like properties that distribute their "location" in space and time as a matter of probability, not classical orbital trajectories. Here, it is entirely possible for particles to pass through solid walls, or even for a single particle to travel through two adjacent windows at the same exact time. One of the strangest physical phenomena in all of quantum mechanics is quantum entanglement: the mysterious, perplexing, and well-proven fact that two particles or paired photons can

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be linked together in a measurable way—regardless of how separated they later become in space. This correlation cannot be explained by classical physics. Measuring the state of one particle instantly determines the state of the other particle no matter its location after entangled separation, whether across an ocean, between the Earth and a satellite in orbit, or light years beyond. Speed of light classical physics limits simply do not apply here, and no theory exists to explain how this can happen in our Universe. Einstein originally dismissed quantum entanglement theory as “spooky action at a distance,” though it has since proven not only to be very real but especially useful in ultra-secure top-secret communication: Quantum Cryptography, or more accurately named, Quantum Key Distribution. It makes undetected eavesdropping impossible.

So, what does all this physics-based preamble have to do with human consciousness and thought? The human brain arguably stands as one of the most complex biological structures to ever exist in the known Universe. In a real sense, our brains allow the Universe to become “self-aware” by the very nature of human consciousness. Though we all have it, and generally think nothing of it, scientists still rigorously debate exactly what consciousness even is and how it arises. How does ‘mind’ emerge from a complex connection of highly specialized biological structures called neurons in the brain? How does our brain so efficiently facilitate our experience of consciousness moment-by-moment, integrating and interpreting millions of nerve signals from all our senses



as inputs and coordinating our physical or intellectual actions with nearly seamless response?

While the Universe writ large is truly an amazing and strange place, the human mind features complexities far greater than celestial physics. Even after more than a century of deep study, we lack any detailed engineering-level understanding of how our brains physically store and recall memories on-demand (well usually, senior moments aside!), just one aspect of our streaming-consciousness reality. Or where in the brain, or distributed across it, the essence of our personality and self-experience emerges consistently each new day we awaken. We think nothing of understanding spoken words without effort, or words like these written down in a language we were taught. But even this task is truly amazing for a complex connection of 86 billion neurons to accomplish on millisecond time scales, and it requires a great deal of energy to fuel and maintain. Animal species

certainly exist with self-awareness and remarkable levels of communication ability, though none of these intelligent species have yet achieved awareness of the immensely larger Universe.

Overly attributing consciousness to simply the number of neurons and their connections is like expecting a computer to develop consciousness the more transistors it incorporates. The first computer incorporated less than 1000 transistors. A modern Apple iPhone 13's A15 Bionic Chip contains 15 billion transistors, provides incredible capabilities and Artificial Intelligence assistance, but remains a mindless machine. The human mind-physiology interface is far more complex than just neuron numbers and connections.

Paranormal activity pushes our experience of reality beyond normal understanding. To understand the fascinating mind-quantum-intersection proposals by world-famous physicist Sir Roger Penrose and Dr. Stuart Hameroff (University

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of Arizona, Anesthesiologist), and the concept of mind and memory information stored at quantum levels, we must dive yet deeper into the underlying physiological structure of neurons themselves<sup>2</sup>. Penrose and Hameroff make highly compelling arguments and provide evidence that “protein-based microtubules—a structural component of human cells—carry quantum information—information stored at a sub-atomic level.”

Think of microtubules as complex scaffolding structures that self-form at a molecular level and seemingly embed knowledge and process memory. Microtubules serve functions normally reserved for science fiction “nanobot” technology. Their very small size and tubular structure provides the interface zone for quantum physics interactions to occur, including memory encoding. Not only do microtubules provide the brainpower within neurons, but they also play basic and vitally important roles in coordinating the amazingly complex process of cell division—precisely and accurately orchestrating the rearrangement and sorting of DNA at the core of our very biological existence. “The structure for this process is considered the most complex machine ever discovered in nature and is based on microtubule

actions.”<sup>3</sup> Physiological conditions that cause microtubule disintegration are now thought to contribute to Alzheimer’s disease and traumatic conditions in injured sports players and war veterans.<sup>4</sup> Lastly, deep scholarly studies have taken up the “field theories of consciousness” and the orchestration of thought and quantum processing in microtubules.<sup>5</sup>

It may well be that these incredible microtubule structures form the key to our entire experience of the Universe at a fundamental quantum level. Perhaps, those among us more sensitive to paranormal experiences truly are “hard-wired” differently with brain interfaces far more sensitive to hidden quantum worlds embedded in the foam and fabric of the Universe. We often refer to “ghosts” as being some form of energy because that is relatively easy to understand, though incomplete. All structures, even ghostly apparitions, must embed information as well, to appear as they do, and, at least for intelligent spirits, to think and act as they do. Quantum information conduits through microtubules injecting into the brain’s conscious experience could also play an important and unrealized role. Perhaps the microtubule conduits of children and animals are naturally open and receptive to paranormal activity existing on a different plane

of existence, one possibly linked to the quantum realm. Maybe these microtubule interfaces corrode over and become rusty with lack of reinforced use, by adult minds that jadedly discount the wonders of the Universe.

On a concluding note, when the human mind finally learns how to interpret 3D stereogram imagery, hours of frustration vanish as the brain instantly rewires to process a new and visually astonishing world of possibilities it never considered before.<sup>6</sup> Somehow, this visual processing technique gets encoded in our brains, perhaps in microtubule structures. With practice, new 3D stereogram images become easier to see in the mind-orchestrated visualization, the only place where the holographically floating image exists. Perhaps improving paranormal sensitivities is like learning how to control your mind to view 3D stereogram images—faith, perseverance, patience, practice, and a little bit of luck! The mysteriously powerful quantum information interfaces in our brains informing our conscious minds may well have far more to do with our normal and extraordinary experiences than we ever dreamed possible.<sup>7</sup>

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# OUR 2022 CALENDAR IS TAKING SHAPE

The following are confirmed presentations as of this writing. Keep in mind that things can, and probably will, change at a moment's notice. So, if you are at all interested in attending any of these events, please be sure to follow The Ghosts Of Ohio on any of our social media accounts as we will post updates as soon as they happen. Also consider contacting the venue(s) directly as they will also be able to fill you in on any guidelines/rules regarding masks.

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Weird Ohio Road Trips presentation**  
 Jackson City Library  
 21 Broadway Street  
 Jackson, OH 45640

**Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Just How Weird Is Ohio? presentation**  
 Seville Library  
 45 Center Street  
 Seville, OH 44273

**Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 pm**  
**Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation**  
 Hamilton Lane Library  
 300 N. Third Street  
 Hamilton, OH 45011

**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> @ TBD**  
**My Strange & Spooky World: An Evening with Author James A. Willis**  
 Verity Lodge: Miami University—  
 Middletown Branch  
 4200 N. University Blvd.  
 Middletown, OH 45042

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> @ TBD**  
**Meet The Ghosts Of Ohio presentation**  
 Jackson City Library  
 21 Broadway Street  
 Jackson, OH 45640

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm**  
**Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation**  
 Stark Library: Jackson Branch  
 7487 Fulton Dr. NW  
 Massillon, OH 44686

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm**  
**Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation**  
 Clermont County Public Library:  
 Union Township Branch  
 4450 Glen Este-Withamsville Road  
 Cincinnati, OH 45245

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm**  
**Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation**  
 John McIntire Library  
 220 N. 5th Street  
 Zanesville, OH 43701

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ TBD**  
**An Evening with Ohio's Spirits presentation**  
 Athens, OH  
 Details soon!

**Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Meet The Ghosts Of Ohio presentation**  
 Seville Library  
 45 Center Street  
 Seville, OH 44273

**Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:30 pm**  
**Ohio's Historic Haunts presentation**  
 Dayton Metro Library: New Lebanon Branch  
 715 W. Main Street  
 New Lebanon, OH 45345

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**  
**Meet The Ghosts Of Ohio presentation**  
 Columbus Metropolitan Library: Southeast Branch  
 Virtual Presentation

**Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Amityville: Horror Or Hoax? presentation**  
 Medina Library  
 210 South Broadway Street  
 Medina, OH 44256

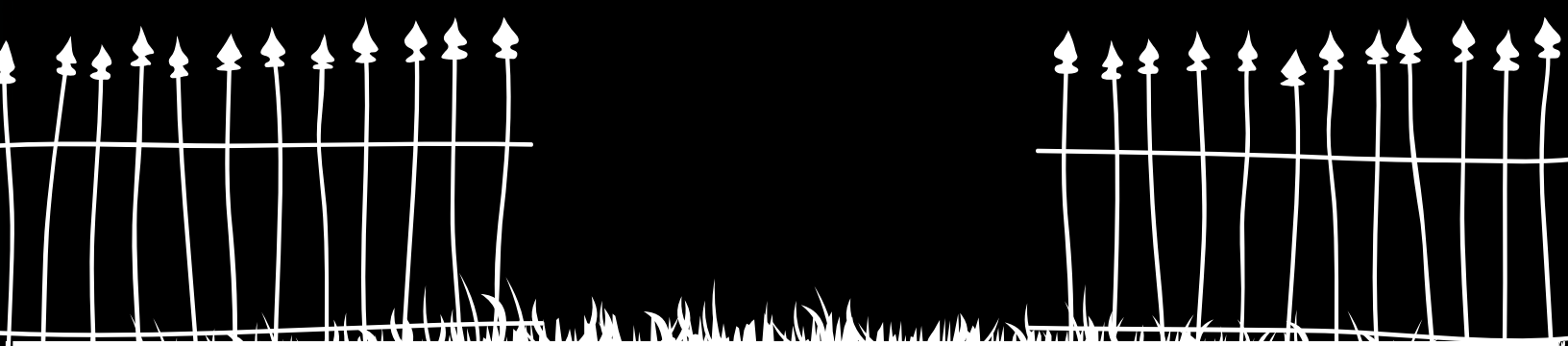


## UPDATE ON INVESTIGATIONS & CONSULTATIONS

As of this writing, all members of The Ghosts Of Ohio organization who will be taking part in investigations have been fully vaccinated and most have been “boosted”. Masks will be worn at the request of the home/business owner and/or in accordance with any mask mandates. Virtual investigations and consultations are also available. More information on scheduling is included at the end of this newsletter, but if you have specific COVID-related questions, feel to contact us at [info@ghostsofohio.org](mailto:info@ghostsofohio.org) or visit our website to fill out an investigation request. All investigations are offered free of charge, and confidentiality and discretion are assured.

## GOT A SCARY STORY TO TELL?

Have you had a ghostly encounter in Ohio? Want to see it featured in a future issue of The Ghosts of Ohio Newsletter? Then here’s all you have to do: Just write down your story and send it to [info@ghostsofohio.org](mailto:info@ghostsofohio.org) with the subject line “Newsletter Ghost Story”. Be sure to also include your name as you’d like it to appear with the story. We’ll take it from there and send you out an e-mail letting you know which issue it is going to appear in. That way, you can get all your friends to sign up for the newsletter so they can see how famous you are!



## Investigations & Consultations

The Ghosts Of Ohio are continuing to schedule investigations and consultations for 2022. All members of the organization who would participate in investigations have been fully vaccinated.

Additionally, we can also make arrangements to drop off ghost-hunting equipment at your home or business and walk you through how to set it up yourself if you prefer. So, if you or someone you know is experiencing something unexplained in a home or place of business, contact us at [info@ghostsofohio.org](mailto:info@ghostsofohio.org) or visit our website to fill out an investigation request. All investigations are offered free of charge, and confidentiality and discretion are assured.

Not sure if you want or need an investigation? The Ghosts Of Ohio also offers consultations. Let us sit down with you to discuss your current situation and what help we may be able to offer. For more information, please visit <http://ghostsofohio.org/services/investigations.html>

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