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OHIO STATEHOOD DAY IS MARCH 1

In commemoration of Ohio's founding on March 1, 1803, the Ohio Statehouse will host a small exhibit in the Statehouse Rotunda February 27 through March 3. The Statehood Day exhibit will include the film, "The Debate Over Statehood," the original portraits of Arthur St. Clair and Thomas Worthington, and a model of the first Ohio capitol in Chillicothe.

Tours

Enjoy a historic trip back in time. From the Statehouse's unique Greek Revival architecture to the stories about the people who built the Capitol Building to the remarkable renovation efforts from 1989 to 1996 to restore the Statehouse to its original 1861 glory.

Visitors may wander on their own anytime during Statehouse hours with a self-guided tour brochure or borrow an audio tour wand with pre-

recorded information to follow at your own pace. Brochures and audio tour wands are available in the Statehouse Museum Shop in the Map Room. Use of tour wands is free.

Free guided tours are offered Monday through Friday on the hour from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from noon until 3 p.m. Tours depart from the Map Room easily accessible from the Third Street entrance. Tours are 45 to



60 minutes in length.

School groups, garden clubs or other groups may schedule free guided tours of the Statehouse and Senate Building through the Statehouse Education & Visitors Center by calling 614-728-3726 or toll free 888-OHIO-123. Groups of 10 or more are requested to schedule in advance. www.ohiostatehouse.org/Tours

Special Features

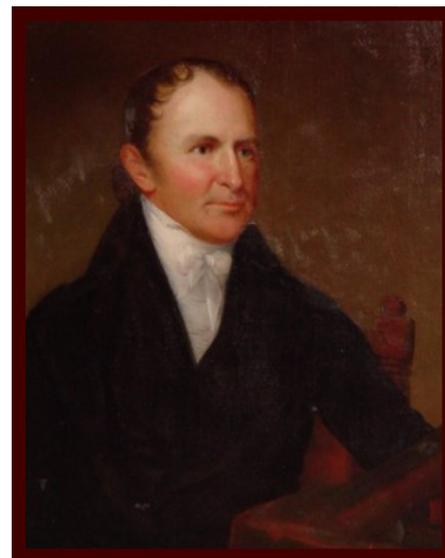
The **George Washington Williams Memorial Room** honors Ohio's first African-American legislator. In addition to images of Williams, the 1860s style room features photographs of other African-Americans who followed Williams in the legislature.

The **Ladies' Gallery** pays homage to the first female Ohio legislators who paved the way for women in government and honors all women who have served in the Ohio General Assembly. Its enduring function informs and inspires all who visit – especially young women and girls – to take an active role in democracy. The room contains an interactive kiosk, historic items, clothing, photos, banners and artifacts pertaining to the first women legislators and the history of the Suffrage movement in Ohio.

The **Ohio Statehouse Museum** functions as an interactive place for learning about Ohio government. The Museum includes interactive, hands-on exhibits that challenge

visitors' knowledge about Ohio history and the workings of state government, while equipping them to more fully participate as citizens. Historical artifacts and images tell the stories of those who designed and built the Statehouse and those who have come to serve. Audiovisual media transport visitors to historical events and invite them to imagine themselves as governor or a legislator.

In 1867, Governor Rutherford B. Hayes decided to form a permanent and proper collection of **Ohio Governor's portraits** to hang in what was a new Capitol building. Prior to Ohio being admitted to the Union, Arthur St. Clair served as the first Territorial Governor of the Northwest Territory, which Ohio was carved from. St. Clair served as the territory's governor until shortly prior to the end of the territorial form of government in 1802. Ohio became the 17th state admitted to the Union on March 1, 1803.



Governor Thomas Worthington (1814-1818) by Charles Willson Peale 1741-1827
(Governor Worthington established the Ohio State Library in 1817—It was renamed the State Library of Ohio in 1967)

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A Smarter Ohio

The vision of the State Library of Ohio is a Smarter Ohio where every Ohioan can access the necessary resources to be engaged citizens, excel at their jobs, participate in the workforce, and pursue their passions and interests.



These Are My Jewels. Designed by Levi Tucker Schofield of Cincinnati for the 1893 Chicago World's Columbian Exposition.



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REVIEW AND
ADVISORY BOARD

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board is responsible for maintaining the historic character of the Statehouse and Capitol Square while providing for the health, safety and convenience of those who work in or visit the complex. The Capitol Square Complex encompasses the Statehouse, Senate Building, Atrium, parking garage and grounds. www.csrab.state.oh.us/

An Elegant Venue

The Capitol Buildings and Grounds are available for use by the public to rent for special events. For information on event venues, usage rules, rental equipment amenities and caterers visit www.ohiostatehouse.org/Events/YourEvent/Index.aspx

The special events team can help you with all the details. The Ohio Statehouse, with its obvious grandeur, is available to serve as your perfect wedding location for the ceremony, reception or both!

Calendar of Events

The Ohio Statehouse will celebrate Black History Month throughout February with a special display and free historical performances each Thursday at noon.

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Women's History Month will honor important women in the history of Ohio during March.

www.ohiostatehouse.org/Events/Calendar/

Art Collection



The Statehouse art collection has been created to benefit the people of Ohio – telling the story of our great state. The art depicts the hopes, dreams, values and aspirations of Ohio - and commemorates our

state's accomplishments and struggles. Artworks have been added over the years to preserve the public memory and to create a consensus about what is important to Ohio.

The Ohio Alliance for Arts Education in partnership with the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and the Ohio Arts Council has developed a set of teacher resources for works of art found within the Ohio Statehouse and on Capitol Square. The teacher resources are individual lessons that focus on **The People's Art Collection**. The People's Art Collection provides integrated lessons for use by educators and parents at www.ohiostatehouse.org/Education/PeoplesArtCollection.aspx

Students who are unable to visit the Ohio Statehouse in person may now experience the arts through the lessons and virtual art exploration experience by downloading the various lesson plans. Images are contained in each lesson. Some of the featured works of art are The Architect's Dream, Civil War cannons, Ohio Inventor's take the Stage, *These Are My Jewels* and Battle of Lake Erie – Perry's Victory (pictured on the left).