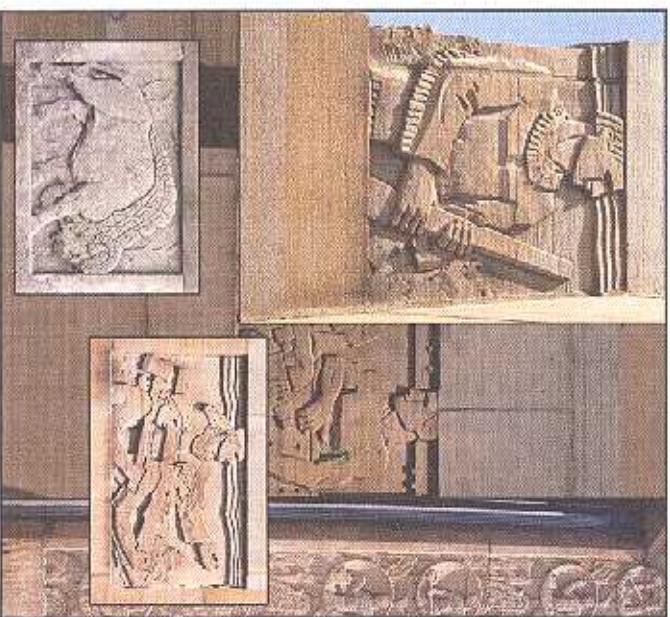


Council Chamber



The former Hamilton City Council Chamber is used by Heritage Hall for lectures and special meetings. All of the original furnishings are preserved. The large centerpiece mural depicting the founding of Fort Hamilton in 1791 was painted in 1941 by another well-known Hamilton artist, Jack Willard.



Visit Lenth Park

This lovely little park was established, and is maintained, by the Hamilton Community Foundation on land owned by the city. It was one of the Foundation's 50th Anniversary Legacy gifts to the city.

The park is a tribute to Robert McCloskey and his first book, *Lentil*, which reflects his Hamilton childhood.

Internationally renowned sculptor Nancy Saxon of Boston, was commissioned to create the bronze likeness of Lentil and his dog. Mrs. Saxon was also the artist for the famous "Mrs. Mallard and her 8 Ducklings" sculpture in the Boston Public Garden; this was inspired by another McCloskey book, *Make Way for Ducklings*, which won him his first Caldecott Medal.

Heritage Hall Needs Your Help

Heritage Hall and its McCloskey Museum depend upon financial support from the city and gifts from individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations. Please help assure its future by making a tax-deductible donation to:

Heritage Hall Fund

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HERITAGE HALL Hamilton, Ohio



Featuring

- displays of local history
- The Robert McCloskey Museum



Located in the former Hamilton Municipal Building at 20 High Street, immediately east of the High Street – Main Bridge.
(Monument Street Entrance)

OPEN: Friday: 9:00-4:00

Saturday: 9:00-2:00

And by appointment:
telephone 513-737-5958

Admission: There is no admission charge; however donations are encouraged.

Heritage Hall was founded in 2003 by a small group of people interested in promoting local history and honoring Hamilton's famous author and artist, Robert McCloskey.

Their vision was to utilize several unused portions of the former Hamilton Municipal Building, with its beautiful marble and tile lobbies serving as "backdrops" for changing displays. They wanted to designate one room for a permanent McCloskey Museum and to incorporate the old Council Chambers for lectures and special meetings.

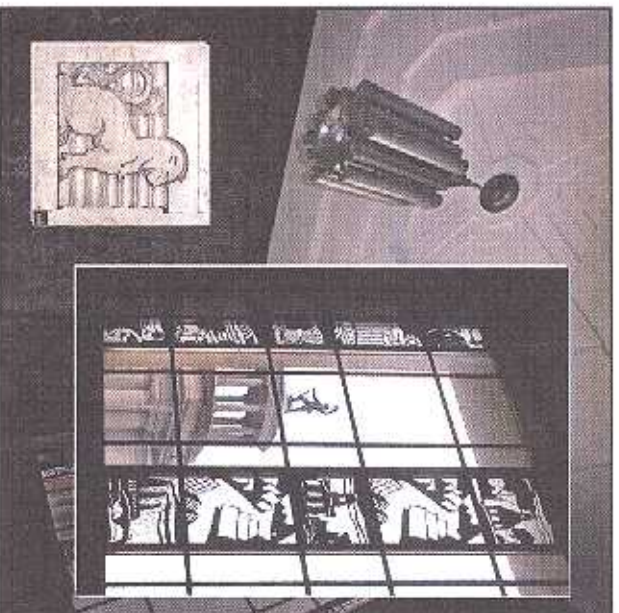


The Heritage Hall concept was encouraged by the city administration and later approved by City Council. Initial funding was provided by the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Community Foundation.

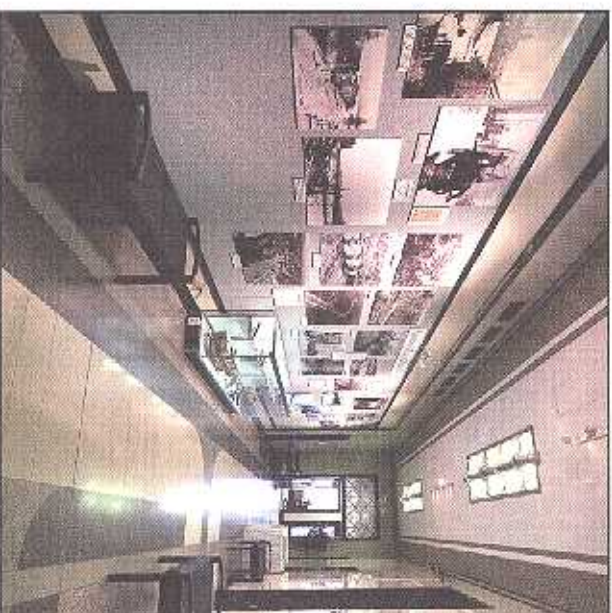
Heritage Hall seeks to expose the community to many chapters of the rich history of the city and county.

The location is ideal, situated in a circle of historical and cultural landmarks: The Soldiers, Sailors and Pioneers Monument, the Hamilton Welcome Center and City of Sculpture Headquarters, the Butler County Court House and the Piton Center for Creative Arts. It is adjacent to Lenell Park and within walking distance of the Butler County Historical Museum, the 1863 octagonal Lane-Hooven House and The Hamilton Lane Library (the first public library west of the Allegheny Mountains).

Heritage Hall is a collaboration of the City of Hamilton, BizTech Center, The Butler County Historical Society and the Hamilton Community Foundation.



Exhibits highlight the city and county's history through a variety of historical photographs, illustrations and other materials. Emphasis is on Hamilton's rich industrial and business heritage. The displays are selected and assembled by the Butler County Historical Museum.



This Magnificent Art Deco Building.

completed in 1935, is an appropriate home for the Robert McCloskey Museum. Young McCloskey played a prominent role in both the exterior and interior design of the structure. When he was only 19 years old, he was chosen to execute the bas-relief carvings. His artistic influence is evident throughout – in the doors, windows, grids and lighting fixtures.



The McCloskey Museum houses a wide collection of memorabilia, including original paintings, many personal items, family photographs and biographical materials. It is the center for his many prestigious awards and citations; among them are the covered Caldecott medals.

Robert McCloskey's popular children's books come to life at Heritage Hall. Enjoy a series of tapes of his award-winning stories and autobiographical films, produced by Morton Schindel, a close friend of McCloskey and founder of the Weston Woods Institute.