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## Mantua Historic photos highlight Mantua Revitalization committee captures village downtown 'back then'

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MANTUA -- The Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee has put together a collection of historic photographs that capture how the downtown area used to look.

Committee members Michelle Barnauskas and Becky Newell have put together the presentation, "Mantua -- Past and Present," which highlights many of the village landmarks, including addresses and building uses.

From its beginnings as part of a rural farming community located along the banks of the Cuyahoga River, the presentation shows how Mantua Station quickly grew into a commercial hub when the railroad was completed in the mid-1800s.

Now known as the Village of Mantua, the town has survived periods of growth and decline to become what it is today.

Historians also can see how the commercial district has changed over the years with "Mantua -- Past and Present."

The slide show on DVD features more than 100 photos of downtown properties depicted as they were in the early 1900s, 1960s-1970s and in 2007.

"This DVD shows historical pictures of bustling 1900s Mantua Village with each followed by the same angle and location of Mantua today," Newell said.

The "Mantua -- Past and Present" DVD is complete with background music by local resident and guitarist Steve Vanderink and musician Brian Henke and is now available for a \$20 donation.

Downtown Mantua Revitalization T-shirts are also available for \$15 each. All of the proceeds go to benefit the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee.

Order can be placed by mailing a request to the committee at P.O. Box 111, Mantua or online at [www.mantuashalersvillechamber.org](http://www.mantuashalersvillechamber.org) and follow the downtown revitalization link.

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## Mantua offers piece of history Revitalization group selling DVDs with old photos

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MANTUA " The Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee is hoping residents will treat their mothers to a unique gift this Mother's Day.

As family members contemplate gifts, the committee would like them to give Mom some time to reflect with images of yesteryear.

Committee secretary Becky Newell said residents are raving about "Mantua " Past and Present," a DVD show with more than 100 photos of the village from the early 1900s through 2007.



Newell said community members are excited about the downtown revitalization project and are encouraging others to offer their support.

"Want to really make Mom's day? Spend an afternoon together watching the DVD and talking about your shared past," she said.

The historic presentation is set to the music of guitarists Steve Vanderink of Hiram and Brian Henke of Cleveland.

The DVD is available for a \$20 contribution to the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee. To place your order contact Newell at 216-990-5086.

The Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee was incorporated in April 2007 as a non-profit corporation and is managed by a volunteer slate of officers with a 12-member volunteer board of directors overseeing activities.

For more information, visit [www.mantuashalersvillechamber.com](http://www.mantuashalersvillechamber.com) and click on "Downtown Revitalization" on the right side.

# “Mantua Past & Present” DVD Slideshow Makes a Great Gift!

The Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation (DMRC) would like to remind everyone about a great gift idea!

The “Mantua Past & Present” DVD Slideshow can be enjoyed in the comfort of your home on your TV! View over 100 photos of downtown properties as they were in the early 1900s, 1960-70s and in 2007. Listen to musical accompaniment performed by Brian Henke & local resident Steve Vanderink.

DVDs are available at the Mantua Branch of



Middlefield Bank for \$20.00. For home delivery, send a check for

\$22.00 to cover the cost of mailing to DMRC at PO Box 111, Mantua 44255. Please be sure to include the mailing address and write “for DVD” on your check.

Coming soon... DVD of the extremely successful “Walking Through Mantua’s Past” tour of 5 historic downtown buildings enjoyed by nearly 500 people! If you missed it, be sure to pick up a copy when they become available. If you were there, you can enjoy it for a second time! Watch for further news on this release!