



The Olive Branch School Preservation Society (OBSPS) continues its work to preserve and restore the 1908 Olive Branch “little round school” building. It seems like only yesterday (actually it was January 17, 2010) that we unveiled the plaque recognizing the building’s placement on the National Register of Historic Places and took a big first step toward meeting our goal of restoring “Little O.B.” to its former glory. View a web page with Olive Branch history and old photos at [www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us/preserveolivebranch.aspx](http://www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us/preserveolivebranch.aspx).

The OBSPS Board of Trustees (Bill Berry, Cyndie Gerken, Ken Strickland, John Sipe, Susan Morgan, Jane Manemann, and Virgil Studebaker) recognize that with the downturn in the economy, the building’s restoration will be a long-term endeavor. They have nonetheless continued their efforts to seek grant money for the project. As an example, Brownfield Funds for the removal of asbestos were requested from the American Recovery Act, but were not awarded. The cost for such a project was estimated at \$30,000. Other grant applications are still under consideration and as possible new funding sources become known, the OBSPS trustees will work to pursue them.

In the meantime, any interested parties are encouraged to attend Olive Branch School Preservation Society meetings, which are held quarterly on the second Monday in January, April, July, and October. You need not be a trustee to attend the meetings. For more information about the Society, contact Bill Berry at 845-8774 or Cyndie Gerken at 409-0609.