SOUTH BASS ISLAND

TOUR 2
Science & Serenity
(0.2 miles)

1. The Bayview House
2. The Stone Laboratory Research Station
3. The State Fish Hatchery
4. The Feick Cottage

SCALE
1.5" = 2,000'
As Bayview Avenue winds northward, the bustle of Put-in-Bay village fades to the quiet serenity of Peach Point. Originally a peach orchard developed by José de Rivera, the area later became the site of the Federal Fish Hatchery, which was constructed in 1889. A decade or so later, a number of small, frame cottages were built at Peach Point for artists and writers visiting the islands. During the next fifteen years, the State of Ohio began establishing its own fish hatcheries here, and The Ohio State University located a biological research station in the State Hatchery Building in 1918. Ohio State’s local research facilities are currently known as Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory—or simply as Stone Lab. The headquarters of Stone Lab are on Gibraltar Island, and it now owns the former Federal Hatchery. In addition to its tranquillity and its scientific attractions, Peach Point also offers some of the island’s best views of the harbor and Perry’s Monument, especially at night.

1. The Bayview House. The second cottage on Bayview Avenue at Peach Point, this simple, square, frame structure was built about 1900. In 1940, the house became the property of Thomas and Marina Langlois; Thomas Langlois was the distinguished director of Stone Lab for many years. The building currently houses Stone Lab’s main office and library. The simple, shingle construction of the home is indicative of its catalog design.

2. The Stone Laboratory Research Station. Going north along Bayview we come to what was the Federal Fish Hatchery building designed by the popular island contractor George Gascoyne and built in 1889. The horizontal and vertical boards applied to the projecting gables make this a fine example of Stick Style archi-
Oak Point, 1914

tecture, popular during the last two decades of the 1800s. Surrounding the hatchery are several small cottages that house Stone Lab’s summer faculty, students, and guests.

3. The State Fish Hatchery. Just next door to the Stone Lab facility, the State Fish Hatchery continues to serve as a fish breeding station. This building was constructed in 1925 to
replace another state hatchery that was destroyed by fire the preceding year. The first State Fish Hatchery building was built in 1907 on the former site of the Forest City Ice Company. The present two-story brick structure with cement and stucco trim is architecturally similar to the Put-in-Bay School on Catawba Avenue. Both buildings were erected by the J. A. Feick Con-

State Fish Hatchery, now
struction Company, of Sandusky, Ohio. Tours of the State Fish Hatchery are offered by appointment.

4. The Feick Cottage. Immediately next to the State Hatchery stands the cottage residence built by the Feick family in 1901. The Feick Construction Company erected numerous island landmarks; in addition to the State Hatchery just seen, they include the Put-in-Bay School and the famous Hotel Victory, which we shall see in Tour 5. The company traces its operations back to the 1850s. It is reportedly one of the oldest continuously operating construction companies in the nation. A Colonial Revival-style cottage, the dwelling features an elliptical second-story window and walls covered with wood shingles.