A year ago Mrs. Bonnie Owens donated a printing press to the Village. The press belonged to her grandfather, Mr. Gottlieb Frederick Adolf Schram. The cast iron press was placed in storage and declared too heavy for any of our current buildings. However, soon after receiving the press, Mrs. Owens’ daughter and son-in-law, Stacy and Rob Crapsey, offered to donate a building to house the printing press in honor of Mrs. Owens. Rob’s company, Crapsey and Gillis Construction of Montgomery, is constructing a building, which will be designated as the Schram Printing Company. Scheduled to be completed in September, the Schram Printing Company will serve as a lasting memory of the Schram Family, Mrs. Owens, Stacy and Rob Crapsey, and as another wonderful learning station at the Village.

The 2005 Historic Southwest Ohio (HSO) Gala will take place on Saturday, September 10th, under the tent at Heritage Village Museum from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Co-hosted by HSO and The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Ohio, this year’s Gala will feature the Doctor Langdon Office building. Constructed in 1857, the Steamboat Gothic Revival office building and its contents were rescued and relocated to Heritage Village Museum in 1976.

With festivities including cocktails, a silent auction, dinner, special presentation, dancing and music by The Pete Wagner Band, we expect a delightful time for everyone. Don’t miss this opportunity to enjoy a great event and to contribute to the good works of The Colonial Dames and HSO. The Gala is casual dress and tickets are $125/person, with a cash bar. Reservations are required. Call 513-563-9484.

NEW AT THE VILLAGE:
Schram Printing Company

In collaboration with the Cincinnati Museum Center’s Heritage Tours, the Betts House, the Firehouse Museum, and the Hauck House Museum will join in a special History Alive – The West End History Tour, hosted by Dan Hurley on September 24th. The tour will start at 9:00 am at the Cincinnati Museum Center and end there at 1:30 pm. Make your reservations now by calling the Museum Center, West End History Tour at 513-287-7031. Cost is $35.00/person.
I have been at the Village for 3 ½ years and, except for the ever present shortage of operating funds, everything I have asked for or wished for has come true. The Somerset Church has been finished; we completed a great Hands-On History Center for younger children; most of the buildings have been repaired; ramps have been added to the buildings for the disabled; the Village was given a pick-up truck, the print shop is now a reality, and I even received a drill and tools to do some work. I thank each one of you for making my wish list come true. Now, I have started dreaming again:

• I dream of establishing a restricted operation endowment that will be accumulating funds, of any size, in order to provide income for the daily operation of the Village. Only the interest from the endowment will be used; thereby, allowing the principle to grow and to remain in place for the future.
• I dream that the Myer’s Schoolhouse has been relocated to the Village. Currently, we have $90,000 committed to its relocation and restoration. We need more money, and I need help in finding individuals or companies that will support our efforts.
• I dream that an engineer or architect would design a wood-framed building to serve as our Blacksmith Shop.
• I dream of a wooden shed to serve as the Village Firehouse. A Firehouse would serve as a wonderful setting to talk about Cincinnati’s first paid fire department. Of course, once we have a Firehouse, we’re going to need a fire engine.
• I dream of a locomotive, caboose or a Pullman car sitting in front of Chester Park Train Station. It would enhance our station and help the children better understand 19th-century transportation.
• I dream of a gazebo standing near the pond with a band playing our favorite songs.
• I dream that the utilities have been extended up into the Village. This means the installation of a sewer line across from the church, as well as the extension of water, gas and electric to the proposed location of the school.
• I dream of more buildings in the Village. We have room for a number of additional buildings, and we should work to obtain them. I propose a city jail, bank, another house, a tavern and a cabinet shop.
• I dream of a grist mill; no 19th-century Village should be without a mill.

Well, there you have it, my new wish list. I can’t wait until it all comes true! Please talk it up amongst your friends and associates. You never know when someone may be able to help either financially or by knowing someone who knows someone who will give us what we need. I hope we never lose sight that what we do today serves future generations. Thank you for your support!
Wilkens Washhouse

Two years ago we were given a lovely little out building from the Wilkens’ Family Farm, located in Deerfield Township. We accepted the building and hurriedly brought it to the Village, as the farm and land were scheduled to be developed into a shopping center. Built around the 1850s, the “washhouse” was part of the domestic scene of the Wilkens’ Farm and offers another opportunity to highlight life in the 19th century at Heritage Village. The building has been sitting idle in the barnyard at the Village, while funds and a more permanent location could be found.

Recently, we were visited by Kimberly Wilkens Messing, a member of the Wilkens family. She wanted to show the washhouse to her husband, Pete. After some discussion, we learned that all of the members of the Wilkens family loved that old washhouse and that it has been a part of their family heritage for generations. We also learned that Kim and Pete were both about to ship out for duty in Iraq.

Before leaving Kim and Pete wrote the Village a check to help move the building, and we are now in the process of making that move. By the end of the fall, the washhouse will be placed on a permanent site near the tea garden behind Hayner House. We greatly appreciate Kim and Pete’s commitment, not only to our Village, but to our country. Thank you!

The Fetter General Store is open to the public! Come and sit for a game of checkers, while the children explore the many hands-on drawers or try the bathtub. What a treat to be able to stock the store and display our items from storage. Many thanks to Nadine Friedmann and Sonya Kirkland for their help in cleaning and arranging the artifacts. A special thanks to Carolyn Hoeltke and MaryAnn Dodson for their generous financial support of the project. Many other individuals helped with the painting, moving, inventory, and digitizing required for this venture. The total cost of the conversion came to $2,840; a remarkably small amount when opening a new exhibit area.

Kathy

- Summertime Help

We have been privileged to have two Slovakian college students working on the buildings and grounds at the Heritage Village Museum. Jan Dingas and Steffan Madura have worked on many projects, above and below ground, to improve the look of the Village. They have done a great job and we are grateful to them and to the generosity of Bill Schott for making the Village look great!
We are ready and excited to kick off the 2005 – 2006 School Year. Lori and I have been preparing for the Education Program brochures to go out to local teachers. With the help of board members, staff and some volunteers, we have provided information about our school programs to over 800 teachers across the Greater Cincinnati area! And that is just the start…

We are happy to offer Apple Fest again this year for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3. This will take place September 26 – 30th, following the weekend of Harvest Fest.

I am also very excited about all of the changes that are happening here at the Village. Make sure that you read about our additions in the other articles this month. Due to the transition of the JC Fetter Store back to a general store and the construction of a new print shop, we will be able to offer new programs for students that will incorporate these and other buildings in the Village.

There are new programs for Kindergarten and First Grade students to incorporate the ideas of communities, as ours grows. Early next year, we will begin to offer a program for intermediate grade students where they will utilize these new buildings. We love Back to School time!

Lisa and Lori

Obtaining funds to run the Village is a never-ending job. Did you know that, aside from paying salaries to the staff; we spend about $30,000 a year to pay the utility bills, $17,000 a year in insurance and $16,000 a year to maintain the buildings? Our hope is that we can establish a large enough endowment, so that the interest alone will pay to keep the Village alive and running for future generations.

One of the best ways of funding this endowment is through bequests or trusts. Recently, we learned that a long-time friend of HSO, Mrs. Helenrose Reis, had named HSO as a beneficiary in her will. While we mourn Mrs. Reis’ passing, we celebrate that her spirit and those of many others who loved HSO will always be alive through their wonderful gifts.

We encourage all members to think of Historic Southwest Ohio when reviewing your wills. A gift to our Operational Endowment ensures that future generations of children and adults will be able to enjoy the history of southwestern Ohio.

Haunted Village Returns

The Headless Horseman and Ichabod Crane will, once again, roam the fields of Heritage Village Museum as it becomes “Haunted Village.” This year the event will take place on October 14 - 16, 21 - 23 and 28 - 30. Make plans to attend now, and bring the kids to the largest “Slight Fright” haunted event in the city. See the live performance of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and enjoy a whole village of festivities for ages 3 to 12. As a reminder, all HSO members are entitled to FREE admission one night of Haunted Village as part of their membership benefits. Tell all your friends and help us make this year the biggest in our history!

IT’S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

A Wonderful Gift That Keeps on Giving!
WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the HSO Board of Directors:

- **Dick Wendel, MD, MBA** - Dick is a retired physician and medical consultant.
- **Mark Albertz, CPA** - Mark owns his own accounting firm, Albertz & Associates, located in Sharonville.
- **Bill Schott** - Bill works in the engineering group at Paramount’s Kings Island.
- **Florence Beaujon** - Florence is a retired minister and spearheaded the relocation and restoration of Somerset Church.

WELCOME KAREN

The board and staff of HSO would like to welcome Karen L. Kirksey to our staff as the new bookkeeper. Karen is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating from college, she moved to Cincinnati and worked as an accountant in manufacturing and communication services. After having her second child in 1992, she decided to stay home and take care of her family.

While at home, she utilized her accounting skills by starting a home-based business, which provided accounting and payroll services to small businesses. She has been married to Sanford Kirksey Jr. for 19 years, and they have two daughters, Candace 15 and Patrice 13. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, tennis, and listening to gospel jazz and classical music. Welcome aboard Karen!

Dr. Langdon’s Office Endowment

Several months back Ann Swanson and her sister Jean Langdon offered a substantial gift to help restore the doctor’s office and to endow the building. The work on the office is nearly complete. We have painted, wallpapered, excavated and made significant improvements on the building. We are currently exploring ways to include the office in a new educational program. The restricted endowment they established is steadily increasing so that we will have funds available to make necessary repairs in the future. We thank the Langdon sisters for their commitment to the village and their wonderful gift.

Accessibility

Thanks to grants from Ann Swanson, Jean Langdon and the John Hauck Foundation, work was recently completed on wheelchair ramps for Dr. Langdon’s Office, the Fetter’s Store and the Chester Park Station. They join the Hayner House and the Somerset Church in what is a major on-going project to make the village accessible for the disabled. The challenge for us was to provide access ramps without affecting the visual and architectural beauty of the buildings. We think we have the right idea by constructing “earthen” ramps wherever we can that blend into the surrounding landscape of the buildings. Keep an eye out for more access to buildings in the coming months.

MAP and CAP

Over the past 4 years, Historic Southwest Ohio has been aggressively pursuing museum accreditation from the American Association of Museums. This prized designation represents the highest standards of excellence in museum operations and conduct of which few museums ever achieve. To become accredited a museum must undergo a series of on-site visitations by professional museum assessors. This is a lengthy process requiring the on-site inspections and action upon the assessor’s recommendation. Historic Southwest Ohio has gone through 2 Museum Accreditation Plan (MAP) assessments and 1 Collections Assessment Plan inspection. So far we are doing great. We receive recommendations from the assessors and take action to rectify problems as soon as we can. As we complete the recommendations, we come one-step closer to meeting the requirements for accreditation. We should all feel proud of what this organization has done and the high level of professionalism we have been able to achieve in the museum industry.
ENDOWMENTS

Our founders did a great job in identifying buildings and relocating them to Heritage Village Museum. In some cases they established funds to insure the continued maintenance of the buildings; most notably, the Elk Lick Endowment. Today we are searching for endowment gifts to apply to the buildings without endowments. These buildings are: Chester Park Train Station, the Benedict Cottage, Fetter General Store, the Gatch Barn and the Vorhes House. As in the case of the Dr. Langdon Office building, a restricted fund for the endowment of a building can be easily established.

We place gifts, large or small, into a restricted fund for only that purpose and leave it, generally, for a five-year period. During that time, the interest will grow to a level that will pay for repairs and improvements. We do not touch the principle of an endowment, so it will always remain as a source of interest income for its designated purpose. Endowments can be made from one person, a group of people, an organization or company, and they can range in size. An endowment of $20,000 over 5 years will grow to over $4,000 in maintenance and repair income. Please let us know if we can answer any questions you might have regarding an endowment for a building.

SAY “CHEESE”...

Did you know that Heritage Village Museum has 12 photographic studios that use the Village as a backdrop for taking pictures of families and high school seniors? These photographers use their skills and the Village to produce incredible and memorable photos. Equal to anything you see in a magazine, their work will provide you with memories that will last a lifetime. Please contact one of our photographers for a photo shoot and see how the Village can bring you enjoyment in yet another way!

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“So long...farewell...auf Wiedersehen, good...”

“So long...farewell...auf Wiedersehen, good night...”

So go the lyrics to a familiar song from *The Sound of Music*. It is with a heavy heart that we are bidding Misty Weathers and Pat Koch a fond farewell. Pat is retiring after many years associated with Historic Southwest Ohio as our bookkeeper. Misty is leaving us to venture across the river to become the Manager of Development for the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra located in Newport. Both of these familiar faces will be missed as we venture up and down the steps in Hayner. There is a blessing that Virginia Covey Boswell wrote that I believe conveys our wishes for both of these wonderful women:

“May the trail of the wind leave its songs in your path,
May the sun light the sky where you stand;
May the pleasure of friendship be yours through the days,
With the clasp of a caring hand.”

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Jerome G. Schloemer**
Jerome was the father of Jeff Schloemer, President of HSO Board and father-in-law of Hal Shoemaker, Past President of HSO Board.

**Roger Arnold**
Roger was the husband of Harriet Arnold. Harriet was an active volunteer for over 25 years at Heritage Village Museum.

These individuals will be sadly missed by all. On behalf of the HSO Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, we wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Jeff Schloemer, Hal Shoemaker and Harriet Arnold.

**Historic Southwest Ohio Staff**

Your HSO Staff is here to assist you. You may contact any of our staff members by calling (513) 563-9484.

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Heritage Village Museum is now open Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00 to 4:00 pm and Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Bring the entire family to one of the Midwest’s finest examples of living history and the only outdoor museum in Greater Cincinnati.

Sept. 10
2005 GALA
Details inside

Sept. 11
REMEMBER 911
Admission FREE
Sun. 1:00 to 5:00
Service 1:00 Church

Sept. 18
OLD FASHION HYMN SING
Picnic and Song
5:00 picnic
Hymn sing after picnic

Sept. 24 & 25
HARVEST FEST
Heritage Village Museum
Sat. 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Sun. 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Oct. 14-16
21-23
28-30
HAUNTED VILLAGE
“Legend of Sleepy Hollow”
Fri. & Sat. 6:00-10:00 pm
gate closes at 9:00 pm
Sun. 5:00 -9:00 pm
gate closes at 8:00 pm

Dec. 3-4
HOLLY DAYS
“A Dickens of a Christmas”
Sat. 12:00-4:00 pm,
Sun. 1:00 --5:00 pm

Dec. 17
18
CANDLELIGHT DINNER
RESERVATIONS REQUIRES
Seating 7:00 pm
Seatings 5:00 & 7:00 pm