## Notes from the Executive Director

By William J. Dichtl

### Autumn/Winter Village Hours

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Heritage Village Museum

Timesteps

Autumn 2012

It is hard to believe that 2012 is almost complete. As I write this column there are five days left of the art show at Hayner House featuring 37 paintings by 14 area artist. These artists captured the Village in all its glory; over five days throughout the summer and early fall. It has been a pleasure to meet the artists and watch them create some fantastic art. I have had a hard time choosing a favorite piece. We are in the early stages of discussing another art show for 2013. If you did not get a chance to see the show, check out our website ([www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org](http://www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org)) to see all the works.

Plans are underway for programs, exhibits, workshops, and events for 2013 and beyond. Is there a topic for a program or exhibit you would like to learn more about? If so, and I am sure many of you have ideas, give me a call at 513-563-9484 and share them with me.

As we approach the holidays and you are looking for a gift for a family member or a friend why not consider giving a membership to the Heritage Village Museum? As a member you are already aware of the value of a membership. Members receive free admission to the Village and special events (Civil War Weekend, Harvest Fest, and Haunted Village), a 20% discount in the gift shop and discounts on workshops and programs.

Also as we approach the New Year, don't forget to purchase your very own copy of the 2013 Heritage Village calendar. This full color calendar featuring twelve photos of the Village is on sale in the gift shop for $12.00 plus tax. They will make great gifts for everyone on your shopping list!

Since the last newsletter, two new staff members have joined the Village. Steve Preston, Educational Director, and Deborah Pitel, Marketing Director, who also oversees volunteers, joined us over the last few weeks. I look forward to working with them both.

One last thing! **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU** to all our volunteers over the past year. You have done so many things to help make the Village a great place to work. We could always use a few more to give guided tours, help with education programs, work in the gift shop and special events. If you have the desire to volunteer at the Village in one or more areas give Deborah a call to see where you can help.
This is the season for expressing thanks in words and in actions and I invite you to consider a gift to Historic Southwest Ohio Heritage Village. I volunteered at Haunted Village four evenings and I had a chance to hear thank yous from our guests. I was also pleasantly surprised to have folks give cash donations in thank you for their experience.

With all the weather problems that can happen to an outdoor event, we pulled it off. The committee put together an event to be proud of and in the process provided a quality family entertainment. We hope such events will bring in significant dollars to meet our bottom line. But in the broader perspective the idea of a family event that provides wholesome entertainment for children, youth and adults is an important goal and one we must not lose sight of in our hopes of raising funds for the village.

We exist for the public for their education, their enjoyment and their entertainment. We as a board must be concerned about budgets, but as a museum we cannot forget that we exist for our public. We want to present quality education and entertainment. We will do that with all our energy and time. I hope you, our members and friends, will remember the village in your giving this year as we look forward to a new and exciting year ahead.

Wayne Purintun - President

Greetings everyone, my name is Steve Preston. I am here at the Village as the new Education Director. After receiving degrees in History and Education from Manchester College, I spent more than fifteen years involved in education. I am currently completing a Master’s Degree in Public History from Northern Kentucky University. In my spare time, I enjoy; fly fishing and researching the local history of Native American conflicts in the late 1700’s and early 1800’s. My wife, son and I currently reside here in Cincinnati.

Hello everyone, my name is Deborah Pitel and I am the new Marketing, Volunteer and Membership Coordinator at Heritage Village. I grew up in West Chester, Ohio and can remember visiting the Village when I was a child. I have always been fascinated by history and have finally decided to follow my dream and pursue a career in the field I love. I have a Bachelors Degree in Organizational Leadership and I am currently in the Masters of Public History program at Northern Kentucky University. I reside in Union Township, Clermont County and will be celebrating my 9 year wedding anniversary December 11th. I am very excited to be a part of the Village and look forward to a great 2013!

Book Review by Emily Logue

Queen City Lady: The 1861 Journal of Amanda Wilson

During the four years of the Civil War there were a lot of unknowns affecting people all over the United States. When would the war end? Will my loved ones return home? How is this war going to affect me and my family? These questions were common and not immediately answered. For those of us 150 years later we have different questions concerning the Civil War. What was daily life like for soldiers? What did they eat? Where did they sleep? Not asked as much as it should be: what was life like for women on the home front? That question can be answered with the 1861 diary of Amanda Wilson.

Amanda wrote in her diary every single day of 1861. Not all of her entries were long or for that matter about the war, but readers are still able to see how the people of Cincinnati, women in particular, were affected. What helps the reader understand the flow of Amanda’s entries better are the footnotes located at the bottom of almost every page. These footnotes will give readers information about who Amanda socialized with, what stores she may have visited, and what events her and her husband Obed might have attended.

Amanda’s diary reveals her joys, worries and fears as the war progressed. Readers will sympathize with her as she writes about her brother George who was a soldier for the Union Army.

What Amanda Wilson’s diary offers to readers is an insight into the past. There are an unlimited supply of history books, biographies, autobiographies, diaries, etc. that look at the Civil War from the eyes of a man. Amanda Wilson’s diary reveals how women were affected, what they did to support their families and the war effort, and how keeping a positive attitude can carry someone through hard times.

Queen City Lady: The 1861 Journal of Amanda Wilson is available for purchase in the Gift Shop.

The 2013 Heritage Village Calendars are Here!

Enjoy beautiful pictures of the Village every day of the year with our 2013 Calendar. They are only $12.00 plus tax and would make a great gift for any history buff.
Current Exhibits

Quilt exhibit from November 28th – December 21st and January 2nd – February 23rd. The exhibit highlights various quilt patterns from 1850 through 1925. The antique quilts are displayed in the Village’s beautiful Hayner House.

Quilt Raffle

Hurry, there is still time to buy raffle tickets for our quilt raffle! The Heritage Village Quilters have created a beautiful quilt that will be raffled off on December 16, 2012 during our Holly Days event. The cost of one ticket is $1.00 and the cost of six tickets is $5.00. The dimensions of the quilt are 100” by 104”. Tickets are available in the gift shop. For more information about the raffle please call the office at (513) 563-9484.

Haunted Village and Scarecrow Contest Wrap Up

Our annual Haunted Village and Scarecrow Contest was a success! The village had 1,830 visitors during the last three weekends of October. The zombie cemetery and Elk Lick house were the favorite “haunts”. The guests also enjoyed taking a wagon ride through the Village, but always watched out for the Headless Horseman, who is a fright every year! The scarecrows were placed throughout the Village and guests were able to vote for their favorite. “Rosie the Red” scarecrow, created by Winkie Foster, received the most votes. The “Frenchman”, create by Rob Carter, was the second favorite.

Thanks to our members, sponsors and volunteers who helped make this year’s event a success.

Kroger Makes Giving to the Village easier

Any Heritage Village Members who are interested in renewing or registering their Kroger Plus card should visit krogercommunityrewards.com. For an easier time registering for Heritage Village Museum it would be best to have your Kroger Plus card handy. If you do not currently have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at all Kroger service desks.

Once you have a Kroger Plus card you can sign up online. Simply click on SIGN UP TODAY in the ‘New Customer’ box. Once you have completed that step you will enter in your zip code, click on your favorite Kroger store, and enter your email address and create a password. Once you have completed this you will be walked through a series of steps. You will also need our non-profit organization number which is 82559.

***The Village receives 4% of all the money spent using the cards. If just 50 people spent $50 per week for 50 weeks, the Village would receive $5,000.00!

***Thank you for supporting Heritage Village Museum!

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Heritage Village Museum is on Facebook!
Be sure to “like” us and stay in touch with all of the Village happenings!

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Holly Days

Come see the Village in all its Holiday Splendor, while enjoying crafts, storytelling, holiday food, music and more family fun! The event is Sunday, December 16th from 12:00pm - 4:00pm. Please join us for some old fashioned holiday traditions!

Molasses Cookies

- 1/2 c. shortening
- 1 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. molasses
- 1 egg well-beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 c. coffee (hot)
- 3 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ginger

Add baking soda to coffee while still hot, let cool. Beat shortening and sugar. Add the following and beat after each addition: molasses, egg, vanilla and cooled coffee mixture. Mix flour, cinnamon and ginger. Add dry mixture a little at a time, stirring with a spoon. Drop large spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Spread out slightly with back of spoon. Bake at 375 degrees for 7-8 minutes. Finished cookies will be large and soft.

Volunteers Wanted!

It Takes a village to run the Village!

What is the most important part of a village? The people in it! Our volunteers make Heritage Village Museum come alive and are essential to fulfilling our mission. It “takes a village” to run the village and we need YOUR help to do it!

There are all kinds of ways to help. We need interpreters who dress in period clothing to demonstrate 19th century crafts, jobs, cooking, etc., to give guided tours, and to help with our education programs. There are also opportunities to help us with visitor services, hospitality, gardening, office work, and our amazing special events like Civil War Weekend and Haunted Village. The time commitment can be as flexible as you need it to be, and we provide the training.

Come learn with us and share your passion for history with others! Heritage Village Museum is the only outdoor living history museum in the Greater Cincinnati area and a great place to step into the past.

Fill out an application today to get started, or call or email Deborah Pitel for more information. 513-563-9484 or MarketingDirector@heritagevillagecincinnati.org

YOU make the Village come to life!