Letter from the Executive Director

In addition to the generous donations of our members, we depend on funding from various local foundations. We seldom talk about this important aspect of funding for various projects at the Village, but in 2019, twenty grants were applied for and five were funded.

Here is a list of the grants that were funded. The Charles M. Dater Foundation supported the Village with $20,000. The money was used for education staff salaries including the summer camp counselors and education supplies. To share the history of Southwest Ohio with school children who might not be able to afford to visit the Village, we offered several schools the opportunity to visit for free.

To continue the work of restoring the Myers School, applications for funding were sent to seven foundations totaling $110,000. Two grants were approved for a total of $30,000. The Louise Taft Semple Foundation and The John Hauck Foundation gave $15,000 each. Once the weather turns nice, work will continue on the Myers School.

Sophie Grant, former Camp Counselor and Assistant Education Director, wrote two grants for Universal Design for Learning. In the grants, Sophie wrote that “Universal Design for Learning according to the Center for Universal Design at North Carolina State University, is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.” Funding from The Oliver Family Foundation for $1,000 will assist in bringing this to reality as we continue to strive to make the Village a welcoming place for everyone.

The last grant received in 2019 came from the W. E. Smith Family Charitable Trust Fund which awarded $1,000 to the Village. The Village has partnered with the Cincinnati Observatory to celebrate John Quincy Adams’ 1843 visit to Cincinnati to lay the cornerstone of the observatory. The trust is supporting the first-person program featuring John Quincy Adams on April 3 at the Village and presentation at the Observatory on April 4.

We would like to apply for more grants in 2020. In order to submit more grants I need volunteers to help. This would include researching potential foundations that might support our projects, meeting with staff to determine the project, and writing the grant. I will train and assist you to help give you the best opportunity to succeed. If you are interested in helping with grant writing, please contact me.
Chocolate, Champagne, & Candlelight  
Feb. 8   7-10 p.m.

Our annual gala event will be held on Feb. 8 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Raffel's Banquet Center (10160 Reading Rd.).

This year's event will have a roaring 20s theme! “Babe Ruth” will be the MC. Learn to dance the Charleston, then dance the night away to jazz music played by the Matt Tolentino Trio. Listen to a talk on the Brewery Industry in Cincinnati and Prohibition. Watch a magician do card tricks. Indulge in the chocolate buffet and hors d'oeuvres. Three drink tickets are included. Take your photo in front of a Model T or Model A car. Win some swell silent auction and raffle prizes. Raffle items include: Hearth Cooked Dinner, Escape the Village (escape room experience), Best Seat in the House (package for next year’s event), and much more! This exciting gala event is the largest annual fundraiser for Heritage Village Museum and Educational Center. Proceeds from this event help to preserve the historic buildings in the Village and provide quality educational programs throughout the year. Tickets are $40 per person. Register by Feb. 4 by calling 513-563-9484 or visiting heritagevillagecincinnati.org/events.

**Hearth Cooked Dinners**  
Mar. 11, Jun. 17, Aug. 19, & Nov. 18   6-9 p.m.

Join us for a Hearth Cooked Dinner and sample some 18th and 19th century cuisine. You will enjoy a candle-lit dinner. Education Director, Steve Preston, will prepare the meal and give guests background into the history and preparation of each dish. The cost is $35 per person. Reserve your seat by calling 513-563-9484.

**Escape the Village**  
Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23, Jun. 27, Jul. 25, Aug. 24 & Sept. 28   Noon, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Escape the Village is an escape room style challenge! The first Escape the Village challenge is held in Fetter General Store and called “Morgan’s Raiders of the Lost Art.” Follow the clues to solve this art heist based on the historic confederate raid in July 1863, when General John Hunt Morgan and his men rode through this area looting along the way.

A second escape room is currently being developed. It will be based on the first train robbery in America, which took place in North Bend, OH in 1865. This escape room will take place in our historic train station.

Tickets are $25 per person. Please call 513-563-9484 to reserve your tickets.

**Buckeye Bowl**  
Apr. 4   Noon

The Cincinnati Buckeyes vintage base ball team will celebrate their 20th season by hosting a “tri-cornered” game between three Cincinnati Buckeye teams made up of past, present, and honorary Buckeyes. There will also be a giveaway of commemorative items, refreshments and other reunion-style festivities. This is a free event.

**Burr Conspiracy**  
Apr. 18   2 p.m.

Did you love the musical “Hamilton?” This program picks up where “Hamilton” leaves off. After his duel with Hamilton, Aaron Burr was politically ruined, so he concocted a plan to carve a new empire out of the West. Burr’s trial for treason was the trial of the century. Join us as we discuss the plot, the players, and the trial from a Cincinnati perspective. Ohio and Cincinnati played a larger role in Burr’s plans than many realize. Refreshments will be provided. Admission is $5. Museum members and children age 4 and under are free.
**First Lady Tea with Julia Grant**  
**May 2 2-3:30 p.m.**

First Lady Julia Grant will be the hostess for this special tea. Enjoy a three course afternoon tea in Hayner House and learn about tea traditions! Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for children under 12. Reserve your tickets by calling 513-563-9484.

**Marching Through Time**  
**Jun. 6 & 7 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

This timeline event will focus on military history going all the way back to the Roman Legion. Different periods in military history including Medieval Knights, Wayne’s Legion, Civil War, WWI, and WWII will be brought to life by reenactors. This family friendly event also includes citizens in period clothing, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and music. Admission is $10. Admission is free for members and children ages 4 and under.

**Quilted Treasures**  
**Jul. 21 -25**

Quilts from our collection will be on display throughout the Village. There will also be quilting and textile demonstrations. Admission is $10. Admission is free for members and children ages 4 and under.

**Women Who DARED**  
**Aug. 25 7 p.m.**

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment going into effect by learning about the women (and men) who championed the cause of woman’s suffrage in this country and overseas in the late 19th and early 20th century. You will learn of the protests, jailing, victories and defeats culminating with the signature of President Woodrow Wilson that would forever give women the right to vote. Admission is $5.

**Mark Your Calendar**

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Learn about notable people of the past from our presenters! Each program begins at 7:00 p.m. and includes dessert. Advance registration is required. Call 513-563-9484 to register. The cost for each program is $17 for members and $20 for non-members. Attend three or more programs, and take advantage of special pricing.

**Feb. 7 - John Filson**

John Filson was the forgotten founder of Cincinnati and original surveyor of Losantiville. He created the first map of Kentucky and wrote a book about the settlement of Kentucky, which was also instrumental in making Daniel Boone a folk hero. Join us as Mr. Filson promotes the newly available land in Southwest Ohio and entices you to settle what will soon be known as Cincinnati. Our Education Director, Steve Preston, will portray John Filson.

**Feb. 14 - Joshua Hall Bates**

Joshua Hall Bates served Ohio during the Civil War as a General training troops, advising the Governor, and later in the State Senate. Interesting stories come from his command of both Camps Harrison and Dennison. His story provides an outline to what happened to Cincinnati during the war. General Bates will be portrayed by Bernie O'Bryan.

**Feb. 21 - Jesse James**

Jesse James is the most famous American outlaw who ever lived. After serving as a Confederate guerrilla during the Civil War, James went on to a 16-year career as a bank and train robber before his death at the hand of one of his own men. Jesse James will be portrayed by actor and Living Historian Gavin Kelly.

**Feb. 28 - William Howard Neff**

When the threat of a Confederate invasion seemed imminent, William Howard Neff dutifully joined the Home Guard. As a member of the Pearl Street Rifles, Neff was in the trenches south of Covington during the Confederate incursion. Hear his stories and accolades of those who answered the call during the Siege of Cincinnati, 1862. William Howard Neff will be portrayed by our Education Director, Steve Preston.

**Mar. 6 - Mary Cunningham**

Irish born Mary was a fun-loving woman who liked her whiskey and was rough around the edges. She was dubbed *Alligator Jaws* for her skill at the fine art of bodysnatching, which was a very lucrative market in Cincinnati during that time. She will be portrayed by Joyce Lovins Browning who has been performing Living History for over 17 years.

**Mar. 13 - Maria Longworth Nichols Storer**

Maria Longworth Nichols Storer was an artist, international business owner, and philanthropist. She is best known as the founder of the Rookwood Pottery Company. Her second husband’s political career took her to Washington D.C. where the Storer’s developed close friendships with Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt, and Taft. Our Marketing Director, Bethany Jewell, will portray Maria Longworth.

**Mar. 20 - Queen Victoria**

One evening in 1854, after everyone else has gone to sleep, Queen Victoria pours through her famous journals. The monarch reminisces about her life so far, and wonders what the future holds for herself, her family, and her country. Queen Victoria will be portrayed by Amy Liebert, the Theatrical Director for the first person interpreters at Historic Locust Grove in Louisville, KY.

**Mar. 27 - Eleanor Roosevelt**

This program deals with the greatest economic depression the nation has ever known and how the Roosevelt’s dealt with it. Upon Roosevelt’s election in 1932 he remarked to a friend that the country’s problems must be solved immediately or he would be the last President. The First Lady would take on the role of advocate for those Americans most seriously affected by the Great Depression. You meet Eleanor during the re-election campaign of 1936 as she looks back on the accomplishments of the past four years and what remains to be accomplished. Eleanor Roosevelt will be portrayed by Jessica Michna.
2019 was a big year for the Volunteer Department at Heritage Village. In 2018, we had a recorded 205 volunteers, in 2019 that number rose to 301 meaning we had an increase of 96 recorded volunteers! We are so thankful for the many volunteers who joined us this past year, whether they joined us for one day or the whole year. 2019 saw a lot of new opportunities through which volunteers joined us, one of the biggest being the great number of volunteers who joined us for Columbia Settlement 1788 Revisited after its move from the Pioneer Cemetery to Heritage Village. Their years of experience with the event and history was invaluable as we brought this segment of Cincinnati’s early history to life.

We were also delighted to host four volunteer groups who came out to volunteer their time for a few hours each. The first was through a partnership with a class of first year business students from the University of Cincinnati and our Marketing Director, Bethany. These students completed a project at school to support our marketing department, as well as spent a couple of Saturdays with us helping with office work and testing our new Escape Room, Morgan’s Raiders of the Lost Art. In September, we hosted volunteers from the Loveland based Prince of Peace Lutheran Church during a nationwide volunteer initiative called “God’s work. Our hands.” These volunteers helped to support the Columbia event by guiding guests to admissions, handing out mid-event snacks, and helping at our historic games station. Later that same month Heritage Village hosted a group of corporate volunteers from Enable Injections and, with the help of Shirley and Ed Clancy, they deep cleaned Kemper House in preparation for the return of some artifacts, and worked to tidy other Village buildings and grounds.

Finally, at the beginning of October we hosted a group of students from Madeira High School during Madeira’s Day of Service. These students helped to prepare for Haunted Village by doing everything from placing tiki torches to moving benches and helping to set up a sound system. These community partnerships benefit not only Heritage Village through getting important work done, but also work to bring us more into the public consciousness and are something that we hope to cultivate even more of in 2020.

Beyond these one-off groups of volunteers, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our incredible volunteers who are with us either year-round or for special events. It is only with your support and dedication that Heritage Village can continue to operate. From office work and collections to buildings and grounds maintenance to education programs, tour guides, and special events volunteers, it’s truly our volunteers who make our continued success possible. In 2019, our 301 volunteers donated a recorded 6,685 hours and 8 minutes of their valuable time to bringing history alive. From all of us at Heritage Village, thank you so much for your invaluable contributions. If you are interested in getting involved with this incredible group of individuals in 2020 please visit the volunteer page on our website or contact me at lchristopher@heritagevillagecincinnati.org for more information about upcoming events and opportunities.

Claire Anderton, Raeden Thomas, Shirley Clancy, Abby Bartlett, Ella Jewell, and Tori Jewell at Holly Days.

2019 Volunteer Hours by the Numbers
Education Volunteers: 609 hours 16 min.
Quilters: 776 hours
Special Volunteer Groups: 411 hours
Jr. Volunteer Hours: 910 hours 56 min.
Adult Volunteer Hours: 5775 hours 12 min.
Total Volunteer Hours: 6685 hours 8 min.
Jr. Volunteers: 82
Adult Volunteers: 219
Total Volunteers: 301

Thank You to Our Volunteers
When one thinks of Cincinnati’s founding, the three names that come to mind are Mathias Denman, Colonel Robert Patterson, and Israel Ludlow. No one brings up the name John Filson, except as an afterthought. Usually he is mentioned as the person who first named the Queen City, “Losantiville,” but in reality he was much more than an afterthought. Filson was the original surveyor for what would become Cincinnati, not Israel Ludlow. His disappearance, however, changed all that.

Born around 1747 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Filson was the second son and educated at the West Nottingham Academy in Maryland. Filson served as an Ensign in the 1st Regiment of the Pennsylvania Flying Camp during the American Revolution. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Fort Washington, November 16, 1776. After the war, he worked as a schoolteacher and surveyor. Author, John Mack Faragher, describes John Filson as the living embodiment of Ichabod Crane. With the image of a skinny, clumsy, colonial nerd in your mind, it might be hard to believe the accomplishments he would achieve in the rugged and dangerous landscape of pre-statehood Kentucky and frontier Ohio.

The federal government issued land warrants to Revolutionary War veterans based on their service and rank. Most war veterans preferred to sell their warrants rather than move West of the mountains. As a result, land speculation was rampant. Filson appears to have seen an opportunity in this. He decided to convert the inheritance he received from his father into cash and began purchasing land warrants from veterans for lands in Kentucky. After accruing warrants for over 12,000 acres, Filson headed to Kentucky.

John Filson arrived in Kentucky in 1783. He was completely incapable of working his own land and hoped to interview settlers to garner interest in the land so that he might sell his at a profit. He settled in and began teaching, surveying and interviewing the inhabitants. One of those settlers he interviewed happened to be a man named Daniel Boone. While he needs no introduction now, in 1783 he was only well known locally in Kentucky. Filson sensed something in the stories told to him by Boone. Along with supplementary accounts by other Kentuckians, Filson devoted a whole section of his writing to the exploits of Daniel Boone. When he was finished, Filson, extraordinarily, had drawn the first accurate map of Kentucky, written extensively on the natural history of Kentucky and its Native People, and an account of the life of Daniel Boone.

With one manuscript, Filson had managed to become the first Historian of Kentucky and the first biographer of Daniel Boone. With print shops lacking in Kentucky, Filson removed himself back to Wilmington, Delaware to have his book printed. The Discovery, Settlement and Present State of Kentucke underwent only one pressing in America at the time. Overseas, Filson’s book became a minor success. It was reprinted in Europe in several languages, including French. This helped spread the legend of Daniel Boone to another continent.
In August of 1788, John Filson agreed to purchase a one-third interest in a land venture with Matthias Denman and Filson’s dear friend, Robert Patterson. This venture involved land on the Northern side of the Ohio River. Denman had purchased approximately 800 acres of land just across the Ohio from the mouth of the Licking River from New Jersey Judge, John Cleves Symmes. Filson was tasked with platting or laying out the proposed town site. He even named the proposed townsite, Losantiville. A combination of languages put together to mean “opposite the mouth of the Licking River,” this doomed name would prove to survive only slightly longer than Filson.

On September 18, 1788, Filson, Denman, Patterson and a large group set out from Lexington. They marked a road on their way to the mouth of the Licking River to meet John Cleves Symmes, who was visiting the land purchase that bears his name. When Filson arrived on the land across from the Licking River, he allegedly had a paper in which he had the plans for laying out the town. Evidence is split over whether he laid a chain out in surveying the land. He quickly joined an expedition led by Symmes to explore the reaches of his purchase up the Great Miami River. As they explored, the group came upon a small Native American encampment. Most of the group was made up of Kentuckians fed up with Indian depredations and wanted to attack the small group immediately. Trying to make sure that peace prevailed on his newly purchased land, Symmes rejected this plan to attack. An argument ensued and many of the Kentuckians left in disgust. Caught in the middle, Filson eventually left the group out of fear or frustration. Alone, miles from civilization, he was never heard from again. Early historians place the site of his disappearance somewhere in the Northeast corner of Colerain Township.

With the disappearance of Filson, the first plans for the new settlement also disappeared. His share in the land venture was bought out by Israel Ludlow. After that surveying took place and a new layout created, including new names for streets. Thus, John Filson faded into the back pages of history. Even his created name for the new settlement did not survive. Territorial Governor, Arthur St. Clair arrived in 1791 to create Hamilton County. He immediately changed the name of Losantiville to Cincinnati to honor the society that many Revolutionary War officers belonged to. The only prominent vestige of his contribution to history that remains is The Filson Historical Society of Louisville, founded in 1884.

If one looks closer, it is hard not to see his fingerprints on the history of Kentucky and Cincinnati. He created the first map of the state of Kentucky. Through his research and interviews to draw settlers, he inadvertently became the first historian of the great state of Kentucky and garnered Daniel Boone international fame. Join us at Heritage Village February 7 at 7:00pm for a first person interpretation of Filson’s impact on Cincinnati.
As a friend of Heritage Village Museum, you can support the mission of Historic Southwest Ohio, Inc. each month with a donation using your credit card. By making this recurring gift, you will add to the financial stability of the Village. Just complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the office.

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