CIVIL WAR DAYS, MAY 14 & 15

On May 14th and 15th, Heritage Village Museum will host Civil War Days, sponsored in part by the Crosset Family Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation. Take a step back in time as you revisit the 1860’s through a Civil War reenactment, with infantry, artillery, cavalry, medical and civilian re-enactors.

There’s entertainment for the entire family, including children’s drills and hands-on activities. See the soldiers and civilians in an encampment, watch military drills and demonstrations, sample hearth cooking, view a Fashion Show, enjoy period music, tour our historic buildings and witness Union and Confederate regiments engaged in battle.

New to the lineup this year is a Sanitary Fair, representing the Great Western Sanitary Fair of 1864 held in Cincinnati. Women and others left on the home front staged fairs to raise money to help support soldiers in the field. Like then, activities at the fair will include a store, cake walk, phrenologist readings, peanut wagon, favorite flag vote, temperance booth, medical display, speeches, entertainment and more!

As part of the weekend festivities, there will be a Civil War display in the Hayner House. The exhibit will include six Cincinnati newspapers from the Civil War era, money used during the time, as well as model trains and other memorabilia. Food vendors and sutlers selling goods will be on site. The event is open both days from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with a battle at 2:00 pm. Cost is $7 adults, $6 seniors (60+), $5 children (5-12) and children 4 and under are free. Admission is FREE for HSO members! For more information, call us at (513) 563-9484 or visit www.HeritageVillageCincinnati.org.

HSO Receives $50,000 Grant for Myers Schoolhouse Project

Historic Southwest Ohio, Inc. (HSO) has received a $50,000 grant from The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) to help Heritage Village Museum fund the relocation and restoration of the Myers Schoolhouse, currently located at the corner of Delhi Pike and Neeb Road. Destined for destruction, the Myers Schoolhouse was offered to Heritage Village Museum by the Sisters of Charity. Originally constructed as a log cabin in 1834, the present Myers School was rebuilt in 1890 and was used until 1926. The 30’ x 40’ one-room, brick schoolhouse is an excellent example of neo-classic design, which was prevalent in the mid-19th century.

“As an educational and cultural institution, Heritage Village Museum has been looking to add a schoolhouse to its collection of buildings for many years,” said Executive Director, Bing Spitler. Once relocated to a permanent site within the Village, the Myers Schoolhouse will be rebuilt and refurbished to its original condition, including period furnishings and artifacts. The building and classroom setting will be utilized to reflect education in the 1800’s, emphasizing how teachers taught and children learned then, compared to now. As Spitler explained, “This is an ideal opportunity for us to save and preserve a local 19th-century schoolhouse, while adding a core building to our collection and an essential enhancement to our educational and cultural offerings.”

The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) is a charitable organization that builds and preserves endowment funds, identifies opportunities to enhance the quality of community life, and responds with grants addressing six key areas: arts and culture, community progress, education, the environment, health, and human services. Formed in 1963, GCF provides philanthropic leadership to eight counties in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana region.

The anticipated cost of the Myers Schoolhouse Relocation and Restoration Project is $370,000. With the $50,000 GFC grant to launch our efforts, we are seeking matching donations and additional funding from other resources. To find out how you can support this and other HSO projects, please call Misty Weathers at (513) 563-9484.
A Message from Executive Director Bing Spitler

I am really excited to see the beginning of a new season at Heritage Village Museum and the Hauck House. There have been a number of dramatic changes and some wonderful gifts that we have received this year, and I anticipate more to come. The staff and a number of dedicated volunteers have worked hard to move the gift shop to Hayner House and convert the Fetter Store back into a country store. Both locations look great.

The interior renovation of Dr. Langdon’s Office is nearly complete, complementing the recent repairs of the exterior. The Gatch Barn and the corncrib both have new roofs, which will take them well into the 21st century. Some very skilled craftsmen, volunteers and staff accomplished all of these improvements, and we are forever grateful to them.

When you visit Heritage Village you will see a new deck and wheelchair accessible ramp on the Chester Park Train Station. The adult framing class of Scarlet Oaks, lead by Instructor Dave Hester and supported by the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati, were instrumental in getting this work done. A big “Thank You” to all of them!

These improvements were the result of caring staff, volunteers, members, donors and foundations. Over the past year, we have received several significant grants to help us improve the Village and support our valuable programs. A special thanks goes to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, John Hauck Foundation, Frederick Hauck Foundation, Highfield Foundation, William P. Anderson Foundation, Scripps-Howard Foundation, Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Crosset Family Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

It seems just when we need the funds to initiate or complete a project, you, the members and friends of HSO, come forward with your support. Thank you so much and keep the effort going. We have big plans ahead of us involving the Wilken’s Washhouse, the Schram Print Shop and the Myers Schoolhouse. The Village is now open Wednesdays through Sundays, so come out and visit us soon!

Comments from President Hal Shoemaker

The start of our season is upon us, and we kick it off with a “bang” at Civil War Days, May 14 and 15. During this two-day event, the Village will be filled with the sights, sounds and smells of Union and Confederate soldiers and civilians as they would have fought and lived during the Civil War era. This will be an exciting weekend with lots of activities for young and old alike.

On July 9, 10, 16 and 17, visitors can journey back in time at our Meet the Past event. Meet and talk with interpreters portraying actual residents of buildings in the Village, including Mr. Hayner, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Langdon. Showing how families in Southwest Ohio lived, worked and played during the 1800’s, Meet the Past is an interactive experience for the entire family.

It is a busy and exciting time here at the Village! Plans are underway for the addition of a print shop, coming as a gift from the Crapsey family. Construction of the Schram Print Shop should start this summer, with completion by the end of October. Seed money from The Greater Cincinnati Foundation will help initiate the addition of a schoolhouse in the area beyond the church. We will update you of our progress on these and other projects.

Preservation and maintenance of our beautiful buildings is in full swing, with new roofs, painting projects, repairs and accessibility enhancements. As you visit the Village this year, you will notice many improvements. There’s a new ramp and deck on the train station, making it accessible to those with disabilities. Our commitment to make the Village accessible to all our visitors is a major priority!

All members are invited to attend the annual meeting on May 19 (see form on opposite page), which marks the end of my two-year term as President of the HSO Board of Directors. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our volunteers, paid staff and the board members I have had the privilege to work with. Our organization is blessed with dedicated individuals, committed to seeing that the Hauck House and Village survive and thrive for future generations. I certainly have enjoyed my experience on the board and urge you to consider sharing your abilities and skills with us, helping HSO remain a steadfast community treasure . . . where history comes alive!
School Programs in Full Bloom

Spring has been a very busy time for the Education Department! School visits are in full swing and keeping us moving.

The Civil War Week was held April 26-29 in the Village. Over 900 students and adults listened to “Abraham Lincoln” deliver the Gettysburg Address, heard music from that time period (I think I even saw a few dancing!), marched and drilled as new recruits in the Federal Army and discovered what kinds of medical treatments injured soldiers may have received, if any.

Our school programs have been filling the Heritage Village in 2005. Through the end of April, the Adventure, Pioneer, Peek into the Past and Hands-On History programs have introduced over 1,600 Cincinnati area students to 19th-century life. We could not have done this without the wonderful commitment of the education volunteers and adjunct staff. If you would like to work with school children in our educational programs, please contact Sandi Cloppert or Carolyn Adams at (513) 563-9484. We would love to have you join us!

The Education Staff is also currently gearing up for the Summer Kids Camps. We are offering five camps this summer. Camps are one week long and run Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (see below for details). Contact Lori Adams at (513) 563-9484 to register or for more information.

SUMMER KIDS CAMPS

CIVIL WAR CAMP - BASIC TRAINING
June 13-17, Ages 7-10
A hands-on experience about both military and civilian life in the 1860’s.

OHIO ADVENTURES CAMP
June 20-24, Ages 9-11
Done in collaboration with the Hamilton County Park District’s Sharon Woods Park, this camp explores human and animal survival, as well as Ohio frontier life.

CIVIL WAR CAMP II - STRATEGIES
June 27-July 1, Ages 11-14
Learn about key officers, battles, plans, strategies, technology, transportation, medicine and more during the Civil War era.

AMERICAN DOLL CAMP
July 11-15, Ages 7-13
Celebrate our American heritage through the lives of the dolls we know and love.

PIONEER CAMP
July 18-22, Ages 9-13
Have fun learning what children did and what life was like for the early pioneers.

Remember, HSO members get discounted pricing on camps!
Meet the Past Returns

To highlight the first quarter of 2005, HSO has been awarded two major grants. In association with our Collections Department, we have received a Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The $7,730 grant will provide funding for assessors to perform an in-depth evaluation of our collections management. This is another vital step in the Museum Accreditation Process, and we can expect to see the assessors and hear their results later this year.

In addition, HSO is the recipient of a $50,000 grant from The Greater Cincinnati Foundation for the relocation and restoration of the Myers Schoolhouse. This grant, along with a $25,000 grant from the Sisters of Charity, will enable us to launch the Myers Schoolhouse project and solicit matching funds from other foundations, organizations and individuals. The $50,000 grant from The Greater Cincinnati Foundation is the largest single one-year grant that HSO has received in recent years.

There are many ways in which you, too, can support HSO. If you are not a member, join today. If you are a member, encourage others to join or make a contribution during one or our appeal campaigns. Ask if your employer offers a matching gift program, whereby the company will match your contribution. If you are a regular donor, think about perpetuating your support through pledges or planned giving. Monthly or quarterly pledges are greatly appreciated, as they provide continual and consistent funding. You can also donate services or supplies, as in-kind donations are always welcomed.

We are extremely excited about the future of HSO, so watch for more good news in the upcoming months. In the meantime, you can get involved or show your support by calling (513) 563-9484. Thank you!

Misty

HSO SPRINGS INTO 2005 SEASON

from Carolyn Adams

Spring has sprung by leaps and bounds. There have been numerous scout troops coming in to earn badges, thanks to the volunteers and junior volunteers who have been helping with this program. We have also had another wonderful Red Hat Ladies’ tea, and a lovely wedding.

I am sharing a picture of the wedding that was held here in April. Even though it is black and white, you can get an idea of what a beautiful setting the Village makes for a wedding. This wedding was held at the church and the reception was in the Hayner House. The bride’s parents, brother and maid of honor came all the way from Japan for the occasion. Seeing the smiles on the faces of the families and guests makes you realize what a truly special place we have at the Village for events - consider hosting your next one here!

We are busy preparing for Civil War Days, May 14 and 15. The junior volunteers have been making rag dolls, cockades, journals, and other small items to sell at the store. The adults are making banners for the tent area. Thanks to all of you for your hard work.

More than 180 re-enactors are scheduled to participate in Civil War Days, along with three sutlers and two food vendors. Help us kick off our 2005 season, and bring the entire family out for a day of fun and excitement!
Collections News

from Kathy Luhn

By the time you read this the Fetter Store will be functioning as another building to interpret! Due to the overwhelming amount of “stuff” we moved onto the shelves, it took a bit longer to organize than we anticipated.

The Fetter Store is now stocked with a pharmacy area (including 3 “receipts” from E.J. Thomas’ book), a food area with our own Hayner Corn label reproduced (and other reproduction labels from the late 19th century), many crates previously stored in the Hauck House basement, tools, jewels, dishes and more! You just have to see it – and thanks to board members Sonya Kirkland and Nadine Friedmann. They have put in countless hours cleaning and arranging items. Other workers have included Travis Friedmann (our polishing wiz), Joan Smith, Beth Sauer (our intern), Annette Fisher (who helps keep the inventory straight), and new volunteer Beth Hess. Jerry Kirkland and Alex Teass helped paint, while Ed Luhn fixed many small items and cut a lot of boards!

In other news, the site assessment has been completed for the Conservation Assessment Program grant. Now we wait for the visits to occur in July from our two assessors. HSO received a wonderful Jenny Lind cradle from Nancy Detrick. It has been in her family over 100 years and will fit perfectly into the Hauck House décor. The floor of Dr. Langdon’s Medical Office was refinished, and the Plexiglas should be installed in Vorhes House by mid-May.

Are we busy enough yet? Well, there’s always more to do – inventory – in Elk Lick House and downtown at the Hauck House. Come join us as we measure, mark and photograph our treasures. For more information, call (513) 563-9484.

SAVE THE DATES

HERITAGE VILLAGE OPEN TO PUBLIC
Beginning May 4
Wed.-Sat. 12:00 - 4:00 pm, Sun. 1:00 - 5:00 pm

CIVIL WAR DAYS
May 14-15, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

HSO ANNUAL MEETING
May 19, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

DATE CHANGE:
ANNUAL GALA
Originally scheduled for June 11, will now take place in SEPTEMBER, 2005
Date and Details forthcoming

LADIES LUNCH & LEARN SERIES
June 18, TT:30 am - 1:00 pm
Hayner House Ballroom
Regency Period Clothing & Fashion Show presented by Seams of Time
Enjoy lunch and a look at clothing worn by children and adults during the Regency Period. Clothing from underpinnings to outerwear, with concentration on 1800 to 1820 time frame.
Reservations Required: (513) 563-9484
$20 HSO Members / $25 Non-Members

MEET THE PAST
July 9-10, 16-17
Saturdays, 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Sundays, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

IN MEMORIAM

Booth Alden

Booth was the husband of Marie Alden, an active volunteer with HSO since 1984. The HSO Board of Directors, staff and volunteers extend our deepest sympathies to her family.

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.

Bing Spitler, Executive Director
Misty Weathers, Development Director
Kathy Luhn, Collections Administrator
Carolyn Adams, Executive Assistant
Lisa Egan, Education Coordinator
Lori Adams, Education Administrative Assistant
Pat Koch, Bookkeeper
Fran Reeves, Gift Shop Manager
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.

May 14 & 15  CIVIL WAR DAYS  Heritage Village Museum  FREE Admission for HSO Members  
Sat. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm-Battle 2:00  Sun. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm-Battle 2:00

May 19  HSO ANNUAL MEETING  HSO Members Invited to Attend  See inside for information  Hayner House Ballroom  5:00 to 7:00 pm  Reservations Required:  563-9484

June 18  Ladies Lunch & Learn Series  Regency Period Clothing & Fashion Show  Presented by Seams of Time  $20 HSO Members / $25 Non-Members  Hayner House Ballroom  11:30 am to 1:00 pm  Reservations Required:  563-9484

July 9 &10  MEET THE PAST  Tour the Village & meet 19th-century residents  FREE Admission for HSO Members  Sat. 12:00 to 4:00 pm  Sun. 1:00 to 5:00 pm

July 16* &17  MEET THE PAST  Tour the Village & meet 19th-century residents  FREE Admission for HSO Members  Sat. 12:00 to 4:00 pm  Sun. 1:00 to 5:00 pm  *FREE Admission for ALL July 16

Sept.  ANNUAL GALA  Date and Details forthcoming  Heritage Village Museum

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

May 10  Ladies Lunch & Learn Series  Sew You Are a Spinner  Hayner House Ballroom  11:00 am to 1:00 pm