Notes from the Executive Director  
By William J. Dichtl

Where’s Spring? As I sit in my office writing this column, I am watching it snow. I know it is still a week away, but we had several nice days that were spring like. I am so ready to be outside walking in the Village and seeing visitors in the exhibit gallery and taking a self-guided tour of the buildings. I will try to be patient.

Though we have had a rough winter, there has been activity in the Village. The restoration project of the windows in the Meyer Schoolhouse is just about done. It will make a big difference in the appearance of the schoolhouse. We held the second Chocolate, Champagne, and Candlelight event raising $3,066.00 with 54 people attending. TV12 news anchor, Tiffany Wilson; Sharonville Mayor, Kevin Hardman; harpist, Tina Larkin; and Chef Owen Maass all added to the wonderful evening of chocolate, raffles, and silent auction. By the time you read this, the committee will have begun planning for 2015.

In early March the Heritage Village Museum hosted the Midwest Open-Air Museum Coordinating Council (MOMCC) which was in town for a conference. On March 6 the Village was the site for two all-day workshops and two half-day workshops. Then in the evening roughly 75 of the registered conference attendees came to the Hayner House for a reception featuring food connected to Cincinnati. They then headed out to the other buildings to meet with interpreters.

Once spring is officially here, more things will be happening including the Antiques Classes, an exhibit on vintage baseball, and an exhibit opening on April 1. See elsewhere in the newsletter for details on these opportunities.

Some things we do not often talk about are our education programs. In April and May there will be nearly 2000 children from area schools here for one of the programs. If you have an interest in assisting with these programs, please give Steve Preston, Education Director, a call. There are a handful of dedicated volunteers who help Steve. We could use additional people to help provide a wonderful experience to the children who come for these programs.
Do you wonder if your treasured family heirloom is valued by collectors? If you’ve always wanted to know the difference between trash and treasure, join us for a beginner’s antiques class. Classes are from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and will introduce students to the world of antiques though hands on learning! You are welcome to bring items or pictures for discussion. Classes are: Ceramics and Glass on March 29th, and Glassware/Miscellaneous antiques on April 12th.

The class is taught by Dr. Brian Hackett, Director of Master of Arts in Public History program at Northern Kentucky University. Dr. Hackett received a Ph.D. in Public History from Middle Tennessee University in 2009. He also has a master’s degree in historical administration from Eastern Illinois University and bachelor degrees in history and philosophy from University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Before coming to NKU, Dr. Hackett taught graduate and undergraduate history courses at Middle Tennessee State University and Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

The cost of one class is $20.00 for museum members and $25.00 for non-members. Each class size is limited to 20 students. For questions or to register please call (513) 563-9484.

We are hosting three weeks of Summer Day Camp for the 2014. These camps are a perfect blend of education and fun as campers participate in activities of their great, great grandparents.

**Pioneer Camp June 23rd-27th and August 4th-8th:**
Campers will spend their days learning old fashioned skills and more about the life of kids in the past. Featured activities include cornbread making, candle dipping, pioneer laundry, sling shot shooting, paper printing, games and more!

**Civil War Camp July 21st-25th:** Campers will see what life was like as a child in Southwest Ohio during the Civil War. Activities and educational opportunities abound as campers participate in daily activities from the 1860’s such as making hardtack, Civil War drills, signal flags, code breaking, games and more!

Camps are for children ages 6-12 and run from 9:00 am-3:30 pm with come early/stay late opportunities available for an additional charge.
$150 per week for Museum Members
$175 per week for Non-Members

To access a registration form, logon to our website, [www.heritagevillagecincinnti.org](http://www.heritagevillagecincinnti.org) and click on the summer day camp link.
Baseball has been the prominent sport in American culture since the early 1800's. The evolution of baseball as a sport occurred through three main stages: the bat and ball game, club based fraternal game, and finally the emergence into a commercial spectator sport.

The Heritage Village Museum is the home field of two 1869 vintage base ball clubs, the Cincinnati Red Stockings and the Cincinnati Buckeyes. Check their websites for dates of home games.

On April 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m., the Heritage Village Museum will hold an exhibit opening of a new Vintage Base Ball Exhibit, sponsored by Bill and Julie Dichtl. The exhibit features over 70, balls, bats, gloves, uniforms, and games from the 1840s to 1910. Be the first to see the exhibit of our Great American Pastime.

Players from the Red Stockings and the Buckeyes along with players from the Norwood Highlanders and the Rising Sun, Indiana, Belle River clubs will be in attendance. The players will be in uniform and discuss the rules of 1869. The Cincinnati Reds mascot, Mr. Redlegs, will be joining us for the evening as well.

Greg Rhodes, author and former director of the Reds Hall of Fame, will give a brief history of the 19th century Cincinnati Red Stockings. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Admission is $5.00/person for members of Historic Southwest Ohio, Inc. and $7.50 for non-members. Reservation deadline is March 28. The exhibit will be open until September 30 and can be viewed during the museum’s regular hours: April Wednesday-Friday, 10:00-4:00 and May through September Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00-5:00 and Sunday, 1:00-5:00.
Decorative Arts Exhibit

Decorative arts are objects that are valued for both their utility as well as their aesthetic qualities. They are everyday objects made beautiful, having both form and function. Examples can range from baskets, glassware, and ceramics to jewelry, metal work, and furniture.

Our Spring semester intern, Molly Winslow, has created a small exhibit on American decorative arts. Molly is a senior at University of Dayton majoring in Sociology with minors in anthropology and history. She would like to work in anthropology collections after graduation.

Quilt Raffle Winner & Quilters Needed

Lynn Bell was the lucky raffle winner for the 2013 quilt!

If you would like to learn to hand quilt or would like to be part of a weekly quilting bee here at the village, please join the Heritage Village Quilters on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm in the Sharon Center. Bring a lunch (We supply cookies!) and your opinions on everything to have a good time quilting and chatting. We welcome all skill levels. Either we will help you get better at quilting or you will help us get better! Either way, we'll have a good time.

For further information, please call Karen Stimpert at 513-777-9734 or e-mail her at dstimpert@cinci.rr.com. Use the phrase "Heritage Village Quilters" in the subject line.
Chocolate, Champagne & Candlelight Event a Success

The 2\textsuperscript{nd} annual Chocolate, Champagne & Candlelight fundraiser, held on Saturday, February 22\textsuperscript{nd}, was a paradise for chocolate lovers. The event was held at the Sharon Centre auditorium inside Sharon Woods Park and featured a large buffet of delicious chocolate desserts donated by Applebee’s, Grand Finale, Max & Irma’s, Raffels Catering and museum volunteers. Guests also enjoyed beautiful harp music by Tina Larkin, plus a raffle and silent auction. Tiffany Wilson, co-host of Local 12’s “Good Morning Cincinnati,” served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Owen Maass, popular Cincinnati chef at the Nordstrom Café, demonstrated how to successfully prepare a variety of chocolate truffles.

Sharonville Mayor, Kevin Hardman, spoke of the importance of history and organizations, such as Heritage Village Museum, to our local community.

Proceeds from “Chocolate, Champagne & Candlelight” will be used to support the mission of Heritage Village Museum—to preserve and interpret the history of 19\textsuperscript{th} century Southwest Ohio.
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**Mark Your Calendars**

**Vintage Base Ball Exhibit**
April 2nd - September 28th

**Village opens for Guided Tours**
May 1st – September 28th
Wednesday-Sunday

**Vintage Base Ball Tournament & Open House**
June 14th 10:00 am-3:00 pm

**Civil War Weekend**
NEW DATE: July 12th & 13th
Education Director, Steve Preston, was nominated by the Ohio Society of Colonial Wars to attend the Teacher Institute, located in Colonial Williamsburg. During a six day intensive course, he will engage in an interdisciplinary approach to teaching social studies with American history as the focus. He will have the opportunity to exchange ideas with noted historians, meet character interpreters, and take part in reenactments of 18th century events.

A big THANK YOU to Alex Luczaj, who completed his Eagle Scout project at the Village. Alex constructed & refurbished new trash and recycling receptacles for us. Great job, Alex!

Congratulations to Janet Maslankowski for winning our chocolate raffle basket during Holly Days in December.

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