Notes from the Executive Director
By William J. Dichtl

Today I sit in the car on the way home from Nashville, Tennessee as I write my column. Julie, my wife, and I are returning from a national show choir competition our son, Zachary, competed in for the Fairfield High School Choraliers. It is amazing the talent these boys and girls from across the country shared with us all day long. An outlet has been given to them to perform at the middle schools and high schools.

We have some talented young people who volunteer at the Village. It is our obligation to recruit, train and provide the opportunities for more young people to learn about the 1800s and have them share their knowledge with the public. This can be through demonstrating a trade, such as basket making, printing, or woodworking. In the near future we will develop a theatre group to share history via this format. There is more we can and should do for our young people. If you know someone between 10-17 years old, suggest they contact Steve about volunteering in our Junior Volunteer Program. We will expand their knowledge and they can gain valuable life lessons. Who knows? They may find a career path!

Also this weekend it has been in the 50s and 60s. I love the fresh air and it makes me ready for outside activities at the Village. First up is the new event Spring in Early Cincinnati.” This is an 1808 militia muster and social gathering. It will include a dance and hands-on activities for the whole family.

Later this spring we will be installing additional engraved bricks in our Pathway to History outside of Hayner House. If you are interested in having a brick engraved give me a call. Donations of $250.00 or more will allow you to have a permanent reminder of your support of the Village. You can have three lines of up to 21 characters per line.

Village Hours
May-September
Wednesday-Saturday
10:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday
1:00 pm-5:00 pm

October-April
Wednesday-Friday
10:00 am-4:00 pm

Office Hours:
Monday– Friday
8:30 am—4:30 pm
(513) 563-9484

Private tours, school programs and scout programs available year round by appointment.
Coming soon to Heritage Village Museum!

Spring in Early Cincinnati:  
An 1808 Muster and Social  
April 23 & 24, 2016

Before the war of 1812, militia musters were not just for drilling—they were social opportunities for men and women alike.

Linigle’s Company of Ohio Militia will join Heritage Village Museum for a new 1808 event that will include drilling, civilian demonstrations, hands-on activities, and a dance on Saturday.

Activities include drilling with the militia, using a dip pen, spring-time planting, and games. Come and join us!

$8 for adults, $5 for ages 5-11, under 5 and members free

Civil War Weekend  
July 9 & 10, 2016

Our annual event will focus on 1861 and early war scenarios, with each day’s battle influenced by the battle of Ball’s Bluff. Besides military drilling and daily battles, the event includes speakers, hands-on activities, and building tours. Hear Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis speak, and see civilian scenarios in our nineteenth-century buildings.

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Hours:
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.
Regency dance Saturday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Public welcome!
1840’s Whig Rally
August 20, 2016

Research suggests that Senator Thomas Morris, investor in the mills, lived in Elk Lick House in the early 1840s. Morris, a staunch opponent of slavery, ran for Vice President on the Liberty Party ticket in 1844.

Heritage Village will host an 1840’s political rally on Saturday, August 20. Come and take part—and find out what political issues held the attention of this country before the Civil War.

Mark your calendars
Here’s a handy reference you can use to keep track of upcoming events:

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Printing in Cincinnati

Emily McDonel began volunteering at Heritage Village Museum when she was 10. Now—almost eight years later—visitors can usually find her in the Schram print shop behind one of the presses. For this issue of Timesteps, Emily put together a timeline of the very first newspaper printed here in Cincinnati.

The first newspaper printed in Cincinnati—and the entire Northwest Territory—was the Centinel. Published by William Maxwell, the first issue was printed on November 9, 1793.

William charged 7 cents a copy or $2.50 for a one year weekly subscription.

Content included reports on life in Cincinnati, the French Revolution, and the struggle of frontier life.

In 1796, calmer world events left less news to report, so William published his final issue on June 11, 1796, and sold the paper to Edmund Freeman.

Edmund Freeman renamed the paper “Freeman’s Journal,” and published in Cincinnati until the Northwest Territory’s government moved to Chillicothe, Ohio (around 1800).

After moving to Chillicothe, the paper’s name changed again—and again. Over the years, it became the Scioto Gazette, the Chillicothe Advertiser and the Chillicothe Gazette.

The paper still prints today, and claims the title of Ohio’s oldest running newspaper and the oldest newspaper west of the Alleghenies.

Source: www.sandmancincinnati.com
The Children’s Page: Tangrams

Many magazines of the nineteenth-century included a “Juvenile Department” or a page of “activities for boys and girls.” Tangrams were a popular toy of the nineteenth-century. Cut from cardboard or wood, the first challenge is to simply reassemble the shapes back into their square. Once that task is mastered, the next challenge is to create the many shapes in a little book that came with the puzzle. Create your own tangram set using the pattern below!

“The Chinese tangram is a toy made of thin wood or other suitable material cut into seven pieces of regular geometrical figure, as shown in the margin. Several hundred figures may be made with them; and the tangram is sold as a toy, with a book of outlines of figures which are to be imitated with the pieces in combination, which proves to be often a great puzzle.”

--excerpt from “Illinois Teacher: Devoted to Education, Science and Free Schools,” 1864

Can you make these pictures with your tangram set?
Coats of Many Colors

Elk Lick House had some exterior restoration work completed earlier this year. Now that the weather is warmer, Elk Lick is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

These photos show the old color, the primer, and the new color: Acacia Haze. Watch our Facebook page to see what the finished building will look like with the trim!

Summer Camps

Registration is open for Heritage Village Museum Summer Camps!

Summer Day Camps are for kids ages 6 to 12. (Must have completed kindergarten)

Campers will discover the past and how kids lived in the 1800's—through games, chores, toys, and hands-on activities.

**Pioneer Camp:** June 13-17 and August 1-5

**Civil War Camp:** July 18-22

Call for more information, or see our website:

[www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org/day_camp](http://www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org/day_camp)

Camps are sponsored by:

[Charles H. Dater Foundation](http://www.charleshdaterfoundation.org)
**Heritage Village Quilters: Quilt Raffle**

Our Heritage Village Quilters have created a beautiful quilt for us to raffle this year. The 84” x 96” quilt is called Star Medallion, and tickets are just $1 each (6 for $5).

The quilt can be viewed in our gift shop; stop by and enjoy the color and the hand-stitched quilting! The drawing will be held during Civil War Weekend this year (on July 10), so don’t wait to buy your tickets. All proceeds will go to benefit Heritage Village Museum.

Interested in joining our quilters on Wednesday afternoons? Call (513) 563-9484 to find out more. Beginners are welcome!

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**Sewing Superstars**

The Heritage Village Quilters are not the only folks sewing around the Village. We have been upgrading our volunteer clothing, making clothing for new eras, and adding home-sewn items to our gift shop.

Thanks to Heather Jones, Ruth Horstman, and Laura Ball, our gift shop has slat bonnets and rag dolls, and our volunteers have cored petticoats, slat bonnets, and various pieces of Regency clothing.

Several of our Junior Volunteers have also been sewing their own Regency outfits. For a couple of them, this is their very first sewing project, and they are fearless about using completely new equipment and skills.
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Check out our website, www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org for all the latest news and upcoming events happening at the Village!

General Admission: $8.00 adults/$5.00 children 5-11
Children 4 and under and museum members are free

Follow us on Facebook!

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