2017 is starting off well. We had a successful Chocolate, Champagne, and Candlelight with live music, dancing, appetizers, raffles, silent auction, and of course a chocolate buffet. Special thanks go to the Chocolate Committee for another enjoyable event. Kevin Hardman, Mayor of Sharonville, did an exceptional job as Master of Ceremonies that included a song he wrote about the Village. 83 people attended the fifth annual event. Plans are underway for the 2018 event. The date will be announced soon so you can save the date.

We are in the midst of our third First Person Program series. Financial support from the W. E. Smith Family Charitable Trust Fund has helped to make these presentations possible. There are still a few programs left this year, so think about joining us to learn history in a fun and enjoyable way. Our First Person people take you back in time and are enjoyable and educational—check one out! Still to come is our own Dana Gagnon as Judith Kemper, Confederate General L. L. Lomax, and Edith Wilson.

Since the last newsletter the Hayner House furnace decided to stop running and needed to be replaced. I had hoped for another year. Our phone system needed to be replaced as well. Last spring the fire system was on its last legs and we began looking for a new fire and security system. In the process we wanted a wireless system with just one panel to be located in Hayner House. A generous donor has contributed the cost of the new system and we are a few short weeks away from it being installed.

On April 7, a new exhibit designed by Xavier University students will open. The exhibit Exiled: Indian Removal from Ohio looks at the removal of native people from Ohio in the 1830s and 1840s. During this time many of the native peoples were being removed from the east to areas west of the Mississippi River. Come and see this exhibit between April 7 and December 1, 2017.

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. If you are interested call me and I can sign you up.
Coming soon to Heritage Village Museum!

Spring in Early Cincinnati:
An 1803 Muster and Social
April 22 & 23, 2017

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 an 1803 event that will include drilling, civilian demonstrations, and hands-on activities. Come and celebrate the year Ohio became a state!

$10 for adults, $6 for ages 5-11, under 5 and members free

Civil War Weekend
July 8 & 9, 2017

Our annual event includes a battle each day in our nineteenth-century village. 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.

$10 for adults, $6 for ages 5-11, under 5 and members free

Hours:
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.
1840’s Whig Rally
August 19, 2017

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. As a supporter of 1840 presidential candidate William Henry Harrison, Morris will be here this weekend to give a speech in Harrison’s support.

For the second year in a row, Heritage Village will host an 1840’s political rally on Saturday, August 19. 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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Reverend James Kemper came to Cincinnati in late 1791. Today, he is known as the first Presbyterian minister north of the Ohio River, who had a hand in starting the Presbyterian Churches we have today in Southwestern Ohio. What is less known about him is that he started a new neighborhood in Cincinnati, Walnut Hills.

In 1793, James, his wife Judith, and their brood of then eleven children soon outgrew their lodgings in town. Kemper expected that John Cleves Symmes would gift him a small farm or that the church would receive one for his use. That was not to be, and Kemper had to finance his own land purchase, buying a quarter section (160 acres) from Symmes. This land was located on a hill northeast of Fort Washington and well outside the safe area around Fort Washington, about three miles to the east of the fort. In this time of Indian wars, the Kemper family would be on their own for protection. The commander of Fort Washington, General James Wilkinson, had strongly advised Kemper against moving so far from the protection of the fort and its soldiers. Kemper could not be deterred from his decision. All General Wilkinson could do was issue Kemper some surplus muskets, and tell him if they heard shots, they’d respond, and wish him good luck. A military response, should trouble occur, was doubtful to reach the family in time. It took a person roughly three hours to go from Fort Washington to Kemper’s land outside of town.

Kemper cleared his land and built a military-style blockhouse to house his family. This would be their home for the next eleven years. Three more Kemper children were born in this blockhouse. According to family members, all the older children, including the daughters, took their turn on watch to keep the family safe. While Kemper and his sons broke the soil and did the planting, his daughters Frances and Sarah would stand guard with muskets at the ready. Even something as simple as fetching water for family use required an armed escort. As prepared as the Kemper family was, there are no written accounts of any trouble occurring at the blockhouse during the Indian War years, 1790-1795.

Later, in 1804, Kemper would build a two story, double pen log home on his property. This site is located close to where the current post office now stands. Kemper named his new farm “Walnut Hill” due to the many Walnut trees on the property. In 1819, Kemper built the first Presbyterian Church in Walnut Hills, as it was now called. Later, the Kem-
per family would donate the land for Lane Semi-nary, which was located on Gilbert Avenue near the Thomson MacConnell Cadillac dealership.

One single farm—that a Presbyterian minister named Walnut Hill—would go on to become Walnut Hills, one of the first and most diverse neighborhoods to locate on the surrounding hills ringing the city of Cincinnati. It was annexed by the city in 1869. It continues to be a diverse area with a heritage that stretches back to only five years after the founding of Cincinnati itself.

Have you ever wished you could read more about the history of the buildings and artifacts at Heritage Village Museum. You don’t need Paul Harvey to give you “the rest of the story.” These booklets are available in our gift shop now for only $5 each.

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Recap: Chocolate, Champagne, & Candlelight

This is the fifth year that Heritage Village Museum has hosted this fundraiser. Attendees enjoyed a lavish chocolate dessert buffet, appetizers, champagne, a live band, a photo booth, dancing—and were even serenaded by the event’s Master of Ceremonies: Sharonville Mayor Kevin Hardman. Committee Chair Julie Dichtl shared a few notes about the evening:

If you weren’t at the Chocolate, Champagne & Candlelight event February 18, you missed out on a fun evening! 83 people attended this year’s event and danced to live music, tried their luck on raffle baskets, bid on items in the silent auction, and enjoyed the delicious hors d’oeuvres and chocolate buffet. Through the evening’s activities and the support of our sponsors, the event raised more than $4,000 for the Village! Amazing!

Of course, we owe the success of the event to lots of generous individuals and businesses:

Everyone who attended the event.

Our Sponsors
   The Alleen Company
   Allegra Printing & Sign Now

Those who donated raffle & auction items
   American Legacy Tours
   Rob & Lynne Carter
   Cincinnati & Soup/MacGuffin Productions
   Sandi Cloppert
   Dream Dinners
   Eddie Lane Diamond Center
   Winkie Foster
   Dana Gagnon
   Bill & Monica Gregory
   Heritage Village Quilters
   Heather Jones
   Sonya Kirkland
   Leann Michel
   Lydia Michel
   Julie Nettleton
   Tillie Nordmeyer
   Karen Stimpert

The Chocolate Donors
   Tyna Anderton
   Rob & Lynne Carter
   Sandi Cloppert
   Bill and Julie Dichtl
   Heather Jones
   Janis Kiefer
   Sonya Kirkland
   Marilyn Meckes
   Leann Michel
   Lydia Michel
   Julie Nettleton
   Tillie Nordmeyer
   Karen Stimpert

Volunteers who worked the event
   Sylvia Brown
   Lauren Dichtl
   Rosa Grippa
   Melonie McDonel
   Mark & Marilyn Meckes
   Joy Niefield
   Jordan Samuelson
   Tierra Tuneburg
   Nicole Van Houten

The “Chocolate Committee”
   Susan Gordy
   Heather Jones
   Sonya Kirkland
   Maggie Raffel
   Bill Dichtl
   Dana Gagnon

Without all these people and businesses, Chocolate, Champagne & Candlelight wouldn’t have been possible. Thanks to everyone! We hope to see you at next year’s event!

Julie Dichtl, committee chair
The Children’s Page

Many magazines of the nineteenth-century included a “Juvenile Department” or a page of “activities for boys and girls.” Below is a paper doll activity that was originally printed in Godey’s magazine in 1861. Take your kids back in time with a craft from long ago!

DANCING DOLLS

“To the young beginner this is a very easy pattern to commence and practice upon. If our young pupils have any difficulty cutting out by the eye, without drawing, they can procure a sheet of tracing paper; by placing this upon the object and going over the outline with a soft black-lead pencil, then reversing the tracing and placing the pencil lines upon the paper you wish to cut out, and going over the back of the same lines with a sharp-pointed pencil, the outline of the pattern will be clearly marked out. But it is much better to attempt to cut out the subject without drawing at all, as practising both the eye and the hand at the same time.

Take a piece of thin writing paper, and fold it four or five times; double the same again and cut out the half (Fig. 2). When opened out they will make Fig. 3; and, by cutting out two sets of four or five each, and fixing the hands together with a little gum, they can be made to form the circle as in Fig. 1.”
In early March, Heritage Village Museum was awarded a $10,000 grant from the Charles H. Dater Foundation! These funds are designated to support our school age education programs. We greatly appreciate the Dater Foundation for their support of our commitment to enrich the lives of children in the Tri-State area. The Foundation is committed to the children of the Greater Cincinnati area.

In 2016, we served more than 6000 school children! Steve Preston, Education Director, and his team of outstanding volunteers provide programs about 19th Century life with hands-on activities to enhance what the children have learned at school. Thanks to the Charles H. Dater Foundation for helping to make the Village’s education programs possible.

**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)

Civil War Camp is returning, and this year we also have two brand-new camps: Native American Camp and Archaeology Camp.

See our website for more information!

**Native American Camp:** June 19-23  
**Archaeology Camp:** July 17-21  
**Civil War Camp:** July 31-August 4

www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org/day_camp

Camps are sponsored by:
Art Auction: May 13

Dr. Robert Kroeger was on one of his weekly runs through Sharon Woods park when he happened to notice an old barn nestled within a restored 19th century village. Dr. Kroeger, who has spent the past several years painting historic barns all throughout Ohio, found himself intrigued with not only the barn, but the village it was a part of as well. After speaking with Executive Director William Dichtl and finding out about the village’s need for funding, Dr. Kroeger proposed an idea.

“I suggested a fundraiser, similar to the ones I'd done in Highland County, and proposed to paint each of the buildings and write a short essay. One of the buildings, a wonderful old school house dating to 1891, has not yet been restored and could use a generous gift to resurrect it.” Dr. Kroeger is an Ohio native, Ohio State Graduate, and served four years in the navy. He uses the impasto method of painting, a thick application of oil paint, similar to what the old masters like Rembrandt, Titian, and Vermeer employed.

The art auction will be held May 13th at Heritage Village Museum. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. and refreshments will be provided. All proceeds will support Heritage Village Museum.

Beer Barons Bash: June 3

A brand-new fundraising event is coming to Heritage Village Museum this summer. Beer Barons Bash is a beer tasting event that will include food, music, and the history of Cincinnati brewing.

The event will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on June 3. The cost will be $25 in advance, $30 at the door, and $20 for designated drivers. The cost includes four beer samples, a souvenir glass, appetizers, music, a Cincinnati Brewery exhibit, and the history of Cincinnati Breweries. There will also be a silent auction and raffles to add to the fun.

Watch our website and Facebook page for more details!
Heritage Village Museum is presenting a First Ladies of Fashion Exhibit that shows replications of seven gowns worn by former first ladies. The complete collection of twenty-three gowns was originally commissioned in 1971. The seven gowns currently in the exhibit were chosen to show not only the progression of fashion, but to also showcase the history and achievements of each woman.

Some of the first ladies whose gowns are being shown are Martha Washington and Dolley Madison. Both women were known for hosting parties that would set a social standard for years to come. Helen Taft, a native of Cincinnati, also has a gown in the exhibit. She is well known for the creation of the West Potomac National Park in Washington, D.C.

One of the posters featured is a piece illustrated by Walter Whitehead. The poster, titled, “Come on and Buy More Liberty Bonds,” shows an American soldier standing over the fallen body of a German soldier. This poster—along with one other in the exhibit—was originally printed by the Strobridge Lithographing Company here in Cincinnati. The exhibit will also feature a number of artifacts from WWI including a gas mask, surgical kit, and trench knife.

Coming soon: a partnership with students at Xavier University will bring us this exhibit that focuses on the legal, organized, and sometimes violent removal of Ohio’s native people. Join us at the exhibit opening to meet the students who created the exhibit.
Help Wanted

We have a couple of volunteer leadership positions that need to be filled—contact Bill at wdichtl@heritagevillagecincinnati.org if you think you are the person for the job!

Holly Days Music Coordinator

The Music Coordinator for Holly Days finds music groups to fill half-hour time slots—a total of six slots throughout the weekend. The village has four or five groups already who have expressed interest in returning to the event, and we have their contact information.

This volunteer should start contacting groups in early September; groups’ schedules can fill up fast at Christmas time. Then keep in touch through November and December so they know their performance details. The previous Music Coordinator for Holly Days is available for questions and to share information.

Sewing Circle Coordinator

We are looking for a volunteer who will share his or her sewing skills with other volunteers who would like to make their historical outfit to wear in the village. Sewing Circles can be held in the evenings after work or on an occasional Saturday, according to your schedule.

No historical sewing experience needed—we have patterns for the items volunteers need to make, and we can share the historical skills needed to make them accurate. Sewing can be done on modern sewing machines.

We’ve had volunteers of all ages find out they could make their own outfit—are you the one to help the next group?

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Elaine Krick
Stella Kochler
Bill Schott
Jeannie Thompson
Ruthie Craven
Dilly Dooley
Kiwanis of Sharonville
Ray Jacobsen
Sharonville Senior Citizens Club
Kim Bradford
Linda Heitmeyer

In Memory of Dr. John Martsolf
Douglas & Maria Lazo

In Memory of Kenneth K. Wright
David & Kathryn Corwin

In Memory of Jean Anderson
Carol DeBord
Barbara Mers

Elaine Krick portrayed Judith Kemper at Heritage Village for many years.
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Check out our website, www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org for all the latest news and upcoming events happening at the Village!