Letter from the Executive Director

As I write my column it is the second day of 70 degree weather. How nice it is to have the window open and smell the fresh air. I cannot get too excited because tomorrow and the weekend is to be in the 40s. Spring will be here shortly at least on the calendar. May we have a run of 60 and 70 degree temperatures for a while.

Last October we reopened the Ford Resource Library to be used by the public interested in Cincinnati and Southwest Ohio history from the late 1700s to 1900. The library was my office until February 2018. During the summer Mark Meckes (alias Captain America) painted the library a calming Festoon Aqua color.

Kathy Luhn and Marilyn Meckes have been busy for several months processing all the books that have been donated the last couple of years and books that are exhibited or stored in other buildings within the Village. The books have been entered into PastPerfect (collections management system) and can be used to check to see what we have in the library.

The library’s holdings include books about architecture, Civil War, gardening, artists, furniture, the Underground Railroad, 19th century crafts, biographies of Cincinnati people, and much more. We have begun a file cabinet of newspaper clippings and other items that cover Cincinnati personalities, businesses, manufacturers, artists, homes, buildings, and a long list of other topics. All these can be used for your research.

In March, two visitors spent all day researching their family history. They were successful and found quite a bit of information. Staff, volunteers, and interns use the library as they work on various projects. If you are interested in using the library, give us a call to make an appointment for a visit.

We are beginning a project to glaze windows throughout the Village. Volunteer, Ed Luhn, will take the lead and teach how to glaze windows. Would you like to learn to glaze windows and help us out? Please contact me by phone or e-mail.
**Regency Rally**  
**Apr. 13 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Come to Regency Rally at Heritage Village Museum and discover what life was like in the early 1800s, an exciting time when Ohio was a brand new state!

Linigle’s Company of Ohio Militia will be on hand for drilling and civilian demonstrations. Witness a reenactment of a duel between officers. Learn about the popular clothing styles during the time of Jane Austen at the Regency fashion show. Enjoy spring in the Village by playing games on the green. Watch a military style hearth cooking demonstration. Sip tea while learning about Regency era tea customs. Children will enjoy drilling with the troops using wooden muskets and other fun hands-on activities. Admission is $10. Museum members, veterans and active duty military members (with a valid I.D.), and children ages 4 and under are free.

**Escape the Village**  
**Apr. 27, May 25, Jun. 22, Jul. 27, Aug. 24 & Sept. 28 Noon, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.**

Escape the Village is a new escape room style challenge! The first challenge is held in Fetter General Store and is 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. They couldn’t carry everything with them, so they hid some of their plunder along the way and left clues so they could find it later. Follow the clues to find a priceless piece of art. The art holds the key to your escape. Tickets are $25 per person. Please call 513-563-9484 for reservations.

**Jubilee Tea**  
**May 4 2-3:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Queen Victoria’s 200th birthday at a tea in her honor! Enjoy a three-course afternoon tea in Hayner House. Sample Churchill’s Fine Teas’ special Heritage Village Blends specially made for the occasion. Take a complete tour of Elk Lick House, including the second floor. Meet Queen Victoria and learn about the Victorian era and tea traditions! Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for children under 12. Reserve your tickets by Apr. 30th by calling 513-563-9484.

**Civil War Weekend**  
**May 18 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**May 19 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

This authentic Civil War reenactment brings history to life in a dramatic fashion! Union and Confederate Infantry and Artillery will be on hand for drills, demonstrations, and a daily battle. Learn about local history during the reenactment of the Siege of Cincinnati.

This family friendly event also includes citizens in period clothing, hearth cooking, sutlers, children’s games, hands-on activities and Civil War music. General admission is $10. Admission is free for members, veterans and active duty military members (with a valid I.D.), and children ages 4 and under.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Hearth Cooked Dinner
Jun. 12 6-9 p.m.
Join us for a Hearth Cooked Dinner and sample some 18th and 19th century cuisine. We’ll have George Washington chocolate cream drink in Hayner House, then go to Kemper Kitchen for a candle-lit dinner featuring standing crust pork pie, Iroquois corn, carrots, and 1773 apple pie. 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. More Hearth Cooked Dinners are scheduled for Aug. 21 & Nov. 13.

Art Auction
Aug. 9 7-9 p.m.
Peruse paintings of the Village while enjoying wine, cheese, and appetizers. Bid on your favorite paintings by artists Nancy Achberger and Bob Kroeger during the silent auction. This is a free event. Please RSVP by calling 513-563-9484.

Clever & Unusual Escapes from Slavery
Aug. 29th 7 p.m.
Desperate enslaved people of the pre-Civil War South devised all kinds of ways to escape from bondage. Some of their methods were quite ingenious. From hiding in plain sight, to disguises, to piloting a ship under Confederate guns, brave people on the run used all their daring and ingenuity to reach a better life. Hear their stirring stories when Millie Henley of Historical Connections presents Clever and Unusual Escapes from Slavery. She will wear period attire and use PowerPoint illustrations to bring the inspiring stories to life. Admission is $5. Free for members of Heritage Village Museum or The Ladies Living History Society of Greater Cincinnati. Please RSVP by calling 513-563-9484.

Mark Your Calendar
Here’s a handy reference to keep track of upcoming events:

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* Call 513-563-9484 to register for programs and events. Online registration will be available for some events. Check HeritageVillageMuseum.org/events for more details.
Mary Means was an eleven-year-old girl in 1763. Her parents were settlers on land about a mile South of Fort Ligonier in Southwestern Pennsylvania. She and her parents often visited the fort for supplies and news of relations between settlers and Native Americans, who were plentiful in this region. In times of peace, such as when this story is placed, the gates of the fort would be open, and settlers, soldiers, and Indians alike would be milling around the inside and outside of the garrison. One of the more common tribes to the area were the Lenape, or Delaware. The chance meeting that occurred between little Mary and one Delaware Warrior would have repercussions across decades and distance.

On this particular day, one of the warriors milling about was a Delaware named, Maiden Foot. It is quite possible that Mary Means and Maiden Foot were familiar with each other. What is known, is that Maiden Foot thought very highly of young Mary and upon leaving the garrison, gave her a string of beads commonly called “Wampum”. Mary was thrilled with her gift and often wore them or had them on her person in some way.

The early summer of 1763 saw the outbreak of Pontiac’s Rebellion. Native American warriors were attacking English forts up and down the frontier. Fort Ligonier was no different. Mary and her mother made their way to the safety of the fort only to be intercepted by several warriors. The two of them were tied to sapling trees off the trail. From their captive position, they could hear a battle raging in the direction of Fort Ligonier. Later in the day, a warrior appeared before Mary and her mother. By divine providence, that warrior was Maiden Foot. He immediately recognized them, set them free, and led them safely back to their farm. He then took Mary and her parents into a ravine. He told the family that the war party would be withdrawing soon and that they should wait a short while before returning home. Before Maiden Foot left, Mary gave him a small handkerchief with her name embroidered on it. Later, after it was thought safe to leave, Mary and her family returned home without incident.

As the frontier moved West, so did Mary Means. By 1794, she was married to an officer in Wayne’s Legion garrisoned at Fort Washington in Cincinnati. Mary’s husband was a participant in the Battle of Fallen Timbers where the army broke the Native American resistance in Ohio. While sweeping the field after the battle, Mary’s husband and several soldiers found an elderly warrior who had not fled. The soldiers would have just shot him from a distance, but her husband intervened. The old warrior said he had fought his last battle and wished to live the rest of his days in peace. While searching their new captive, they found a white cloth in his bullet bag. Upon closer inspection, it was found to be a handkerchief with the name “Mary Means” embroidered on it. Her husband recognized this from the story Mary would often tell of her experience. After learning of his identity as Maiden Foot, he was made the personal captive of the officer.

He was escorted back to their home in Cincinnati where a tearful reunion took place between Mary and Maiden Foot 31 years after last seeing each other. Maiden Foot told Mary that while back at Fort Ligonier, his little sister had died. She had been about the same age as Mary. His gift of wampum was his way of “adopting” Mary to replace his sister. The elderly Maiden Foot was released from custody and lived out the rest of his life with his adopted family. Maiden Foot lived in peace for four years. He died of tuberculosis and was buried in a grave now lost in Cincinnati.
We’re looking for Research Volunteers for a Diversity Project

Our Diversity and Inclusion Committee would like to research and implement programming that addresses the multi-cultural aspects of Cincinnati during the 19th Century. Many different cultural and ethnic groups are responsible for making the Queen City what it is today. We need to figure out how to present the information on these groups of people. We are looking for individuals to assist in the research and development of possible options to showcase this information. If anyone is interested in working on this project please call Steve Preston at 513-563-9484.
Heritage Village has a way of easing the volunteer season in each year and 2019 has been no exception. These first 3 months of 2019 at Heritage Village have seen volunteers contributing to the return and completion of our First Person Program Series, our most successful Chocolate, Champagne, and Candlelight to date, education programs, membership mailings, office work, maintenance to our library, collections, period clothing closet and grounds, and of course our fabulous Quilters have been at it again. In just the first two months of 2019 Heritage Village Volunteers contributed a total of 201 hours and 31 minutes and its only up from here! If you are one of the nearly 50 volunteers who have donated your time to the success of Heritage Village, thank you so much! It is thanks to you that these first 3 months of 2019 have gone so wonderfully.

If you have not yet had the chance to volunteer this year, worry not! There are many opportunities coming down the pipeline. For example, over the next few months volunteers will make Regency Rally, Jubilee Tea, and Civil War Weekend happen, and our Education Programs will pick up in addition to the day to day contributions volunteers make. The best way to keep up to date with volunteer opportunities is to join our email list. You can do this by emailing me at lchristopher@heritagevillagecincinnati.org, calling me at (513)563-9484, scanning the QR code on this page or going to http://eepurl.com/dv8rJT and filling out the subscription form! Additionally, for planning purposes please refer to the 2019 Volunteer Calendar in this newsletter.

As just one last piece of news, Heritage Village Museum and Educational Center has joined Cincinnati Cares, a local organization which helps to connect volunteers with volunteer opportunities. As such, if you are wondering about different volunteer opportunities available at Heritage Village, you can read about a variety of them there. Additionally, each organization’s page has a spot at the bottom for testimonials/reviews. If you do or have volunteered with us and would like to contribute to our endeavor to build our volunteer program leaving a testimonial here to let prospective volunteers know what you love about volunteering at Heritage Village that would be incredible!

Our page can be found at https://cincinnaticares.org/listing-item/heritage-village-museum-and-educational-center/ and testimonials can be left if you scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. –Lydia Christopher
# Heritage Village Museum & Educational Center

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- **= date/event of interest**  
- **= Lydia on vacation (still accessible via email)**

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**May**
- 4th 2pm-3:30pm: Jubilee Tea
- 18th 10am-5pm: Civil War Weekend
- 19th 10am-3pm: Civil War Weekend

**June**
- 3rd: Annual Meeting
- 22nd 12pm-4pm: Escape the Village

**July**
- 20th 11am-2pm: Volunteer Recognition
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**August**
- 24th 21pm-4pm: Escape the Village
- 29th 7pm: Clever & Unusual Escapes from Slavery w/ Mille Henley of Historic Connections

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**February**
- 1st at 7pm: First Person - Adam “Stovepipe” Johnson
- 8th at 7pm: First Person - Cal Whiston
- 9th 7pm-10pm: Chocolate Champagne & Candlelight
- 15th at 7pm: First Person - Laura Bellini
- 22nd at 7pm: First Person - George A. Hatch
- 23rd at 9am-4pm: Floorcloth Class with Kathy Lunn

**March**
- 1st at 7pm: First Person - Mary Draper Ingles
- 8th at 7pm: First Person - Frances Cleveland
- 15th at 7pm: First Person - Mary Anna Curtis Lee
- 20th 6pm-9pm: Hearth Cooked Dinner
- 23rd 12pm-4pm: Escape the Village
- 29th 7pm: First Person - Daniel Boone

**April**
- 13th 10am-5pm: Regency Rally
- 27th 10am & 12pm: Volunteer Meetings
- 27th 12pm-4pm: Escape the Village
- 28th 9:30am-12:30pm: Delhi Schoolhouse Bus Tour

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**September**
- 26th 10am & 12pm: Volunteer Meeting
- Oct 11817, 18619, 25&26 6pm-10pm: Haunted Village
- Nov 23rd 10am & 12pm: Volunteer Meeting
- Dec 14th & 15th 10:30am-12pm: Christmas Breakfast

**December**
- 18th, 19 & 20, Jan. 2nd & 3rd 10am-2pm: Train Days
Support Heritage Village Museum by Shopping at

When shopping at any Gordon Food Service (GFS) location, simply tell the cashier at the time of checkout that you would like your purchases to be applied to Historic Southwest Ohio.

The cashier will look us up and apply your purchase amount toward the rebate total and we will receive a donation on a periodic basis. It’s just that easy!