Endangered Cincinnati: Can These Buildings be Saved?

An exhibit focusing on historic buildings and communities that are at risk from neglect or institutional expansion.

July 4th -
August 26th

Wednesdays-Saturdays:
10am-5pm
Sundays: 1pm-5pm

Admission: $2.00 adults/$1.00 children ages 5-11
Children 4 and under and Museum Members are Free

Heritage Village Museum
Located inside Sharon Woods Park
Timesteps
Summer 2012

Notes from the Executive Director
By William J. Dichtl

Summer is here, and the First Ladies of Fashion exhibit has moved on to another museum. The exhibit was a success, bringing over 1000 visitors specifically to see the gowns. Several articles about the exhibit were published in Cincinnati, Butler County, and Dayton newspapers. In fact, several people and a couple of Red Hat Societies paid us a visit thanks to an article in the 

Dayton Daily News.

How can we repeat this response to an exhibit? I have a few ideas, but I would like to hear from you our members, what you think might attract visitors.

Always important to the day to day operation of the Village are our wonderful volunteers. A few I would like to highlight are the Volunteers of the Year, Pete Krekeler and Dorothy Williams. Pete conducts guided tours and recently filled in for Bill Schott cutting the grass. Dorothy spends many days giving educational programs to many of the thousand school children who come to the Village.

Others I’d like to recognize are Mark Meckes for completing several maintenance projects around and in the Hayner House, such as building a small ramp to move the grill, popcorn machine, and freezer in and out of the washhouse easily. Mark has also replaced the rotten boards by the stairs to the basement and replaced a leaky faucet.

This past April Paul Nightingale and Bill Schott undertook shoring up the floor in the Benedict Cottage. In December it was discovered that there was way too much bounce in the floor, the cottage was closed to all visitors. We are glad to be able to share this cottage with our visitors again.

A big thank you also goes to Lynn Carter for coming in every week to help with office work, gift shop reorganizing, and cleaning. I also want to thank each and every one of our volunteers for all you do! It is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers: Mark Meckes and Paul Nightingale at work.
\[\text{From the President}\]

Heritage Village Museum is at a critical point in its ability to serve the public and to carry out its mission. Although we’re working diligently to increase visitation with new exhibits and programming (the First Ladies of Fashion exhibit brought nearly 1,000 people to the Village in three months), it’s not enough. For this reason the Village is experiencing a financial short fall.

\textit{The good news is we have a generous benefactor who has offered a matching donation to the Village:}

Every donation given between now and July 21—up to $25,000 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by this good friend!

You have been generous in the past with your support of the Village. We hope this opportunity to double the impact of your gift will encourage you to support us again before July 21.

P.S. If you have any questions about this appeal or about the Village, call Executive Director, Bill Dichtl, 513-563-9484 or email wdichtl@heritagevillagecincinnati.org.

Steve Kapucinski
Wayne Purinton

\[\text{Free Civil War Series Programs}\]

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Did you know that Ohio’s tumultuous political history dates all the way back to the mid 1800’s? Home to seven US presidents and three top generals, Ohio has been immersed in political dissent for centuries. The University of Cincinnati’s History Professor, Dr. Christopher Phillips, will present an evening lecture, “Shadow Wars,” on the political warfare which occurred from anti-war dissent in south-western Ohio. Sponsored by the Ohio Humanities Council and National Endowment for the Arts, “Shadow Wars” is part of the Free Civil War Program Series and will be held August 15th.

Author of \textit{Fantastic Shadows Upon the Ground: The Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War}, Greg Fugitt will be presenting an evening lecture on the experience of a soldier during the Civil War. Fugitt will describe the daily life of soldiers – the clothing they wore, the food they ate, and the environment they slept in. He will also discuss the differences between the lives of those of higher or lower rank, as well as life in friendly or hostile territory in another lecture from the Free Civil War Program Series. This lecture will be held August 22nd at 7:00 pm.

The final lecture of the Free Civil War Program Series, “Defending the Union,” will be presented by historian, Ray E. Boomhower. Sponsored by the Ohio Humanities Council and National Endowment for the Arts, Boomhower will discuss the role and influence of Lew Wallace, a Civil War Union soldier who fought to defend Cincinnati, a Civil War Union soldier who fought to defend Cincinnati. Lew Wallace rose through the army only to fall from that stature after his role in the Battle of Shiloh. Ray E. Boomhower will describe Wallace’s rise, fall, and his determination to rise again. This event will take place on September 12th at 7:00 pm.

\[\text{Volunteer Spotlight}\]

\textbf{Dorothy Williams & Pete Krekeler}

Heritage Village Museum is grateful for all of our dedicated volunteers this year two of those dedicated volunteers were awarded with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Dorothy Williams and Pete Krekeler were recently recognized at the Annual Meeting. Both Pete and Dorothy were awarded an engraved pocket watch.

Dorothy and Pete were both asked why they began volunteering at the Village. In 2008 Dorothy Williams came to the Village as a visitor and left as a volunteer. Dorothy volunteers most of her time with education programs, “There is truly nothing as rewarding in my life as watching young faces light up with interest, curiosity, and enthusiasm as we cook together in the Kemper kitchen or make reed baskets during summer camp.” Volunteering at the Village, Dorothy said, “has given me a joy and a purpose that has enhanced my life significantly. Nothing in my life is as rewarding.”

Pete Krekeler has volunteered at the Village for almost seven years. Pete became a volunteer because he enjoyed the atmosphere and the people at the museum. Pete spends his time at the Village completing various tasks from mowing the lawn to giving tours. His favorite job at the Village is giving tours to visitors and answering questions for visitors. We at the Village are thankful for all of Pete and Dorothy’s hard work along with all of the hard work of our other volunteers.

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\[\text{2012 Calendar of Events**}\]

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      \item 4th-Endangered Cincinnati Exhibit opens August 5th
      \item 15th-Shadows Wars Program 7pm
      \item 22nd-Living Like Kings Program 7pm
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      \item 12th-Defending the Union Program 7pm
      \item 15th-Painting Evaluation 10am to 3pm
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      \item 22nd & 23rd-Fall Harvest Festival
      \item 30th-Village Closes for Tours (Last day for tours.)
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      \item 12 & 13, 19 & 20, 26 & 27-Haunted Village
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      \item 8 & 9, 15 & 16-Holly Days
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**Please check website for event details and pricing: www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org
Current Exhibits

- Volunteer Ed Creighton’s exhibit about the Chester Park Train Station is now on display in the ballroom of the Hayner House. Ed’s display includes photographs and newspaper clippings about the station. It will be on display until September 30th—the last day the Village is open to the public.
- The second exhibit on display is the Endangered Cincinnati Exhibit: Can These Buildings be Saved? The exhibit will be on display until August 20th. The exhibit highlights historic preservation efforts in Cincinnati. It is a collaboration between the Betts House and the Cincinnati Preservation Association and is on loan at the Village.

Quilt Raffle

There is currently a quilt raffle happening at the Village! The Heritage Village Quilters are currently working on a quilt that will be raffled off on December 16, 2012. The cost of one ticket is $1.00 and the cost of six tickets is $5.00. The dimensions of the quilt are 100” by 104”. Tickets are available in the gift shop. For more information about the raffle please call the office at (513) 563-9484.

Heritage Village Museum would like to thank our sponsors from the past 3 months of events and programs.

- Jessica Mincha First Ladies Programs (Dolley Madison, Mary Todd Lincoln, and Eleanor Roosevelt) Grand Finale Restaurant.
- First Ladies Programs Abigail Adams: PNC Bank
- First Ladies Program Dolley Madison: Marshall Tucker and Winkie Foster
- First Ladies Program Mary Todd Lincoln: Bill and Julie Dichtl
- First Ladies Programs Eleanor Roosevelt: Mr. Barry Adamson and Ms. Julie Nettleson
- RSL Commercial Architecture

Painting Evaluation

Do you have a painting or two that you would like to know what the value is? Or if there are condition issues that should be addressed. Then we have the opportunity for you on Thursday September 13, 2012. From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm art experts from the Eisele Galley of Fine Art and Old World Restorations, Inc. will be on hand to inspect and evaluate your paintings.

Call to reserve your 15 minute time slot. Each painting will cost $50.00. Experts will be able to do one or two paintings per time slot. Payment must be made at time of reservation.

Call early to reserve your spot. This evaluation is for paintings only. All proceeds will go to the Heritage Village Museum as a fund raiser.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Civil War Weekend Wrap Up

On May 19th and 20th over a thousand people flocked to Heritage Village Museum to witness the reenactment of the Battle of Shiloh. More than two hundred re-enactors participated in the two day battle. Along with the battle visitors were able to tour the historic buildings, walk through the soldier camps, and purchase items from the sutlers.

Heritage Village Museum would like to thank all of the re-enactors, sutlers, volunteers, and sponsors for all of their hard work to make Civil War Weekend a success.

Heritage Village Museum is on Facebook!
Be sure to “like” us and stay in touch with all of the Village happenings!

Follow us on Twitter!
@heritagevillage
Kroger Makes Giving to the Village easier

Any Heritage Village Members who are interested in renewing or registering their Kroger Plus card should visit krogercommunityrewards.com. For an easier time registering for Heritage Village Museum it would be best to have your Kroger Plus card handy. If you do not currently have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at all Kroger service desks.

Once you have a Kroger Plus card you can sign up online. Simply click on SIGN UP TODAY in the ‘New Customer’ box. Once you have completed that step you will enter in your zip code, click on your favorite Kroger store, and enter your email address and create a password. Once you have completed this you will be walked through a series of steps. You will also need our non-profit organization number which is 82559.

***The Village receives 4% of all the money spent using the cards. If just 50 people spent $50 per week for 50 weeks, the Village would receive $5,000.00!***

***Thank you for supporting Heritage Village Museum!***

Endangered Cincinnati: Can These Buildings be Saved?

On July 11th Ms. Margo Warminski, the Preservation Director of the Cincinnati Preservation Association will present a lecture titled, “Endangered Cincinnati: Can These Buildings be Saved?”. Warminski will explore the current preservation conditions in Cincinnati—looking at numerous historic sites in the area that are in danger of being lost due to neglect. The program begins at 7:00 pm in the Hayner House. This program is free to the public.

Volunteers Wanted!

It Takes a village to run the Village!

What is the most important part of a village? The people in it! Our volunteers make Heritage Village Museum come alive and are essential to fulfilling our mission. It “takes a village” to run the village and we need YOUR help to do it!

We are recruiting volunteers to begin training in September, 2012. There are all kinds of ways to help. We need interpreters who dress in period clothing to demonstrate 19th century crafts, jobs, cooking, etc., to give guided tours, and to help with our education programs. There are also opportunities to help us with visitor services, hospitality, gardening, office work, and our amazing special events like Civil War Weekend and Haunted Village. The time commitment can be as flexible as you need it to be, and we provide the training.

Come learn with us and share your passion for history with others! Heritage Village Museum is the only outdoor living history museum in the Greater Cincinnati area and a great place to step into the past.

Fill out an application today to get started, or call or email Mary Ladrick for more information. 513-563-9484, mladrick@heritagevillagecincinnati.org

Hope to see you at the Village!

Heritage Village Museum

Annual Membership Information

Individual Membership………$30.00
Family Membership………….$50.00

Membership Includes:

• Free admission to the Heritage Village Museum during normal operating hours and all special events.
• 20% discount in the Village Gift Shop!
• Members-only pricing on Kids Summer Day Camps, Kids Activity Saturdays and Adult Workshops.
• Quarterly Newsletter

Sign up to be a member today! Call (513) 563-9484 or download a membership form at www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org