CIVIL WAR DAYS, MAY 20 & 21

The soldiers are coming!
Heritage Village will be a center of conflict on May 20 and 21, 2006 as the North and South wage war on each other as part of the Village’s Civil War Days. There is a number of exciting events connected to this program including a fashion show, hearth cooking, soldier’s encampments, civilians in period clothing, Calvary, artillery and infantry soldiers and a battle. This is a great event for the entire family, so mark your calendars and plan on stepping back in time for Civil War Days! The event is open both days from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with a battle at 2:00 pm. Special Event pricing is in effect. Admission is FREE for HSO members!

For more information, call (513) 563-9484 or visit www.HeritageVillageCincinnati.org.

Special Thanks to Craig Decker during our 2005 Civil War Days event. Former Board of Directors President, Craig Decker, inaugurated his new company, Decker Video Productions, by producing a video of the activities and characters associated with the event. He did an excellent job and you may see and purchase the results of his work in the village store.

Elk Lick Vineyard

William Schott

Last Fall, we spotted a good deal on some Concord Grapes, marked for quick clearance at a nearby garden store. So, we lassoed Bing, grabbed a can of orange spray-paint, and began to sketch out some gardening ideas in the cool, green grass of October. We hope you enjoy the following story-line that gives an historic look on winemaking in southwest Ohio...

“The North American countryside has always been blessed with an abundance of wild grapes, but much to the dismay of early settlers, the majority of fruit they plucked and crushed at harvest time yielded lousy wine. Even lousy raisins, for that matter. Apparently Old World stock, nurtured since antiquity, happens to yield grapes with a higher natural-sugar content than our native ones. However, importing plants from overseas led to another horticultural paradox. Confronted with unfamiliar diseases and pests in their new surroundings, the transplanted vines soon withered away. Aspiring American vintners were forced to continue, through trial and error, their breeding experiments. Around 1803, about the time Ohio was admitted as a new state to the union, a young man, owning not much more than the clothes on his back, took his first look at the ramshackle buildings scattered along a muddy Ohio River waterfront. Nicholas Longworth was only 21-years-old a the time and Cincinnati’s population was estimated at around 1,000. Within two decades, Longworth was acknowledged as the wealthiest man in our rapidly growing city, now counting a population of nearly 12,000. He stepped away from active law practice and began to dabble with grape culture and wine production on the grounds of his extensive estate, spread along the sides of Mount Adams. During the early 19th-century, the Temperance Movement continually admonished about the intoxicating perils of beverages fortified with alcohol. On the other hand, considering the daily vigilance required to avoid “spoilt milk” and “tainted water”, the general public expressed a preference toward hard cider, rum and whisky. Of course, if Longworth managed to develop a locally produced, affordable and drinkable wine, perhaps his fellow citizens might just be persuaded to adopt a more temperate life-style.

To be continue in the May, 2006, issue of Timesteps Newsletter.
A Message from Executive Director Bing Spitler

As this newsletter reaches you we will be on our way to an exciting 2006 Season and I am grateful to the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers for their support. We’ve just completed a strategic planning program, which gives all of us at the Village guidance for future educational, special events and other activities. Our goal is to bring more people to the Village and to provide them with an experience that will bring them back again and again. As we implement this plan we will increase attendance, develop more members and generate more income for the organization. This is critical in a time when so many organizations are competing for the public’s time and money.

I am proud to say we are moving forward at great speed. We have added the Shram Printing Company building to the Village and we will celebrate its grand opening on April 22nd. In addition, the Wilken’s Washhouse has been moved to its permanent location behind the Hayner House where it will be restored and put to good use. There is a move afoot to add flowers, plants and flowering trees to the Village, which in time will make us a “must see” destination in Cincinnati.

In February we completed the fifth year of the Cincinnati’s Runaway Slave Drama. This acclaimed, interactive play has been performed to over 5,000 students and adults and it is believed that its drama has had a lasting effect on those who have made the journey to the Underground Railroad, through Heritage Village. We are grateful to the outstanding cast of actors and members of the Board and staff who brave the weather to make this one of the largest attended programs at the Village.

With all that we have going on and the excitement of being involved in energy that is connected to the Village, this dramatic time at Heritage Village and the Hauck House Museum will be a pivotal year for the organization. We want to make the Village a signature location within southwestern Ohio. We have a unique location, buildings, a high energy Board, staff, and volunteers which, together, make it work. Please come and join us whenever you can.

Comments from President Jeff Schloemer

The start of our season is upon us, and we kick it off with a “bang” at Civil War Days, May 14 and 15. During this two-day event, the Village will be filled with the sights, sounds and smells of Union and Confederate soldiers and civilians as they would have fought and lived during the Civil War era. This will be an exciting weekend with lots of activities for young and old alike.

On July 9, 10, 16 and 17, visitors can journey back in time at our Meet the Past event. Meet and talk with interpreters portraying actual residents of buildings in the Village, including Mr. Hayner, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Langdon. Showing how families in Southwest Ohio lived, worked and played during the 1800’s, Meet the Past is an interactive experience for the entire family.

It is a busy and exciting time here at the Village! Plans are underway for the addition of a print shop, coming as a gift from the Crapsey family. Construction of the Schram Print Shop should start this summer, with completion by the end of October. Seed money from The Greater Cincinnati Foundation will help initiate the addition of a schoolhouse in the area beyond the church. We will update you of our progress on these and other projects.

Preservation and maintenance of our beautiful buildings is in full swing, with new roofs, painting projects, repairs and accessibility enhancements. As you visit the Village this year, you will notice many improvements. There’s a new ramp and deck on the train station, making it accessible to those with disabilities. Our commitment to make the Village accessible to all our visitors is a major priority!

All members are invited to attend the annual meeting on May 19 (see form on opposite page), which marks the end of my two-year term as President of the HSO Board of Directors. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our volunteers, paid staff and the board members I have had the privilege to work with. Our organization is blessed with dedicated individuals, committed to seeing that the Hauck House and Village survive and thrive for future generations. I certainly have enjoyed my experience on the board and urge you to consider sharing your abilities and skills with us, helping HSO remain a steadfast community treasure . . . where history comes alive!
School Programs in Full Bloom

Spring has been a very busy time for the Education Department! School visits are in full swing and keeping us moving.

The Civil War Week was held April 26-29 in the Village. Over 900 students and adults listened to “Abraham Lincoln” deliver the Gettysburg Address, heard music from that time period (I think I even saw a few dancing!), marched and drilled as new recruits in the Federal Army and discovered what kinds of medical treatments injured soldiers may have received, if any.

Our school programs have been filling the Heritage Village in 2005. Through the end of April, the Adventure, Pioneer, Peek into the Past and Hands-On History programs have introduced over 1,600 Cincinnati area students to 19th-century life. We could not have done this without the wonderful commitment of the education volunteers and adjunct staff. If you would like to work with school children in our educational programs, please contact Sandi Cloppert or Carolyn Adams at (513) 563-9484. We would love to have you join us!

The Education Staff is also currently gearing up for the Summer Kids Camps. We are offering three camps this summer. Camps are one week long and run Monday through Friday, Full-day 9:00 am to 3:30 pm and Half-day 9:00-12:00p.m. (see below for details). Contact Lori Adams at (513) 563-9484 to register or for more information.

SUMMER KIDS CAMPS

CIVIL WAR CAMP - BASIC TRAINING
Full Day, June 19-23, Ages 7-11
A hands-on experience about both military and civilian life in the 1860’s.

OHIO ADVENTURES CAMP
Done in collaboration with the Hamilton County Park District’s Sharon Woods Park, this camp explores human and animal survival, as well as Ohio frontier life.

AMERICAN DOLL CAMP
Full Day, July 10-14, Ages 8-13
Jr. Half Day, June 26-30, Ages 6-8
Celebrate our American heritage through the lives of the dolls we know and love.

PIONEER CAMP
Jr. Half Day, July 17-21, Ages 6-8
Have fun learning what children did and what life was like for the early pioneers.

Remember, HSO members get discounted pricing on camps!

All members are invited to attend:

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September 9, 2006
Hayner House Ballroom
5:00 pm - Hors d’oeuvres and Refreshments
6:00 pm - Annual Meeting
7:00 pm - Adjourn

Registration:
Name(s): ____________________________________________________________

Guest Level:
Individual $15.00 __________
Couple $25.00 __________

Patron Level:
Individual $25.00 __________
Couple $50.00 __________

HSO Volunteer:
Individual $10.00 __________

RSVP by 5/13 - Make checks payable to HSO
Send: HSO, PO Box 62475, Cinti, OH 45262
Phone: (513) 563-9484 Fax: (513) 563-0914
Email: Cadams@heritagevillagecincinnati.org

Grand Opening of the Schram Printing Company

We have scheduled a grand opening event for the newest addition to the Heritage Village, the Schram Printing Company, for Saturday, April 22, 2006 and invite everyone to come see and experience this marvelous exhibit of printing. This new building was initiated by a gift from Mrs. Bonnie (Schram) Owens, Kirby Owens, and Rob and Stacey Crapsey with additional items donated by John and Judy Ruthven. The Schram Printing Company will provide a great platform for explaining the value in daily life that printing companies brought to the community and give our visitors a chance to get their hands-on history. A special thank goes to RWA Architecture and Design.

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I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I continue to receive since joining the HSO staff in January as Development Director. I am thrilled to be a part of such an amazing and hardworking staff of employees, board members and volunteers! For those of you whom I have not yet met, I’d like to introduce myself. I am a native of Cincinnati and hold degrees in both Communication Arts and Liberal Arts from the College of Mount St. Joseph. Before joining the HSO staff, my experience working in development / special events for non-profits was as Director of Alumni Relations / Special Events at the College of Mount St. Joseph and Development Director at Mother of Mercy High School. My museum experience was developed at the Cincinnati Museum Center in the education department with their Outreach Program and as the Director of the Museum’s C.A.S.T. Program for high school students. I have an extensive background in the Arts as a storyteller, actress and director and I remain part-time at Mount St. Joseph as the director of their theatrical productions as well as an adjunct professor of drama. I am the author of the children’s book, “Sassafras Holmes and the Library Mysteries,” and numerous award winning short stories and poems. Here at The Village I am responsible for corporate sponsorships, special events, memberships, fund-raising activities, grant writing, annual appeals, in-kind donations, planned giving, endowments and editor of the Timesteps newsletter.

Development for any institution can never happen in a vacuum so I am asking for your help and support for HSO. If you are not a member, join today. If you are a member, encourage others to join or make a contribution during one of our appeal campaigns. Ask if your employer offers a matching gift program, whereby the company will match your contribution. If you are a regular donor, think about perpetuating your support through pledges or planned giving. Monthly or quarterly pledges are greatly appreciated, as they provide continual and consistent funding. Services or supplies, donated as in-kind donations, are always welcomed. And I would like to make a special appeal for this years Heritage Gala to be held here at the Village on September 9th in support of our Educational Programs and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Ohio. The Gala is our largest one-night fundraising event of the season. We have set our sights and goals high this year and we need your help to make it an overwhelming success. Consider a gift for our silent or live auction, have your business sponsor a table or become a “Golden or Silent Auction Sponsor, host a table or just attend. We promise a wonderful evening of music and fun as we celebrate the opening of the Schram Printing House.

I am extremely excited about the future of HSO and the role I hope to play in that successful future. Watch this space for more development news in the upcoming months. And remember, my door is always open and I would love to meet you. Stop by any time or call me at (513) 563-9484. Thank you!

Carolmarie

Meet the Past Returns

Meet the Past is returning once again to The Village on July 15 & 16. Guests can tour our historic buildings and meet early 19th-century settlers of Southwest Ohio. With ghost first-person interpreters, Meet the Past enables visitors to talk with early residents and learn how they lived, worked and played.

Meet the Past was introduced in 2003 with the help of Ashley and Bobbie Ford, who provided the financial support and leadership to launch the event and ensure its success. As always, Meet the Past is free to members. The cost for non-members is $7 adults, $6 seniors (60+), $5 children.
Collections News

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from Kathy Luhn

By the time you read this the Fetter Store will be functioning as another building to interpret! Due to the overwhelming amount of “stuff” we moved onto the shelves, it took a bit longer to organize than we anticipated.

The Fetter Store is now stocked with a pharmacy area (including 3 “receipts” from E.J. Thomas’ book), a food area with our own Hayner Corn label reproduced (and other reproduction labels from the late 19th century), many crates previously stored in the Hauck House basement, tools, jewels, dishes and more! You just have to see it – and thanks to board members Sonya Kirkland and Nadine Friedmann. They have put in countless hours cleaning and arranging items. Other workers have included Travis Friedmann (our polishing wiz), Joan Smith, Beth Sauer (our intern), Annette Fisher (who helps keep the inventory straight), and new volunteer Beth Hess. Jerry Kirkland and Alex Teass helped paint, while Ed Luhn fixed many small items and cut a lot of boards!

In other news, the site assessment has been completed for the Conservation Assessment Program grant. Now we wait for the visits to occur in July from our two assessors. HSO received a wonderful Jenny Lind cradle from Nancy Detrick. It has been in her family over 100 years and will fit perfectly into the Hauck House décor. The floor of Dr. Langdon’s Medical Office was refinished, and the Plexiglas should be installed in Vorhes House by mid-May.

Are we busy enough yet? Come join us as we measure, mark and photograph our treasures. For more information, call (513) 563-9484.

Historic Southwest Ohio Staff

Your HSO Staff is here to assist you. You may contact any of our staff members by calling (513) 563-9484.

Bing Spitler, Executive Director
Carolmarie Stock, Development Director
Kathy Luhn, Collections Administrator
Lisa Egan, Education Coordinator
Lori Adams, Education Administrative Assistant
Karen Kirksey, Bookkeeper
Fran Reeves, Gift Shop Manager

Take me out to the ball game!

Little League Day
1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings vs. Indianapolis Hoosiers
&
Cincinnati Buckeye vs. Indianapolis Hoosiers

Heritage Village Museum
Sharon Woods Park
August 5, 2006
Free Admission to Little Leaguers and Coaches
Food, prizes, photos with the teams!
Sponsored by:
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