Happy New Year! What can you expect in the early portion of 2019? In February and March we will again bring you eight first-person programs on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. These programs are a great way to learn about historical personalities. Look for a list of all the programs on the page 4.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in portraying a personality from the late 1700s to 1900. I have compiled a list of people that you can choose from or you can pick someone that you are interested in learning more about. We will provide the clothing and train you on how to do first-person and how to research historical figures. Volunteers will present a program during the 2020 first-person series, do outreach, and portray their historical character at some of our events.

If you love Halloween and have creative ideas on how to make Halloween fun, you may be interested in joining the Haunted Village Committee. We have space to have a couple of volunteers to join us. We meet seven to eight times a year to plan the event. Each committee member has an area or two to oversee. They take it on and make sure that it is staffed and runs smoothly.

February 9th is our annual Chocolate, Champagne, & Candlelight fundraiser. This year Chris O’Brien and Janeen Coyle from 103.5 WGRR Cincinnati will be the Masters of Ceremonies. This fun evening includes raffles, split-the-pot, silent auction, music, dancing, an appetizer buffet, and a chocolate buffet.

Bethany Jewell, Marketing Director, has been developing Escape the Village, based on the popular escape rooms. The title is “Morgan’s Raiders of the Lost Art” and Fetter Store will be the site. The premise is that in July 1863, 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 and left clues so they could find it later. The plan is to offer Escape the Village one Saturday a month for several months.

These are just some of the fun events and programs that we have coming up in 2019. I hope to see you at some or all of these. If you are interested in developing a historical character, joining the Haunted Village Committee or if you have suggestions for future 19th century related programs, contact me via email at wdichtl@heritagevilagecincinnati.org or call 513-563-9484.
Chocolate, Champagne, & Candlelight  
Feb. 9  7-10 p.m.

Our annual gala event will be held on Feb. 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Raffle's Banquet Center (10160 Reading Rd.).

Enjoy an enchanted evening of live music, dancing, silent auctions, raffles, and more! Indulge in the chocolate buffet, hors d’oeuvres, and a selection of beverages! Three drink tickets are included. Some items for the raffle and silent auction include Cincinnati Reds tickets, 6-seats for a Hearth Cooked Dinner, and tickets for an Escape the Village event.

Chris and Janceen of the 103.5 WGRR "Married with Microphones" show will be the Masters of Ceremonies for the event! This exciting gala event is the largest annual fundraiser for Heritage Village Museum. Proceeds from this event help to preserve the historic buildings and provide quality educational programs throughout the year.

Register by Feb. 5 by calling 513-563-9484 or visiting heritagevillagecincinnati.org/events.

Floorcloth Class  
Feb. 23  9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Come join us as we learn the history of floorcloths and create a one of a kind floorcloth for your home! Kathy Luhn guided the creation of the 5 floorcloths in the collection of Heritage Village Museum. She is happy to share this knowledge with others. Cost is $50.00 and includes all supplies necessary to complete a 24" by 36" mat using pre-primed cotton and exterior paints or acrylics. A variety of stencils will also be available but if you have a specific design you may want to bring it with you. Class size is limited due to the space available in Hayner House. Call Bill Dichtl at 513-563-9484 to reserve your spot. Bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Hearth Cooked Dinners  
Mar. 20  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 prior to visiting the Kemper Kitchen to see the final preparations of your meal. You will enjoy 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. There will be a special Chef’s Table for up to 4 people for $50 per person. Reserve your seat by calling 513-563-9484. More Hearth Cooked Dinners are scheduled for Jun. 12, Aug. 21 & Nov. 13.

Escape the Village  
Mar. 23, 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 Escape the Village challenge will be 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. Morgan’s Raiders 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 discover where the raiders stashed a priceless piece of art. The artwork also holds the key to your release from the general store. Tickets are $25 per person. Please call 513-563-9484 to reserve your tickets.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Regency Rally
Apr. 13 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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 event that will include drilling, civilian demonstrations, and hands-on activities.

General admission is $10. Museum members and children ages 4 and under are free.

Delhi Schoolhouse Bus Tour
Apr. 28 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Join us for a tour focused on the Myers Schoolhouse. The tour will include a tour of the Myers Schoolhouse and the Village, a short talk on early schools in Delhi, and a visit to the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse to hear about the Sisters’ part of the story and tour the Motherhouse. A catered lunch will be provided. The early bird rate is $35/member or $40/non-member and includes travel, admission, and lunch. Reserve your spot by calling 513-563-9484.

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 will feature Union and Confederate Infantry and Artillery, drills and demonstrations, campaign style camps, and a daily battle. This family friendly event also includes citizens in period clothing, hearth cooking, sutlers, children’s games, hands-on activities, Civil War music, and an afternoon tea each day. Admission is $10. Admission is free for members and children ages 4 and under.

Mark Your Calendar

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

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Heritage Village Museum & Educational Center will be kicking off 2019 with the First Person Program Series. Come to the Village and learn about notable people of the past from the presenters! Each program begins at 7:00 p.m. and includes dessert. Advance registration is required. Call 513-563-9484 to register. The cost for each program is $17 for members and $20 for non-members.

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<td>Adam “Stovepipe” Johnson was a Kentuckian who became a famous western scout in his youth, then a rebel “Partison Raider.” After he was blinded during the Civil War, he returned to the West to ranch, manufacture, farm, and found a town. Bernie O’Bryan will portray Johnson.</td>
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<td>Feb. 8, 2019</td>
<td>Cal Whitson</td>
<td>Cal Whitson was a Deputy U.S. Marshal in the Indian Territory, in the latter part of the 19th Century. A one-eyed Civil War veteran, Whitson was one of the primary inspirations for the immortal character of “Rooster Cogburn” in True Grit. Actor and living historian Gavin Kelly will portray Whitson.</td>
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<td>Feb. 15, 2019</td>
<td>Laura Bellini</td>
<td>Laura Bellini was born in Ohio and became an international opera star singing in the great opera houses of Europe and then the United States. Laura's unique and musical life story will be presented with history and song by Cheri Brickman.</td>
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<td>Feb. 22, 2019</td>
<td>George A. Hatch</td>
<td>Cincinnati's controversial mayor during the Civil War and an 1860s Democrat loyal Union man from Massachusetts with sympathies towards Kentucky but not necessarily the South. Hatch, scared of riots, has a spectacular tale concerning the city's defense and his actions afterwards. This will be Kevin Guy’s second year presenting as Hatch.</td>
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<td>Mary Draper Ingles</td>
<td>In 1755, Mary Draper Ingles was captured by a Shawnee War party. She escaped to walk a long 800-mile journey from Big Bone Lick, Kentucky to her home in Virginia with only the Ohio River as a guide. Join Joyce Lovins-Browning as she retraces Mary’s steps.</td>
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<td>Frances Clara Folsom Cleveland Preston was married to President Grover Cleveland. A longtime friend of the Folsom’s, Grover Cleveland, met his future wife shortly after she was born. Jessica Michna will portray Frances as she looks back on her life and one of the most unusual marriages in Presidential history.</td>
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<td>Mar. 15, 2019</td>
<td>Mary Anna Custis Lee</td>
<td>Mrs. Lee will be speaking and reminiscing about her life and times at Arlington House, her marriage to Confederate General Robert E. Lee and raising seven children in the shadow of her step-great grandfather, George Washington. This will be Mary Ann O’Neal’s first time presenting at the Village.</td>
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<td>Mar. 29, 2019</td>
<td>Daniel Boone</td>
<td>Daniel Boone was a pioneer, explorer, frontiersman, and one of America’s first folk heroes. Steven Caudill is a National Portrayer of Daniel Boone, as well as a direct descendant of Boone. He will present the story of &quot;The Capture, and Escape of Daniel Boone by the Shawnee!&quot;</td>
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So, it’s January. If you’re reading this on or before February 3rd, you can still say “Merry Christmas!” But Christmas comes but once a year you say? Well…

The Christian holiday of Christmas was not always on the calendar for the 25th of December. Many Christians today, such as the Amish and Eastern Orthodox, still observe the important date in early January, usually the sixth or seventh. And still others observe both dates. Here is what happened:

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII created what is now known as the “Gregorian calendar”. This calendar altered the date of events that were based in the old “Julian calendar” by thirteen days. In 1752, England finally accepted the calendar change. By that time, Christmas had moved from January 6 to today’s December 25. Many in the British Isles were slow to embrace the new calendar, if they did so at all. Many in Eastern Europe still haven’t. This led to Christmas being celebrated by different groups at different times. Others celebrated both dates.

As these same British subjects emigrated to the colonies and Canada, the two Christmases were often celebrated there as well. The January 6 date came to be called “Old Christmas” or “Second Christmas”. Many of those Scots-Irish who emigrated brought the “two-Christmas” tradition with them. This practice lasted well into the 20th Century for many in isolated pockets of Appalachia. For those who celebrated both Christmas dates in the new world, the December 25 Christmas was a time for the religious solemnity, while the January 6 date was a time for revelry. Here in the early days of Cincinnati, most simply recognized the December date. How they recognized it, however, could be quite different.

In 1788, those at the Columbia Settlement spent their first Christmas with the women and children huddled inside the fort while outside the fort, the men dined with some 30 Shawnee who were there with peaceful intentions.

James Kemper and his growing family arrived in November 1791. He was the first ordained Presbyterian minister North of the Ohio River. His Christmases were often quiet affairs at home or attending church meetings slated for that day. Little fanfare was given to the date as we see now.

An entry in the Fort Hamilton Orderly Book dated December 25, 1792 shows the garrison of present-day Hamilton were; “In Commemoration of the birth of the Savior of the World—the commissary will issue an Extra Gill of Whiskey to the Troops this day.” No note was made of scheduled church services for the men.

The Christmas celebration that we embrace did not take shape until the American Civil War era. The “Victorian Christmas” became the standard with holdover customs of pagan or Norse origin, such as Yule Logs, were incorporated into the celebration. Father or Lord Christmas appeared with an emphasis on merrymaking, not gifts. Caroling, dancing, food and drink all occurred during this “Second Christmas.” In fact, Yuletide was the Old English name for the season. It is easy to see how the old and the new came together to make the Christmas we know today.

Welcome to Our New Interns

We have two new interns who just started working with us! Tony Flesch and Skyler Stamper both attend Northern Kentucky University.

Tony is a senior pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies with a minor in Popular Culture. He was selected for the Scripps Howard Communication Internship and is working on marketing projects for the Village. He will also assist in the development of Escape the Village.

Skyler is a freshman studying History and Anthropology. She will help with research and development for our education programs and assist with collections management.

We are happy to have them on board and look forward to seeing what they can accomplish during their time here!
Wow, 2018 was quite the year for Heritage Village and our volunteers! From uncooperative weather at every turn to a calendar filled with new and old events, programs, and goals this past year continually tested our volunteers.

In 2018 our volunteers made so many incredible events and programs possible, their dedication contributed to 9 public events including Spring in Early Cincinnati, Civil War Weekend, three Summer Open Houses, 3 weekends of Haunted Village, Breakfast with Mother Christmas, Holly Days, and Train Days. Volunteers also contributed to our annual Chocolate, Champagne & Candlelight event, our First Person Program series, and three Hearth Cooked Dinners. Additionally, volunteers worked tirelessly this past year to make Heritage Village a more accessible and welcoming place through initiatives such as building and maintaining accessibility ramps and translating our self-guided tour booklet. In total, 2018 brought us nearly 6,750 recorded hours from 205 volunteers!

To highlight a few of our incredible volunteer groups, our Education Volunteers contributed over 560 recorded hours to our popular Education Programs in 2018. Our gardens were tended during nearly 190 recorded hours and our Quilters contributed a total of 971 ½ recorded hours in 2018! Our Jr. Volunteers numbered 67 and contributed over 1,000 recorded hours and our adult volunteers numbered 138 and contributed 5,670 recorded hours. Additionally, thanks to the hard work of volunteers Marilyn Meckes and Kathy Luhn (and the painting skills of Mark Meckes), who all contributed hundreds of hours this past year, we were able to officially open the Ford Research Center Library in October. 2018 was a demanding year, but our volunteers rose to the challenge, as they have already begun to do again in 2019!

In 2019 we will need volunteers for pretty much every event listed in this newsletter in addition to volunteers to help with everything from museum tours, education programs, and the gift shop to office and maintenance/grounds work. If you or anyone you know age 10+ is interested in volunteering with us you can call the Village at 513-563-9484, email me at lchristopher@heritagevillagecincinnati.org or fill out a Volunteer Profile on our website at https://heritagevillagecincinnati.org/volunteer/. Thank you so much for everyone’s hard work during 2018 and here’s to an even better 2019! – Lydia Christopher

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In a ceremony that was long overdue, Bill Schott was recognized as the 2018 recipient of the Hamilton County Recorder’s Office’s Griffin Yeatman Historical Achievement Award. This award is given to individuals who work to help others understand historic preservation and promote public interest. The Griffin Yeatman Award is presented for excellence in historical preservation, research, or achievement which has contributed to the preservation of buildings, sites, structures and objects pertaining to Hamilton County’s history.

As many of you know, Bill can be seen working on a myriad of projects in the Village. From landscaping, drainage issues, accessibility, and preservation of our buildings, Bill has worked tirelessly in bettering the Village. He received a framed award and his photo and name will be added to the rolls of recipients at the office of the Hamilton County Recorder.

Griffin Yeatman was a Cincinnati pioneer and the Hamilton County Recorder from 1828 thru 1835. He ran the "Square and Compass" tavern inn which was visited by many famous guests among them The Marquis de Lafayette, George Roger Clark, Andrew Jackson and Aaron Burr. Yeatman was the first Hamilton County Recorder to be elected by the citizens of Hamilton County.

If you were out for Holly Days you may have seen the partially complete accessibility ramp at Vorhes. Back in October volunteer Mark Meckes lead a small team of volunteers to begin construction of the ramp. Joining Mark were Barry Adamson, Bill Schott, Randy Meyer, and Tom Wenning. They braved some cold weather to get a good start on the ramp which will be completed in early spring. This project was funded by Thrivent Financial and by volunteers who believe that access to this and all of the Village's historic buildings should be available to all.

The Vorhes ramp is the latest in an effort to make the Village inclusive to all visitors who may come to visit. The initiative began 2 ½ years ago with the installation of the accessibility ramp at Elk Lick. Other projects include braile, large print, and Spanish self-guided tour booklets. Other booklets are being prepared in Arabic and French. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is developing these and other projects.
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