Marching Through Time was an excellent event though only 241 people attended. The reenactors that interpreted the Romans, the Landsknecht (Holy Roman Emperor), Wayne’s Legion, War of 1812, WWI, and WWII engaged with the public and shared interesting information about their time periods. Plans are underway to have the event again with additional time periods. The event will be held for one day on June 11, 2022.

It is hard to believe that Fall is right around the corner. You will find elsewhere in the newsletter a list of upcoming events, or you can check our website. There will be a lot happening at the Village over the next few months.

In August, Kiley King spearheaded the revitalization of the herb garden behind Hayner House. Kiley, a senior at Mount Notre Dame (MND), has undertaken the project leading volunteers in her Senior Capstone Project. According to Kiley, “I will be restoring an overgrown herb garden, as well as developing an informational pamphlet about each herb planted, and how the people of the time period would have used them.”

The Village has begun a membership drive. Members are important to any nonprofit, including us. Members support the Village by sharing the importance of preserving our history of Southwest Ohio, becoming volunteers and donors, and encouraging others to become members. Talk to Trevor Casper, Director of Volunteer Services about how you can spread the word to others about becoming members.

I’m looking forward to seeing you at the Village with your family.
Feb. 4 - Buffalo Soldier
American army soldiers in American West

Feb. 11 - Clement Vallandigham
War leader of Ohio Democratic Party

Feb. 18 - Theodore Roosevelt
Reflections on the Office of the Presidency
President of the United States

Feb. 25 - Lottie Moon
Confederate Spy

Mar. 4 - Belle Boyd
Confederate Spy

Mar. 11 - Theodora Roosevelt
America Turns the Page
President of the United States

Mar. 18 - Queen Victoria
Queen of the British Empire

Mar. 25 - Mary Logan
Author and wife of a Union General

Each program begins at 7:00 p.m. and includes dessert. Advance tickets for each program are $17 for members and $20 for non-members. Attend three or more programs, and take advantage of special pricing.

Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23 6-10 p.m.

Heritage Village Museum will transform into a Haunted Village for a family-friendly, slight event! Explore the Village meeting witches, a fortune teller, and ghosts along the way. Walk through the haunted cemetery and spooky trail. Enjoy balloon art, a creepy critter zoo, and more! Admission is $10. Museum members and children under two are free. Please check website to see if timed entry tickets will be required.

Period Dinner
Nov. 17 6-9 p.m.

Join us for a Period Dinner! Education Director, Steve Preston, will prepare the meal and give guests background into the history and preparation of each dish. Author and Food Blogger, Dann Woellert, will give a presentation on Cincinnati Wine and his latest book. The cost is $35 per person. Reserve your seat by calling 513.

A 19th Century Holiday Tour
Dec. 1-4 & 8-10 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Take a holiday guided tour of the Village and learn how Christmas celebrations changed and evolved over the 19th century in Southwestern Ohio. Timed tour tickets are $7 per person.

Edwardian Christmas Program
Dec. 1 7 p.m.

This program explains how some Christmas traditions we know today came together at the beginning of the 20th century. Admission is $7 for non-members and $5 for members.
Mark Your Calendar

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

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**Train Days**

Dec. 15, 16, 17, 22 & 23 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit a historic train station and watch model trains chug around villages in model train displays. Admission is $3. Museum members and children 4 and under are free.
This year, they designed a *Prairie Schooner Quilt* to be raffled off. It is based on a design from 1860. The *Prairie Schooner Quilt* will be raffled off on December 9 at 4:00 p.m. You do not need to be present selling single tickets for $1.00 or 6 tickets can be purchased in our gift shop or RaffleQuilt.givesmart.com

**Artist and Painting**

Dr. Robert Kroeger, did a painting demonstration during our Free Days event. His painting of the “Gatch Barn” was completed during the event. It is available for $110 in our gift shop.

Kroeger’s latest book, “Historic Barns of Ohio” contains paintings and essays on barns that he has painted across the state of Ohio. “Historic Barns of Ohio” is for sale in our gift shop for $23.99. Remember, members receive 20% off on gift shop purchases.

**DAR Dedicated Marker**

During our Free Days event, the Cincinnati Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held a dedication ceremony for their 250th marker in front of the Kemper Log Home, built by Revolutionary War veteran, James Kemper. A contingent of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) performed Memorial Color Guard.

Haunted Village is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds from this event help us to maintain the grounds, and provide quality educational programs throughout the year. There are many ways that you can help us make Haunted Village a success.

1. **Volunteer** – We need 40+ volunteers for Haunted Village. Volunteer opportunities range from dressing up as a character or passing out candy to helping at admissions, concessions or the gift shop. To sign up or for more information go to: www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org/volunteer

2. **Donate candy** - In 2019 over 17,000 pieces of candy were donated, enough for every child who visited to receive 10+ pieces. Candy donations can be dropped off at Hayner House.

3. **Spread the word** - Please tell your friends and family about this fun event! Sharing our Facebook posts is another helpful way to promote Haunted Village.

4. **Post a Sign** - Posters and yard signs are available at Hayner House. If you know of a business, church, or other public space that would allow us to post a poster or yard sign, please take one.

5. **Be an Archaeologist** - Do you know someone who loves to act and entertain a crowd? The Cursed Archaeologist gives a 5-10 minute presentation on repeat. It is one of the biggest acting roles for Haunted Village. Bethany Jewell can provide the script and more information. Please contact her at bjewell@heritagevillagecincinnati.org to check availability if you’re interested.
in 2021, we have lots of opportunities with everyone. First and foremost, Haunted Village is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it takes a lot of volunteers to help make it happen! Each of the six nights of Haunted Village hundreds of visitors flock to Heritage Village for our annual Free Days event, but the event could not happen without the volunteers who come out and bring the Village to life with the cackling of witches, shrieks of ghosts, whispers in the cemetery, and the music from regions beyond.

Dressing up in character isn’t all that our Haunted Village volunteers do: they also work in admissions, our gift shop, games stations, help with crowd control, and pass out thousands of pieces of candy over the course of the 6 nights. There truly is something for everyone at Haunted Village and it is truly a great way to gain service hours, give back to your community, gain experience, boost resumes, and make friends with other volunteers.

Opportunities begin at age 10 and we have volunteers at Heritage Village who continue to come out and volunteer into their sophomore year, as well as beyond. december is also a busy month at the Village with events such as Holly Days, Train Days, A 19th Century Christmas, and Breakfast with Mother Christmas—volunteers are always needed for these events as well. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please reach out to our Director of Volunteer Services, Trevor Casper, at tcasper@heritagevillagecincinnati.org.
Everyone's heard of the Salem Witch trials of the late 1600s. A hysteria that gripped the Massachusetts, over 200 accused of practicing witchcraft, and over 20 died as a result or related injuries. Women and men, young and old alike were accused of casting spells in Massachusetts towns.

Over a century after the Salem Witch Trials calamity concluded in Massachusetts, a witch took place… in Bethel, Ohio?

In 1805, two years after Ohio became a state, the Hildebrand family lived near where state routes 232 and 125 currently meet in Clermont County. Their two oldest daughters were described as, “…young women grown…”

The Hildebrand daughters soon began acting out in most peculiar ways. They claimed they were possessed by evil spirits and would scream and be fearful of objects and beings only they could see. These afflictions prevented them from doing their daily tasks. Despite the efforts of their parents, the afflictions and terrors continued.

History of Clermont County, Ohio (History of Clermont County, Ohio, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of its Prominent Men and Pioneers. Philadelphia, PA: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1880) describes them using a large linsey-woolsey bag to “trap” the witch after others spoke some incantations. After the witch was “caught,” the bag was taken outside where it was chopped up by an axe and then burned.

Despite this wonderfully “scientific approach,” the bewitching of the girls persisted. Eventually the entity took on a human form to the girls, as their neighbor. Their nearest neighbor was an elderly woman named Nancy Evans. She reportedly had a black cat. Nancy Evans and her family sternly denied that the elderly woman had appeared to the Hildebrand girls or was a practicing witch. Despite the denials, Mrs. Evans was ostracized by the Hildebrands.

Even though the Hildebrand girls avoided the Evans family, especially Nancy, they were still tormented as the bewitching continued. Desperate for relief for their daughters, the Hildebrand parents took the only course they knew. The fledgling state of Ohio had no laws on the books regarding witchcraft. The Hildebrands wanted Nancy Evans proven or disproven a witch. Their daughters’ mortal souls depended on it and wanted Evans banished if in fact she were a witch. Due to the lack of legal guidance, a less legal remedy was sought.

Much as it was done during the hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials, an atypical test would be required to outsmart the devil and provide a fair outcome. To ensure justice, a crude but actual scale would be constructed. On one side of the scale, the Holy Bible was placed. The other side was reserved for Nancy Evans. If Evans were a witch, she would weigh less than the Holy Bible.
2021 has been an active year in for the Collections Department! We started with a donation from Frank Farmer Loomis IV of transferware. Some of the many pieces are on exhibit in Hayner House while other furniture pieces donated by Frank are in Kemper Log House. Then we received a donation of exquisite reproduction clothing from Ashley Ford. Boy, are our volunteers going to look nice! Marilyn Meckes donated an 1840s table for the flatboat and several new Cincinnati books. Then Beth and Eric Knoch donated a western saddle and blanket for our education room. The Sisters of Charity donated a 4-piece chalk board that is perfect for the new schoolhouse, while Linda Weighing witches was not a new thing. It had its origins back in Europe. That is why this “tried and true approach” was chosen. On the appointed day, Nancy Evans was weighed against the Holy Bible to prove her true identity. After Mrs. Evans took her seat on the scale, the scale immediately pitched to one side. Most likely, the bottom. The side holding the elderly Nancy Evans proved much heavier than the Good Book, and she was quickly acquitted of being a witch.

Nancy Evans truly pitied the Hildebrand family and their situation. She was somewhat a willing participant in some respects, in order to try and provide them some peace of mind.

No word exists as to whether the torment subsided for the Hildebrand girls. The Evans family moved to the Hildebrand area. Their destination was not recorded but the History of Clermont County, Ohio mentions that since their departure, “… the Village became noted for the general intelligence of its inhabitants and neighborly relations which existed among them…”

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added to our library collection! Just recently we have received the boyhood collection of Paul W. Pieper from his daughters. These projectile points were all collected in Hamilton and Warren Counties during the early 1900s and can be seen on display in the ballroom. And finally, Barbara Cameron donated items from dishes to sewing and mathematics! We are still working on this accession! Thank you to all the people that have helped me throughout this trying year. My husband has been ill since January and just had two back surgeries. We are hoping for a total
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. Just complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the office.

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Heritage Village Museum & Educational Center
October 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23  6-10 p.m. (gate closes at 9 p.m.)

A family-friendly, slight-fright event!