Letter from the Executive Director

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy. Governor DeWine announced that Ohio is under a “stay at home” order until April 6 when things will be reassessed. You may be wondering how COVID-19 has affected the Village?

The Village is now closed for guided tours and self-guided tours through at least the month of May. As we approach April and May, our two busiest months for education programs, we are preparing for cancellations. There were 2,000 students scheduled for visits. Without these Education Programs, we will lose $12,000, creating a significant impact on our budget.

To minimize the economic impact, Steve Preston, Education Director, is working on a plan to bring education programming to the schools. This might help the schools by not using a full day to visit the Village, but rather take one hour for our visit.

Prior to the stay at home order, restrictions on mass gatherings led to the Village postponing the Maria Longworth Nichols Storer, Queen Victoria, Eleanor Roosevelt, John Quincy Adams, and the Burr Conspiracy programs scheduled for March and April. Check page two of this newsletter for the rescheduled dates. The other programs have not been rescheduled yet. We will make necessary cancellations if warranted by the health situation at the time of the program. Please visit our website for the most up to date information.

Currently, one staff member comes to the office Monday through Friday for at least three hours to answer the phone, check messages, and get the mail. The rest of the time we are working from home and can be reached via email.

We look forward to the days when COVID-19 is no longer having an impact on our lives and the Village is open for tours and busy with activity. As always, your support of our mission -- Historic Southwest Ohio brings history alive, focusing on life in the late 1700s through the 1800s -- is greatly appreciated.

Even in times like this we can find beauty. Spring has arrived, and when you walk in your yard or in the neighborhood, flowers are popping up and trees are beginning to bud. So it is at the Village. Please take care of yourself and your family. We will get through this. We hope to see you all at the Village soon!

William J. Dietzl
Thank you for your support and patience as we work on rescheduling events and programs during these uncertain times. We have not yet determined the new dates for the following events. For the most up to date information, please visit our website: HeritageVillageMuseum.org/events

First Lady Tea with Julia Grant
Cancelled for 2020 – Will be rescheduled for 2021

John Quincy Adams Visit and Dinner
Postponed - Date TBD
Celebrate the 175 Anniversary of John Quincy Adams’ visit to Cincinnati to where he presided over the dedication of the Cincinnati Observatory! This two part event includes a commemorative dinner followed by a John Quincy Adams first-person program.

Buckeye Bowl
Postponed - Date TBD
The Cincinnati Buckeyes vintage base ball team will celebrate their 20th season by hosting a “tri-cornered” game between three Cincinnati Buckeye teams made up of past, present, and honorary Buckeyes.

Burr Conspiracy
Postponed - Date TBD
This program picks up where the musical “Hamilton” leaves off. After his duel with Hamilton, Aaron Burr was politically ruined, so he concocted a plan to carve a new empire out of the West. Burr’s trial for treason was the trial of the century. Join us as we discuss the plot, the players, and the trial from a Cincinnati perspective. Refreshments will be provided. Admission is $5. Members and children age 4 and under are free.

Marching Through Time
Postponed - Date TBD
This timeline event will focus on different periods in military history including the Roman Legion, Medieval Knights, Wayne’s Legion, Civil War, WWI, and WWII. This family friendly event also includes citizens in period clothing, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and music. Admission is $10. Admission is free for members and children ages 4 and under.

Rescheduled First Person Programs

The last three programs in our First Person Program series have been rescheduled due to COVID-19. 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. Attend three or more programs, and take advantage of special pricing.

Aug. 7 - Queen Victoria
One evening in 1854, after everyone else has gone to sleep, Queen Victoria pours through her famous journals. The monarch reminisces about her life so far, and wonders what the future holds for herself, her family, and her country. Queen Victoria will be portrayed by Amy Liebert, the Theatrical Director for the first person interpreters at Historic Locust Grove in Louisville, KY.

Aug. 14 - Maria Longworth Nichols Storer
Maria Longworth Nichols Storer was an artist, international business owner, and philanthropist. She is best known as the founder of the Rookwood Pottery Company. Her second husband’s political career took her to Washington D.C. where the Storer’s developed close friendships with Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt, and Taft. Our Marketing Director, Bethany Jewell, will portray Maria Longworth.

Aug. 28 - Eleanor Roosevelt
This program deals with the greatest economic depression the nation has ever known and how the Roosevelt’s dealt with it. Upon Roosevelt’s election in 1932 he remarked to a friend that the country’s problems must be solved immediately or he would be the last President. The First Lady would take on the role of advocate for those Americans most seriously affected by the Great Depression. You meet Eleanor during the re-election campaign of 1936 as she looks back on the accomplishments of the past four years and what remains to be accomplished. Eleanor Roosevelt will be portrayed by Jessica Michna.
Quilted Treasures
**Jul. 23 – 25**
Quilts from our collection will be on display throughout the Village. There will also be quilting and textile demonstrations. Admission is $10. Admission is free for members and children ages 4 and under.

**Escape the Village**
**Jul. 25, Aug. 24 & Sept. 28**
**Noon, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.**
Escape the Village is an escape room adventure! Follow the clues to solve “Morgan’s Raiders of the Lost Art,” an art heist based on the Gen. Morgan’s historic confederate raid in July 1863. A second escape room is being developed based on the first train robbery in America, which took place in North Bend, OH in 1865. Tickets are $25 per person. Please call 513-563-9484 to reserve your tickets.

**Hearth Cooked Dinners**
**Aug. 19, & Nov. 18 6-9 p.m.**
Join us for a Hearth Cooked Dinner and sample some 18th and 19th century cuisine. You will enjoy a candle-lit dinner. 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.

**Women Who Dared**
**Aug. 25 7 p.m.**
Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment going into effect by learning about the women (and men) who championed the cause of woman’s suffrage in this country and overseas in the late 19th and early 20th century. You will learn of the protests, jailing, victories and defeats culminating with the signature of President Woodrow Wilson that would forever give women the right to vote. Admission is $5.

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**Mark Your Calendar**

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I am sure by this point in this newsletter you have heard all about how the Village is being affected by COVID-19, but you may not have heard about how the Volunteer Department is being directly impacted, as well as some constructive actions you can take to support the Village from home during this challenging time. First, I’d like to take the opportunity to illustrate the importance of taking advantage of virtual/at home volunteer opportunities. Heritage Village is currently scheduled to be closed to the public with limited programming until at least May 10. That means at the time of writing this article, Heritage Village stands to lose approximately two months of spring volunteer hours. After looking at our recorded volunteer hours from this time last year, Heritage Village could lose up to around 885 recorded volunteer hours or nearly 8% of our yearly volunteer hours. Volunteer hours are not only important because they keep Heritage Village physically running with volunteers doing everything from collections, exhibits and Education Programs, to building and grounds or vital office work, but also because recorded volunteer hours have a fiscal impact on Heritage Village.

How can volunteer hours have a fiscal impact on Heritage Village? Great question, so glad you asked! Well, as a non-profit organization which relies heavily on grants to keep us going we use recorded volunteer hours to show not only the amount of community support Heritage Village has, but volunteer hours are also calculated and used as a financial resource which can help increase our chances of receiving grants. Prospective grantors need a complete picture of all the resources available to our organization and since we are so dependent on volunteers, this is especially important to illustrate that we have adequate staff (volunteers are considered “unpaid staff”) and resources on hand to actually achieve the goals for which we apply for grants. Some grants even require that nonprofits match a portion of grant funds, and the value of volunteer time can qualify toward that match.

So, in 2019 for instance Heritage Village had 6753 hours and 38 minutes of recorded volunteer hours. Using Independent Sector’s Value of Volunteer Time* for the state of Ohio (25.05 dollars/hour), in 2019 Heritage Village’s Volunteers had a fiscal worth of $169,178.43 (6753.63 x 25.05). To lose 8% of that, or $13,534.28, due to Coronavirus could have some big impacts on potential grant opportunities down the line for Heritage Village. Now that the importance of volunteer hours has been established, let’s get into how you can help!

Heritage Village has a variety of opportunities for at home/virtual volunteer hours while physically volunteering on site is challenging. If you are interested in any of the following opportunities, please contact me before you begin at lchristopher@heritagevillagecincinnati.org so we can coordinate appropriately.

1. Working with Heritage Village to conduct and share research on a variety topics, events, and aspects of life during the late 1700s through the 1800s, especially the various cultural and immigrant communities who made up the diverse tapestry of Cincinnati.

2. Reviewing volunteer training information on our Volunteer Google Drive, to which I will be adding new information in the coming days and weeks (new information dumps will be accompanied by an email so you will know when more information is available!)

3. Let me know if you are reading a book, watching a video, or trying out a new craft, game or historic recipe and the time that you spend doing that could count as volunteer hours (or if you’d like a recommendation for something along those lines in which to partake!)

4. I would also be happy to discuss other at home/virtual volunteer possibilities with individual volunteers on a case by case basis, just send me an email at lchristopher@heritagevillagecincinnati.org
On July 23–25, 2020, the Village will be hosting, Quilted Treasures, a show of antique quilts. The museum’s quilts will be exhibited throughout the Village. There is space for 100 quilts. We would like to include quilts from the community. Would you like to loan your historic quilt(s) pre-1930s for the show? It would be an opportunity to share the craftsmanship of the women of 90+ years ago. Contact Kathy Luhn, Collections Manager, at kluhn38@gmail.com. to loan your quilt(s).

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Summer Camps

Kids love Summer Day camps at Heritage Village Museum. Campers will discover the past through games, toys, crafts, and hands-on activities. Camps run 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The camp fee is $150 per week for museum members and $175 per week for non-members. To learn more, visit our website, call 513-563-9484, or e-mail spreston@heritagevillagecincinnati.org.

Native American Camp: Jun. 15–19 (ages 6-12)
This camp has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Pioneer Camp: Jul. 6–10 (ages 6-12)
Learn about the early pioneers of Southwest Ohio in an immersive setting. Campers will participate in fun activities that will help them gain an understanding of what life was like in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

This camp is designed for ages 13-15 who would like an immersive experience in Cincinnati area history. Each day of camp will cover a different period of local history. Topics will include: Native Americans, Early Settlers, Civil War, Architecture, and Surveying.
As we “hunker down” and practice self-distancing, it’s worth noting that we residents of the tristate are much more resilient than we think. Since settlement began in the late 1700s, this area faced epidemics on par with what we are currently experiencing, and without the amazing scientific advancements we have now.

Many of the sicknesses that swept through Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky early on were illnesses that have now been eradicated, thanks to vaccines and improved sanitation. Others, such as influenza, still ravage communities. Yet we have persevered.

Even as the settlements of Cincinnati, Covington, and Newport were in their infancies, exposure to sickness was a threat. In order to protect themselves from Indian attacks and other dangers, people settled in groups and were often confined to small areas for safety, such as in Fort Washington. In such close quarters, personal space and hygiene often suffered. New settlers and soldiers arrived frequently, adding new pathogens to a populace vulnerable to each other’s illnesses. People became more crowded and sanitation worsened. All this led to the first major epidemic to sweep through the area, smallpox.

Beginning in the autumn of 1792, Cincinnati citizens and Northern Kentucky settlers were battling a smallpox epidemic that would prove more deadly than any other hardship that came with living in the area. The outbreak was so severe that it derailed General Anthony Wayne’s planned offensive against the Native American confederacy that Wayne hoped to contain. It would not be until the fall of 1793 that Wayne would lead his army north, culminating in his victory at Fallen Timbers in 1794. E. W. Mitchell’s article, “History of Epidemics in Cincinnati,” (University of Cincinnati Medical Bulletin, November 1920, Vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 10-18) states that one-third of the settlers and soldiers in the area died from the smallpox outbreak.

Smallpox in the region would be a scourge, even though Dr. William Goforth introduced the smallpox vaccine to the settlements here in 1801. By 1807, the military presence in the area had moved across the river to the recently completed Newport Barracks. Newport Barracks, Kentucky’s Forgotten Military Installation, written by Joseph L. Donnelly, mentions a comet that appeared in the sky on September 30, 1807, as a harbinger of an influenza epidemic that overcame the military post.

The flu was not the only outbreak at the barracks. Private Sam Bonker succumbed to smallpox in 1807 while stationed at the Newport Barracks. Typhoid would also visit the post, as well as the Cincinnati region two...
years later in 1809.

Arguably, the deadlest disease to sweep the region in the 1800s was cholera. Four separate epidemics of this disease would affect the area, in 1832, 1849, 1866, and 1873. The first outbreak that would reach Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky in 1832 actually began in 1826 on the other side of the world in India. Caught off guard, Cincinnati would lose 571 citizens to cholera in 1832. This first outbreak would stretch into 1833 and 1834, resulting in 831 deaths.

One notable casualty was early settler, Reverend James Kemper. The first Presbyterian minister north of the Ohio River, Kemper and his family arrived here in 1791. He had survived smallpox and all subsequent epidemics up to 1832. The Kemper family lost their son, Elnathan, to the illness on August 17, 1834. The Reverend Kemper oversaw the funeral and burial. On the way back to his home in Walnut Hills, Kemper fell ill. He died the next day, August 20, 1834, another victim of cholera.

The cholera epidemic of 1849 proved the deadliest of the waves of the disease. Over 8,000 Tristate citizens would die from cholera. Around 4% of the total population of Cincinnati would perish. The use of calomel, a medicinal purgative containing high amounts of mercury, certainly did nothing to help, even hurting the efforts to quell the 1849 epidemic. Subsequent outbreaks of cholera in the Cincinnati area in 1866 and 1873 resulted in fewer deaths. The 1866 outbreak claimed 1,406 lives, and the 1873 outbreak killed 207 people.

Along with the major outbreaks of the above illnesses, measles, whooping cough, diphtheria, and polio also visited the Tristate during the 1800s. With each passing epidemic, treatment and sanitary conditions generally improved. Cincinnati, Newport, and surrounding cities weathered these waves of illness and in many ways, mirror the citizens of these areas today in their strength and courage.

Meet our Marketing Intern, Amanda Pace

Our Marketing Intern, Amanda Pace, joined our Heritage Village Museum team in January and will be with us until the beginning of May. Amanda has been working alongside our Marketing Director, Bethany Jewell.

Amanda is a full-time student at the University of Cincinnati where she is majoring in Communication with certificates in Public Relations and Deaf Studies. Amanda is a part of a 4 +1 program and will be staying at UC to finish her master’s in communication next year. Amanda is interested in pursuing a career either in an organization that focuses on communicating conservation messages to the public or as a professor!

In her free time Amanda loves to sing in choirs, ride roller coasters, and hangout with her cats! She is very involved in her college organizations and loves to lend a helping hand wherever she can! After graduation she hopes to stay involved in singing and get back into theatre!
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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