Concerning recent events throughout the United States, the Heritage Village Museum and Educational Center takes the position that all staff, volunteers, and visitors are welcomed and will be treated with respect and dignity. To this end the Village will strive to expand our interpretation of diverse populations that have lived in Southwest Ohio from the late 1700s through the 1800s. This will be done through exhibits, programs, and events, but not limited to only these methods. If you are interested in helping to carry this out, please contact Bill Dichtl at wdichtl@heritagevillagecincinnati.org or 513-563-9484. Together we can make a better future.
**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 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thank you for understanding that our events are subject to change due to the ongoing coronavirus situation. For the most up to date information, please visit our website: HeritageVillageCincinnati.org/events

**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 style challenge! Choose from one of our two escape room adventures “Leaving the Station” or “Morgan’s Raiders of the Lost Art” for your private session. “Leaving the Station” takes place in the Chester Park Train Station and is based on the first train robbery in America, which took place in North Bend, OH on May 5, 1865. “Morgan’s Raiders of the Lost Art” takes place in the Fetter General Store and is based on Gen. Morgan's Confederate raid through our area in July of 1863. Tickets are $25 per person. Please call 513-563-9484 to reserve a private session with your group of 4 to 8 people.

**Free Days at the Village**

**Aug. 5-Aug. 8 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Aug. 9 1-5 p.m.**

Visitors can enjoy the Village for free this week. Some of the buildings will be open to the public. There will also be hands-on activities to enjoy.

**Period 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.
UPCOMING EVENTS

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 women’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.

Columbia Settlement 1778
Sept. 12 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Learn about the first pioneer settlers to the Cincinnati area as interpreters share artifacts and history. This event will also include demonstrations, crafts, and games. Admission is $10.00. Museum members and children 4 and under are free.

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.

Early Cincinnati Camp: July 6-10 (ages 6-12)
This camp explores the everyday life of Native Americans and pioneers to ensure campers’ complete understanding of early Southwest Ohio history.

Immersive History Camp: July 13-17 (ages 13-15)
Each day will bring new theme and a new challenge for campers. Each theme and activity is tied to everyday life of an early 19th Century Cincinnati.

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While Heritage Village was closed for several months due to COVID-19, our incredible volunteers were still hard at work taking advantage of distance/virtual volunteer opportunities. Over the course of our closure, 418 hours of time were graciously donated by volunteers doing everything from learning new information via YouTube videos, documentaries and books, to working on new clothing for our period clothing closet and hands-on learning stations, to developing new exhibits and first person program research! I am truly honored that so many wonderful people continued to find new ways to support us over the last few months and we will be continuing with distance/virtual volunteer hours even though we are opening up, so if you are looking for a completely safe and meaningful way to spend your time please check out the “Volunteering during COVID-19” page on our website under the “Volunteer” tab.

Now, in light of our first Virtual Annual Meeting a few weeks ago, it is my distinct pleasure to spotlight three incredible volunteers who were our Jr. Volunteer of the Year, Adult Volunteer of the Year, and Volunteer of the Decade, respectively.

**Jr. Volunteer of the Year: Claire Anderson**

First is Claire Anderton, our Jr. Volunteer of the Year. Claire is something of a “specialty” volunteer. In the office, whenever we have a volunteer role that calls for someone with a flair for drama or to take on a character role, be able to pull off a bit of improv or to make people smile and laugh, Claire’s is always the first name which comes up. Over the past year, she has taken on two different character roles to incredible success. First, she reprised a role she had taken on previously as our wildly popular and hilarious Mad Scientist for a few nights at Haunted Village. Then when the Holly Days committee came up with the idea of having roaming elves in the Village during Holly Days, Claire was not only the first name that came up, but also a truly incredible elf. Therefore, in grateful thanks for all her hard work over the last year it was the privilege of the staff of Heritage Village Museum to award Claire Anderton with the 2019 Jr. Volunteer of the Year award.

**Adult Volunteer of the Year: Kathy Wenning**

Now onto our Adult Volunteer of the Year, Kathy Wenning. Every year Kathy donates many hours of time to Heritage Village. She attends Volunteer Meetings, volunteers for pretty much every event we have, is a dedicated member of our incredible Heritage Village Quilters group, and is a driving force on our Diversity and Inclusion Committee. In addition to all of these usual volunteer duties, in 2019 Kathy was an absolutely integral piece of bringing the Columbia Settlement 1788 event from its original location at the Pioneer Cemetery to Heritage Village. She worked not only as a member of the committee tasked with this monumental job, but also worked with an outstanding group of volunteers to ensure that we had the correct period clothing made, organized, and distributed for the many volunteers on the day of the event. And that is not even to mention that when Steve broke his leg in the days leading up to Columbia Settlement last fall, Kathy stepped up to help ensure that the event was still a success. It was due to her numerous contributions to the Village’s successes over the past year that we were all proud and honored to award Kathy Wenning with the 2019 Volunteer of the Year award.

**Volunteer of the Decade: Kathy Luhn**

Finally, as we entered 2020, I sent out the call for nominations for a special award for Volunteer of the Decade. That call read, “When you think of the last 10 years at Heritage Village Museum, who pops to mind? The most likely answer is one of our incredible volunteers. A great many of our volunteers have been with Heritage Village longer than any of our staff members and are seemingly as integral to Heritage Village as the buildings themselves. As we enter a new decade, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize a few who have been with us for the longest and have been a constant and integral part of Heritage Village Museum’s success.”
opportunity to recognize one of our incredible long-term volunteers through a Volunteer of the Decade Award.”

The person who was ultimately selected is truly one of the best and has made such a huge impact of Heritage Village; her contributions have been felt by every visitor, volunteer, and staff member who have set foot at Heritage Village Museum for not only the last decade, but the last 28 years. In addition, her hard work was not only recognized by us this year but was recognized statewide as she is also the recipient of the 2020 ServeOhio Award for Southwestern Ohio for outstanding contributions to her community through volunteerism. I have over a page of size 11 font reasons why Kathy was selected as our Volunteer of the Decade, but here I would like to quote from a nomination from one of her fellow volunteers: “Kathy shares her time and talents generously. Her knowledge of period clothing and other 19th century traditions is amazing. She works tirelessly in entering accessions into the Village’s database. I can ask Kathy if we have a certain artifact and she knows if we do or do not and where it is. Kathy is surely a great asset to Heritage Village.” It is for these reasons and so many more that it was our honor to award Volunteer of the Decade to Kathy Luhn.

For more information on how the Value of Volunteer Time numbers are calculated by Independent Sector or the organization itself, please go to https://independentsector.org/value-volunteer-time-methodology/.

– Lydia Christopher

Meet our Marketing Intern, Jackson Stamm

Our Marketing Intern, Jackson Stamm, joined our Heritage Village Museum team in early May and will be with us until the middle of August. Jackson has been working alongside our Marketing Director, Bethany Jewell. Jackson is a full-time student at Northern Kentucky University where he is majoring in Public Relations. Jackson has several key positions with school organizations including former Director of Communications for the Northern Kentucky Leadership Institute and Roadshow Chairman for his fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega. Jackson is interested in pursing a career with media relations. In his free time, Jackson loves to play baseball, running, watching superhero movies, and hang out with his family and friends. He is a trustworthy, caring, and determined individual who shows great passion for making the world a better place. After graduating, Jackson hopes to inspire those who have helped him through his academic and life success.

COVID-19 shut the Village down for three months. The staff worked from home with one staff member coming into the office one day a week for three to five hours. Being closed greatly impacted our income. There were 2000 school children scheduled to come for education program in April and May. That was a loss of at least $12,000. The Spring Appeal was sent out earlier to address this short fall and you, our members, responded. We had 32 members respond raising $7,900. If you would like to help, you can still donate.

On June 17, the Village reopened for tours. We want to make staff, volunteers, and visitors comfortable coming to the Village, so we have followed the state’s best practices to reopen and added a few of our own. Staff will be wearing face masks and we require those participating in a guided tour to wear face masks. Those taking a self-guided tour (maximum of seven visitors) are encouraged to wear a facemask. There will be a couple of locations within the Village where hand-sanitizer will be available to everyone. Social distancing guidelines are in place for the guided tour with the tour guide using a portable PA system. We look forward to seeing you at the Village this summer.
The state of Kentucky was a conundrum during the American Civil War. The slave-holding birth state of emancipator, President Abraham Lincoln, was also a state that was vital to the Union. In a letter to O.H. Browning, Lincoln is quoted as saying “I think to lose Kentucky is nearly the same as to lose the whole game.” Although it remained in the Union as a neutral “border state”, loyalties were divided among Union and Confederate beliefs. Newport, Kentucky was no different from the rest of the state when it came to struggles with allegiance and conflicting views.

The city of Newport was in an uncomfortable position at the outbreak of the American Civil War. As the old gateway to the South and now a neutral, border city, it had economic ties to both North and South markets. For transportation of goods, the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers provided cost effective access to southern markets. Railroads in Ohio provided access to northern and eastern markets. War could drastically disrupt business. It would also disrupt friendships and families before it was all over. Immigration, population growth, and industrialization tied Newport more to Cincinnati than the rest of the Bluegrass State. News outlets for Northern Kentucky were based out of Cincinnati rather than from outlets in the interior of the state. This led to a slight Union slant, there were over 100 slaves in the county at the outbreak of hostilities.

Newport remained in the Union. The citizens of Newport were still divided in their loyalties. Friendships were lost and acrimony pervasive. Lists were given to local newspapers questioning the loyalties of neighbors. Others did not hide their outspoken loyalties to the South.

One of those outspoken Southern supporters had married into Newport’s first family, the Taylors. Local lawyer and politician, George Baird Hodge married Keturah Moss Tibbatts, granddaughter of city matriarch, Keturah Moss Taylor. Hodge, a Democrat, had served in the Kentucky House of Representatives and actively campaigned for Kentucky’s John Breckinridge in the wild Presidential Election of 1860. At the outbreak of
war, Hodge elected to enlist on the Confederate side and serve as a Confederate legislator from the Newport District. This stood in stark contrast to the history of his wife’s family as they were the ones that donated the land for the Newport Barracks, still a United States Military Installation during the American Civil War.

Although Hodge didn’t enlist there, the Newport Barracks saw its share of enlistees from Kentucky. The able-bodied men of Newport and the surrounding countryside were often forced to make a decision of their conscience on what cause to support. According to The Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky, over 1,013 men from Campbell County enlisted in the Union Army. This is in addition to the many who answered the call for a Home Guard. Other Campbell County men answered the call of the Confederacy to fight. One notable rebel was Benjamin Beall. He, along with approximately 26 other men from the Alexandria area, enlisted in the Confederate Army. They later went to Virginia to join the 10th Kentucky Cavalry.

Newport Barracks, itself, was a flurry of action for the Union cause. The 15th Regiment was stationed here and other units across the river at Camp Dennison. As a recruiting depot, the Barracks processed and mobilized soldiers in cooperation with recruiting depots across the river in Cincinnati. The soldiers that passed through Newport Barracks would see duty near and far. Some would serve with Sherman in the East, others defending Louisville, still others here in the area defending during the Siege of Cincinnati and Morgan’s Raid through the area.

The Barracks would also serve as a hospital for wounded soldiers. The first large influx of wounded arrived shortly after the Battle of Shiloh. In Newport Barracks, Kentucky’s Forgotten Military Installation, it is documented that the Barracks and Covington Hospital received 102 men wounded in the battle. Newport Barracks saw some of the worst wounded. Many did not survive. The son of post doctor, N.C. Shaler recalled; “In the Barracks Hospital men were constantly dying…” he goes on to state that he would follow the funeral processions for the soldiers and march back home with them to the tune of “Goodby Willie”.

Newport Barracks also served as a prison for captured Confederate soldiers and those deemed disloyal to the Union. Cincinnati was the headquarters for the Department of Ohio Military District. It was also a hotbed of southern sympathies. General Ambrose Burnside, commander, wanted to keep the Cincinnati area’s large population of southern sympathizers silent and unable to influence the populace of the tristate. Burnside issued General Order No. 38. This order made it illegal to publicly express sympathy for the Confederacy or any pronouncement against the United States Government.

As a result of his violating General Order No. 38, the most famous person to be held for some time at Newport was an Ohio politician, Clement Vallandigham. He was the leader of the Democratic Party in Ohio and had served in the United States House of Representatives. Vallandigham opposed the war and was leader of the faction of the party known as “Peace Democrats.” Being in the Union with Southern sympathies, they also garnered the name, “Copperheads.” Vallandigham would be briefly held at Newport while awaiting trial. Sentenced to prison at a military trial, President Lincoln would commute his sentence to deportation to the Confederacy. He would later spend time in exile in Canada, where he ran in-absentia for Governor of Ohio in 1863.

With Lee’s surrender at Appomattox, the American Civil War drew to a close. Defensive positions in and around Northern Kentucky were removed and filled in, excess weaponry and men were removed from the military rolls, and Newport and other Northern Kentucky cities began to resume a normal life. Men who fought for both sides returned home and began reintegrating into peacetime society. While some in the community sought to punish those, who served or sympathized with the Confederacy, for the most part, life resumed the normalcy it had before wartime. George Hodge returned to his law practice in Newport., Captain Benjamin Beall surrendered in Covington, April 30, 1865. Dr. Shaler’s son, instead of following military funerals, now could play in his father’s vineyard now that “Shaler’s Battery” was abandoned of artillery. Later, this site would be added to the grounds of Evergreen Cemetery of Southgate. Many veterans of the conflict are buried there, including Newport’s Medal of Honor recipient, William Horsfall.
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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**Enjoy a private escape room adventure with 4 to 8 people!**

Jul. 18, Aug. 22, & Sept. 26

Noon, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.

The cost is $25 per person.

Call 513-563-9484 to book your game!

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**Morgan’s Raiders of the Lost Art**

This escape adventure takes place in the General Store and is based on the Confederate raid in our area by Gen. John Hunt Morgan and his men.

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**Leaving the Station**

This brand new adventure takes place in the train station and is based on the first train robbery in the U.S., which took place in North Bend on May 5, 1865.