Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings All,

A new year at the Village with new activity and events. I hope all are doing well this winter. The Village is already busy with programming and work. Local schools have already returned for the year with several outreaches and even an on-site program…and it’s only February. Our First Person Speaker Series kicked off last Friday with Joyce Browning portraying Mary Dunlavy. If you missed it, there are still seven other opportunities to see other first person presentations. February 10 March 31, each Friday will have a new historical figure brought to life. March 17 will not have programming. March 11, from 7:00pm-9:00pm will be our inaugural Victorian Barroom, hosted by friend of the Village, Brian Cushing. Join us as he brings to life cocktails of the 19th Century. Anyone for a Smoking Bishop? Our gala event, A Night for the Museum takes it’s cue from Vegas. This year’s theme is Monte Carlo Night. Feeling luck? Come support the Village March 25 from 7:00pm-10:00pm. Games of chance, tours and other activities are planned. We hope to see you there!

New work on the buildings continues at the Village. Somerset Church is getting a new furnace. Chester Park Station is getting new box gutters and slate roof repair. Myer Schoolhouse work is scheduled to continue with a new roof, bell tower, and gutters in the works to start sometime this year. As always, these improvements can’t be done without the generosity and support from wonderful members like you. Whether it be monthly operating expenses or capital projects, we are always grateful for your help. We hope to see you at the Village for these exciting events and look forward to a nice friendly chat. See you at the Village!
First Person Programs

Our First Person Program series will run on Friday evenings during February and March. 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.

Feb. 3 – Mary Burnet Craig Carpenter
If you missed the heroic tales of this pioneer woman, you can catch part of her story during Heroines of Our History in April.

Feb. 10 – Alice Roosevelt Longworth
Alice Roosevelt Longworth was a socialite, author, and Washington influencer. The witty daughter of Theodore Roosevelt made her own mark on politics.

Feb. 17 – Katharine Wright
Behind the genius of the Wright brothers, was their sister, Katharine. She was the integral variable in the equation that solved the mystery of controlled flight.

Feb. 24 – Charles Dickens
Charles Dickens, “the man who invented Christmas,” was an author and social critic, known for his dynamic characters and social commentary.

Mar. 3 – Nellie Bly
Nellie Bly was a journalist who was committed to fighting injustice and the discoveries she made during her investigations led to revolutionary reform.

Mar. 10 – Captain John Henry Webb Texas Ranger
Captain John Henry Webb was a Texas Ranger who served from 1837 to 1893, making him the longest-serving Ranger in the organization’s history.

Mar. 24 – Mary J. Taylor
Mary J. Taylor was a Quaker who helped found and manage the Home for the Friendless and The Children’s Home.

Mar. 31 – Therese Wise and Selma Wise
Hear the stories of the wives of Isaac Mayer Wise, one of the “foremost rabbis in America.” His first wife was Therese and after her death he remarried Selma Bondi.

Upcoming Events

Spirits By Starlight
Feb. 11 7-8:30 p.m.
Hear stories of unexplained experiences and haunted history. Then explore for yourself during a paranormal investigation. Admission is $25/adult and $18/member or student.

Victorian Barroom
Mar. 11 7-9 p.m.
Join the Victorian Man Brian Cushing as he mixes up some 19th century cocktails. Admission includes 4 cocktails and a personal charcuterie board. The cost is $50 per person.

Escape the Village
Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20, Jun. 17, Jul. 15, Aug. 19, & Sept. 16, Noon, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.
Escape the Village is an escape room adventure! Choose from two themes: “Morgan’s Raiders of the Lost Art,” or “Leaving the Station.” Tickets are $25 per person.

Period Dinners
Mar. 22, May 24, Aug. 23 & Nov. 8 6-8 p.m.
Join us for a Period Dinner and sample some 18th and 19th century cuisine. The cost is $40 per person. Reserve your seat by calling 513-563-9484.

Monte Carlo Night FOR the Museum
Mar. 25 7-10 p.m.
Roll the dice for a great cause! Join us in the Sharon Centre for poker, roulette, craps, blackjack, bingo, and more! Enjoy appetizers, desserts, and drinks. Tickets are $75 per person. V.I.P. tickets are $125 per person.
## Mark Your Calendar

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* Call 513-563-9484 to register for programs and events. Online registration will be available for some events. Check HeritageVillageMuseum.org/events for more details.
In 2022, we implemented a new Volunteer Appreciation Program. We recently held a volunteer luncheon attended by over fifty volunteers, who were recognized for the hours that they volunteered in 2022. It was a great opportunity for us to thank our volunteers and acknowledge their contributions. We plan to continue the Volunteer Appreciation Program in 2023!

Here is a list of volunteers who qualified for the awards with their recorded volunteer hours.

**100+ hours**
Kathy Luhn, Marilyn Meckes, Becky Linhardt, Pat Danneman, Shirley Clancey, Heather Jones, Mark Meckes, Julie Chaney, Kathy Wenning, Garrett Woods, Bob Sharkey, Julia Sandman, Rosemary Hermanson, Kaitlyn Kiepert, and Bill Dichtl.

**60+ hours**
Marti Buente, Tyna Anderton, Bob Houston, Violet Shindler, Nick Ranz, Steve McManus, Michele McDonel, Sandi Cloppert, Ed Clancey, David Hartkemeier, Nancy Jewell, and Joyce Hackbarth.

**40+ hours**
Scott Tibbs, Christopher Hartkemeier, Glenda Wichick, Traci Bradley, Mike Schmidt, Mary Bender, Frank Davis, Terrie Puckett, Rob Carter, Gary Jewell, Arleen Donikowski, Jim Smith, Alex Teass, Tori Jewell, Rick Kiefer, and Glenna Stricklett.

### 2022 Volunteer Hours by the Numbers

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We encourage all volunteers to record your hours in the volunteer hours books. The books are normally located in the hallway next to the ballroom in Hayner House or at volunteer check-in during events. We use the recorded hours to help us qualify for grants. Recording your hours will help you qualify for Volunteer Appreciation Awards such as event tickets and family memberships.
If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering with us, you can call 513-563-9484, email me at bjewell@heritagevillagecincinnati.org, or fill out a Volunteer Profile on our website at HeritageVillageCincinnati.org/volunteer/. We appreciate everything our volunteers did in 2021 and we are looking forward to an even better 2022! –Bethany Jewell

Help Make Monte Carlo Night For the Museum A Success!

Our gala event, Monte Carlo Night For the Museum is coming up on Mar. 25. There are several ways that you can help make this fundraiser a success.

1. Attend the event and bring some friends!

2. Donate items for prizes. In particular, we need bottles of wine for the wine toss game. We also need other prizes such as gift baskets and gift cards for prizes. Donations can be dropped off at Hayner House Wed.–Fri. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact us to make other arrangements.

3. Volunteer. We will need about twelve volunteers for this event. If interested, please look for the SignUp Genius to be posted soon on the Volunteer webpage.
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 $175 per week for museum members and $195 per week for non-members. To learn more, visit our website, call 513-563-9484, or e-mail lwoods@heritagevillagecincinnati.org.

**Early Cincinnati Camp: Jun. 5-9 (ages 6-12)**
Learn what life was like for kids in 1800s Southwest Ohio. Campers will visit our thirteen historical buildings to discover different aspects of life such as cooking, chores, medicine, surveying, and transportation. Hands-on activities, crafts and games will make this a fun learning experience!

**Time Traveler Camp: Jun. 19–23 (ages 6-12)**
Learn about the start of the modern Olympics, the Regency period, America’s wars and more! Activities include cooking in the past, learning about artifacts and interpretation, and participating in the Village Games! Hands-on activities, games, and crafts will make this camp something you do not want to miss!

**Immersive History Camp: Jun. 26-30 (ages 13-15)**
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.
Through the Garden

The Village has not yet seen spring blooms popping up, but it is time to start talking about the gardens in the Village. There will be a lot of Gardening projects this year. First and foremost, the Kemper Kitchen Garden is getting a revamp. Native plants will be added and we are working with the Myaamia Center at Miami University to add plant labels with the English and Myaamia (Miami) names for each plant, along with a QR code that will link to an Ethnobotanical Database. The first step in the gardening process will be amending the soil by adding compost so that the plants can thrive in nutrient rich soil.

Other gardening projects will include cleaning up and caring for the herb garden behind Hayner House and keeping up the garden in front of Elk Lick House that was planted as part of a student project by Elizabeth Steil last year.

Another project that has been discussed is adding a compost bin next to the trash and recycling cans near the picnic tables. Children here for education programs could add their compost scraps from their lunches to the compost bin. The compost bin would then be emptied to a compost pile somewhere easily accessible to the Kemper Kitchen Garden.

The gardeners plan to meet on Mondays from March through October. The hours will vary (morning, afternoon, and evening times may be available). There will be a SignUp Genuis posted on the Volunteers webpage soon.

We plan to start a gardening committee soon to help with planning these projects and to help maintain the gardens in the Village. The meeting date and time will be determined by committee members.

If you’re interested in joining the A Message from Our Gardeners

Come One! Come All! Gardeners big and tall, short and small. Professionals, has-beens, newbies, and seasoned gardeners are needed. All are welcome to volunteer in the Kemper Kitchen Garden.

Garden days will be Mondays from March to October. Each week you will be notified about the tasks we will be working on and have an opportunity to sign up and volunteer.

We are in the process of transitioning the garden into a new educational space and we need your help.

If you are interested, please email or contact Bethany at bjewel@heritagevillagecincinnati.org to sign up. You will then be contacted committee, email Bethany Jewell.
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.

___ Yes, I want Historic Southwest Ohio, Inc. to charge my credit card **monthly** in the amount checked below. I understand I need to tell you when I no longer wish to give.

___ $50 ___$25 ___$15 ___$10 ___ (Any amount greater than $5.00)

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