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Come to Our Annual Picnic at the Mound

We're meeting at the large shelter house at the Miamisburg Mound for our Annual Picnic. This will be the final event for the Society before we begin our summer break.

Miamisburg Mound Park—Large Shelter House
Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 pm

The main meal will be catered and beverages and tableware will be provided. We are inviting those attending to contribute a dessert such as cookies, etc.

Following the dinner, a program will be given on some very interesting facts about the Miamisburg Mound. The presenter will be our own Society member, Larry Suttman.

In order that we may have an estimate of meals to be served, we are asking members to call 937-477-6417 or e-mail paulousch26@gmail.com with the number of folks who will be in attendance.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

A Special THANK YOU!

To those sponsors who helped to make our
Memorial Day Weekend events possible,
we send all our thanks.

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We also send our appreciation to all those
who participated in our events. It's great
volunteers who make great things happen.

**There will be no
General Programs
at the Society
in July and August.**

However...

**The Market Square Building
will be open as usual on
Wednesdays and Saturdays
from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.**

Heritage Village News

By Judy Wuerstl, Heritage Village Coordinator

Annual Cleaning Day at the Village was held on Wednesday, April 22. As usual we received the help of five, fine young men from Jeane Toadvine's 8th grade class. Teacher Krista Pickering came along again to help.

Carolyn Kilpatrick, Marilyn Shade, Gary Petticrew and Judy Wuerstl completed the cleaning crew. As always, Doug Stamm was a great help that day, taking care of various repairs. Together we had the buildings ship-shape for opening day, May 3rd. We also thank Jane McGriff for planting the herbs each spring in our limestone trough.



They add a nice touch to the Heritage Village.

Thanks to the docents who volunteered in May:

Judy Wuerstl	Matthew Mowery	Mike Kindle	Gary Petticrew
Bill Stalder	Annie Gilkinson	Sherry Kahler	Murielene Case
Vicki Warrick	Jay Robinson	Marilyn Shade	
Mary, Kim & Karen Izor	Carolyn Kilpatrick (who stepped up and did two Sundays!)		

And we welcomed three brand-new docents, Don Wuerstl, Brett Butcher and Jessica Trofi.



Left to Right—Jacob Purkey, A'Mory Reeder, Mark Hall
Jonathan McFarland and Julius Sparks

And now... another plea for volunteer docents. Our list is quite depleted this season and without some additional help there will quite likely be some Sundays that we will not be able to open the Village. You would be asked to volunteer only one Sunday a month. That is just **three hours** once a month! A lot of people have worked very hard to keep the Heritage Village in good shape and of interest to visitors. Wouldn't it be a shame to see this Miamisburg historic treasure decline? Please think about it, and contact Judy Wuerstl at jk.wuerstl@gmail.com or 937-866-1784.

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Sending Our Sympathy

To the family and friends of Wanda Gebhart, who passed away on April 27, we send our condolences. She was a long time and very active member of the Society, along with also belonging to many other organizations in Miamisburg. Wanda was a graduate of Otterbein College and also a certified graphoanalyst.

She passed just a few months after the death of her husband, Dr. Clifford Gebhart. Wanda will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends in the community.

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*Speaker, Hank Williamson and
Randy Staley, Veteran's Committee Chair*

Memorial Day Weekend in Review...



Memorial Day events began on Thursday, May 25, as we held our annual "Silver Taps" ceremony at Market Square. The featured speaker was Mr. Hank Williamson, WWII US Army, First Sgt. (Ret.) Taps were played and the names of those area men killed in war were read.

Rocky's 5K Run for Freedom took place on Saturday morning and that evening folks enjoyed the Victory Dance at American Legion Post 165.



*The Tom Benner Band provided great music
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Wind and Rain Change Memorial Day Plans



Memorial Day brought with it wind and rain at precisely the wrong time. Cemetery and Bridge Services were conducted, but after much debate, the parade was reluctantly cancelled due to the weather. The Library Park Service and picnic afterward were moved indoors to the American Legion.

We can be very proud of our Veteran's Committee, headed by Randy Staley, and American Legion Post 165. Working together they have brought to Miamisburg a very special and meaningful Memorial Day observance.

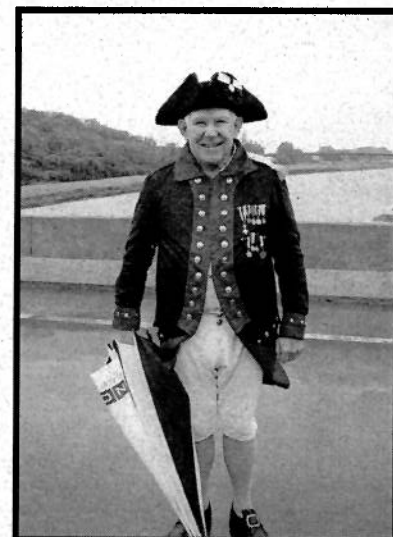
Mayor Dick Church, Vice Mayor Ryan Colvin and the American Legion Color Guard brave the bad weather for the Linden Avenue Bridge services.



Jim Caldwell as "Spirit of America"



Dale Schram, WWII Veteran and Grand Marshal



Bill Ellerman, SAR member, as Revolutionary War soldier

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Tom Zimpfer is Back in Action!

On May 28, it was spring planting day at the Heritage Village. Under the direction of Tom Zimpfer, annual flowers and a new bush were planted.

It was great to see Tom back again and doing what he loves, sprucing up and making everything beautiful for the summer season at the Village. It was just this March that Tom had a very serious accident while hiking in Tennessee. Who would have thought he'd be back in action so soon, but thankfully there's no keeping a good man down.



Tom Zimpfer (center), and City workers, Nicole Davis and Michael Sensenbaugh

A big thank you goes out to Kitch and Burkhart Greenhouses for their contribution of flowers. Also to the City for supplying the mulch, a new bush and two great workers. Society members, Gary Petticrew and Diane Warrick, also helped out with the planting.

Come on down to Heritage Village soon and check it out!

Sending Our Condolences

Hazel Eisele passed away on May 27. A Society member until very recently, she was a big part of Miamisburg community affairs the greater portion of her life.

Hazel served on City Council for 17 years and one term as Vice Mayor. She was also Chair of the Spring Fling committee for many years.

The Historical Society sends our sympathy to her husband, Bob, her children and her many friends.

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Miamisburg School Children Learn About Local History

By Judy Wuerstl, Children's Education Chair

The calendar for our Children's Programs was scheduled with a program nearly every day of May, and sometimes two-a-day. Having had three schools take advantage of the lovely fall weather to visit the Heritage Village in October was a big help in lessening our spring schedule.



Carolyn Kilpatrick teaches the children about items in the Children's Museum in the Kercher Pioneer Home.



Judy Wuerstl greets Bear Elementary School third graders at the entrance to the Gebhart Tavern Museum.

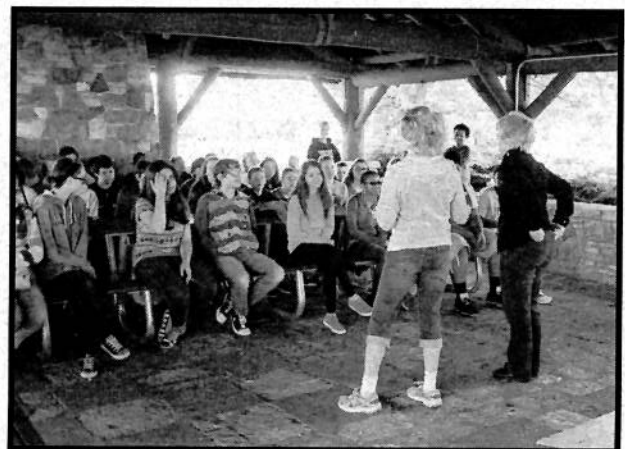
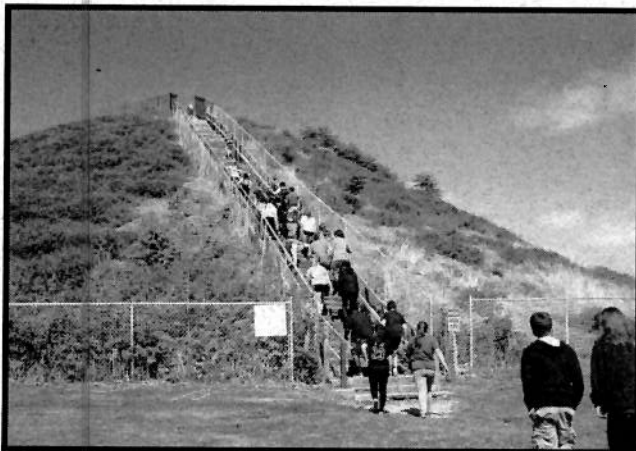


Bobby Sweny demonstrates the use of a gourd used for dipping water.

This school year we once more presented programs to the high school Local History classes in the fall and in the spring. These programs consist of a visit to the Heritage Village, a downtown walk ending at the Baum Opera House, and a visit to the Market Square Building.

We were again asked this spring to meet the 8th grade teams at the Miamisburg Mound for a program on the Adena Indian culture and our Miamisburg Mound. They then visited the Village in the afternoon and we presented our programs there. You might consider this opportunity to help our committee work with the older school children next year. As always, we are in need of volunteers with the Children's Education Committee.

And so another successful and rewarding school season with the youngsters of Miamisburg comes to an end!



Eighth grade students learn about the Adena culture and the Miamisburg Mound.



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