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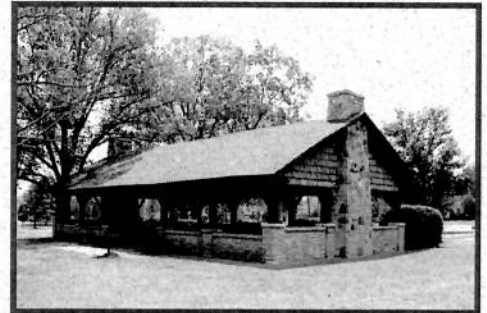
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Mark Your Calendar!

It's Our Annual Picnic at Mound Park

There's no better way to round up our winter/spring program schedule than by having a picnic at historic Mound Park. We guarantee a good time with food, drinks and wonderful desserts provided by the Society. Just bring your appetite; we'll meet you there!



Shelter House at Mound Park Thursday, June 26 at 6:00 pm

In the event of inclement weather, we'll have our picnic at the Market Square Building, same date and time.

May is Busy Month for Children's Programs

By Judy Wuerstl, Children's Education Chair

The calendar for our Children's Programs was scheduled with a program nearly every day in May. Having had three schools take advantage of the lovely fall weather last year to visit the Heritage Village was a big help. This spring we were pleased to welcome a new docent to our team, Alysia Fuchs. She is a good addition to our team of "walkers".

The walk begins at Library Park.



Tim Fox greets the kids at Fox Motors.

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Virginia Kinderdine Honored as Grand Marshal in Spring Fling Parade



A hearty congratulations to Society member, Virginia Kinderdine, who served as Grand Marshal in the Spring Fling Parade in May.

Virginia graduated from Miamisburg High School in 1935 and was the very first "drum major". She married Jim Kinderdine in 1937 and has two children, six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She is a life long member of St. Jacob Lutheran Church and worked as librarian at the Miamisburg Library.

Virginia is very active in the Historical Society. One of her duties is recording the marriage ceremonies that have been performed by Mayor Dick Church. At the present time, there have been over 3,000 recorded. She is a 70 year member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and was honored at last year's Miamisburg Alumni dinner for her charitable work.

To say she is a remarkable person is quite an understatement. We are so proud to have Virginia as a Society member and would like to congratulate her on this honor and send along our very best wishes.

Society's April General Program Featured "Dayton History Today"

By Randy Staley, Veteran's Committee Chair

The speaker for the April General meeting was Brady Kress, President & CEO of 'Dayton History', who gave us a great overview of Dayton History today and the many new ventures in the works. Dayton History came about in 2005 by combining and consolidating efforts of Carillon Park, Montgomery County Historical Society and the Kettering-Moraine Museum. This consolidation solved the problems of manning and financing three separate organizations with the same goals.

Four structures including: Colonel Deed's Barn, the Watervleit Shaker's House, the Hetzel House and the Newcomb House were moved from the Kettering-Moraine site at South Dixie and Stroop Road to Carillon Park in 2009, and are now in various stages of restoration.

A major project also under construction is a three story brewery with three ovens which will be used to brew beer, make pretzels, and the third will bake bread. The docents will wear period clothing and share the history and need for brewing in the 1800's due to tainted water. Another little known fact is that the Miami Valley and Eastern Indiana were the leading producers of wine in the United States in the 1800's. This exhibit will be open this fall. In addition, Mr. Kress also reviewed many of the existing programs and exhibits at the park and old Court House.

Our thanks to Mr. Brady Kress for a great program!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Condolences to the Family of Fred Loy

The Society sends deepest sympathy to Carol Loy Butzer and the entire family on the death of her father, Fred Loy, who passed away in April. He graduated from Miamisburg High School in the class of '35 and addressed the group as class spokesman at his 75th MHS Alumni Reunion in 2010.

Fred was a talented carver, an avid outdoorsman and was very active in the Miamisburg Sportsman's Club. He also held target shooting classes on the second floor in the Market Square Building during the 1950's.

Fred will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

**We're Sending Get Well Wishes**

We've recently learned that Society member, Mary Goodwin has suffered a fall. Word is that she is at home recuperating, and getting better everyday.

We're wishing you a very speedy recovery, Mary!

Our Sympathy to the Friends and Family of Susan Rutter Stafford

We were very sad to learn of the passing of Society member, Susan Rutter Stafford of Orinda, California. Susan passed away only five months after the death of her mother, "Toots".

Susan was a 1967 graduate of Miamisburg High School. She leaves behind her son, Chad, his wife Julie, three grandchildren, and her boyfriend and partner of 35 years, Jan Robert Long.

We send our condolences to all.

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Heritage Village News

By Judy Wuerstl, Heritage Village Coordinator

Our annual Heritage Village Docent Meeting was held on April 3 and all who attended were given a docent training DVD that Jay Robinson had recorded. It features Carolyn Kilpatrick, Judy Wuerstl and our two junior docents, Matthew Mowery and Karen Izor and takes us through the step-by-step procedures for opening the Village and the duties and responsibilities of being a Village Docent. We thank Jay for his wonderful idea to make these helpful DVDs.

Annual Cleaning Day at the Village was held on Friday, April 11. As usual we received the help of four fine young men from Jeane Toadvine's 8th grade class. Teacher Krista Pickering came with them again and also two student teachers. Sharon Maddox, Carol O'Connell and Diane Warrick stopped in to give a hand to Carolyn Kilpatrick and Judy Wuerstl. As always, Doug Stamm was a great help that day. Together, we had both buildings ship-shape in time for opening day, May 4th.

A big thank you goes out to Quill Abney who constructed a much needed outside handrail at the Gebhart Tavern. Doug Stamm and Quill had it installed in time for our summer season. Stop by and admire the landscape work of Tom Zimpfer and the herb plantings by Jane McGriff in the limestone trough. And while you're there, notice the beautiful new pine tree we now have in the front lawn.

Special thanks to volunteers who worked the Sundays in May:

Judy Wuerstl	Matthew Mowery	Loretta Colaricci
Carolyn Kilpatrick	Mike Kindle	Marilyn Shade
Sharon Maddox	Jane McGriff	Carol O'Connell
Jay Robinson	Amanda Robinson	Diane Warrick



Judy Wuerstl shows Paul Schultz and John O'Gorman the new handrail.

Ohio Historical Society Has Name Change

On May 24, the 129 year old Ohio Historical Society officially changed its name to 'Ohio Historical Connection'. A two year study and a public opinion poll revealed that Ohio residents view the organization as inaccessible and antiquated. Executive Director, Burt Logan, and the Board of Directors are now dedicated to the task of changing the stodgy image of the Society. They will present a more welcoming, accessible and modern image, and hope to bring the organization into the future and "out from behind the glass".

70,000 cubic feet of records are stored in the State Archives, Library and Artifact Collections. 250,000 images are in "Ohio Memory", a digital library that is accessible online. (www.ohiomemory.org)

The good news is that in the past four years, the number of visits to historic sites and Ohio museums has increased by 95 percent, with memberships and donations also increasing.

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Memorial Day Weekend Events ♦ 2014

Congratulations to Randy Staley, the Veteran's Committee and American Legion Post 165 for an outstanding Memorial Day Weekend. Thanks to these great volunteers, Miamisburg can be very proud of the events and activities that honor our veterans who have faithfully served our country in war and in peace.

The events this year included: Silver Taps Ceremony, Military Display at Market Square, Rocky's 5K Run for Freedom, Dedication of Marine Cpl. Paul Zanowick II Memorial Highway, Victory Dinner/Dance at American Legion, Services at three cemeteries and Linden Ave. Bridge, Memorial Day Parade, Services at Library Park and Picnic afterward with free hotdogs and ice cream.



Our sincere thanks to the sponsors who helped to make these events possible:

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*Bill Ellerman, SAR member,
in Revolutionary War Uniform*



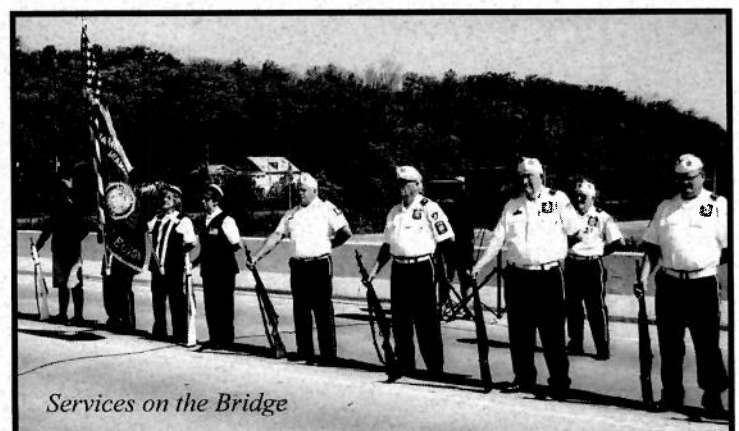
*Tim Schaiper, bagpipe player
at Silver Taps Ceremony*



*Wayne Kern, American Legion Post 165 Commander
Randy Staley, Veteran's Committee Chair*



Military Display at Market Square

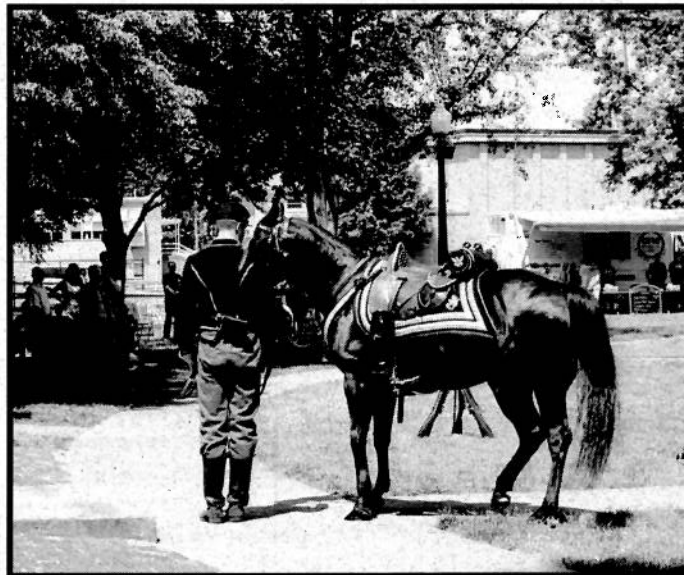


Services on the Bridge

Memorial Day Weekend Events ♦ 2014



Children decorate their bikes and ride in the parade.



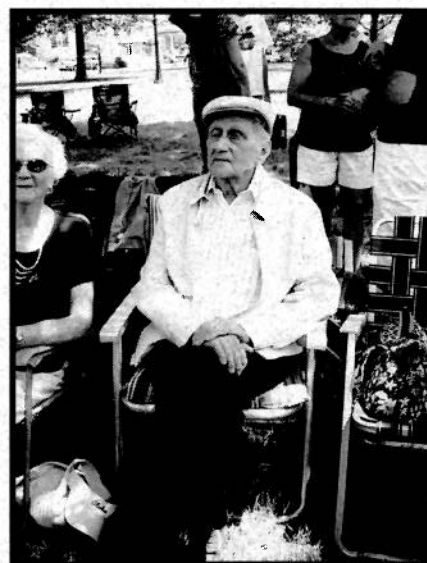
The Riderless Horse



Bill Ellerman and Jim Chapman as American Patriot



*101 Year Old
WWII Veteran,
Cecil Shope*



If you've never taken part in the Miamisburg Memorial Day activities, be sure to put it on your to-do list for next year. It is a very worthwhile weekend that serves to honor the men and women who have given their lives to protect our precious freedom that we, many times, take for granted.



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Busy May Schedule for Children's Programs *(Continued from Page 1)*

This school year we worked with the high school Local History classes, arranging an all-day program in the fall and in the spring. And again this spring, we met with the 8th grade teams at the Miamisburg Mound for a program on the Adena Indian culture and our Miamisburg Mound. They then visited the Heritage Village in the afternoon and we presented our programs there. You might consider this opportunity to help our committee work with the older children in our schools next year.



Lining up for the Kercher "schoolroom".



Mayor Dick Church greets the kids at the Civic Center.

And another successful and rewarding school season with the youngsters of Miamisburg is over!