

From The Friends' Front Porch

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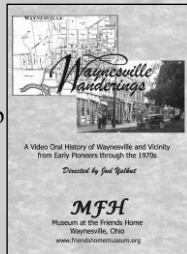
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Waynesville Wanderings DVD Premier a Smash

Nearly 100 people gathered in the Red Brick Meeting House on May 19th for the long-awaited premier of *Waynesville Wanderings: A Video Oral History of Waynesville and Vicinity from Early Pioneers through the 1970s*. This fascinating DVD production by the talented Jud Yalkut highlighted many areas of interest from the history of our area and will serve as a treasured keepsake for many years to come.

Local residents shared their stories, memories and family histories for the taping. The Dulcimer Friends of Caesars Creek provided a rousing background of period pieces for the hour-long DVD. The show will be aired on the Miami Valley Communications Council local cable access channel (Time Warner) in the near future.

Copies of *Waynesville Wanderings* were donated to each Wayne Local School building and to the Mary L. Cook Public Library along with a study guide to help with the timeline. Additional copies are available at the Museum for \$15. Our thanks to the Ohio Humanities Council for their generous funding of this project.



Noteworthy Notes:

- Beginning with this issue, the Museum newsletter will be sent twice per year (spring and fall), rather than three times. This will not only save money, but our sanity at trying to get so much done! Thanks for understanding.
- **NO MORE** aluminum cans for recycling, *please*. We simply do not have the space for storage or the manpower for the task any longer. However, we do encourage you to find another outlet for recycling your aluminum. Thank you to all who supported this project over the years!



Afternoon finery enhanced an elegant tea party

Lavender & Lace tea party delights guests

The fifth annual tea party – this year featuring a *Lavender & Lace* theme – was held at Quaker Heights Community Care Center on Saturday, June 17. As always, the food was scrumptious, the tables lavishly decorated, and the hot water flowed freely.

Entertainment was provided by Debbie Collin, of Hillsboro, who presented terrific information on the many uses of lavender. Two Dorothys Plus One performed selections from *Guy and Dolls* to round out the elegant afternoon.

A wonderful selection of beautiful items lined the silent auction table and bidding was intense. In all, the event raised nearly \$1,700 to support the Museum's operating expenses.

Thank you to Quaker Heights for donating the use of their beautiful facility for this event.

Thanks & Praise to Those Who Help

Thank you, thank you from the Museum Board to those members and friends who give of themselves to keep things running smoothly:

- All the hard-working men who provided prodigious amounts of hot water for the ladies tea party in June: Reed Morgan, Larry McKeehan, George Pauwels, Dick Philpott, Jud Yalkut, Jim Wardlow and Darryl Watson

You make our work so much easier and more enjoyable!

Curator's Corner

~ by *Dolly McKeenan*

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly gone and we're heading into fall. If you didn't make it in this summer, you missed a great exhibit on the Old Mill Park. I know this wonderful place brought back fond memories for so many and the display of old bathing suits brought many a laugh.

A new temporary exhibit replacing the Old Mill Park exhibit will be *Elephants and Donkeys and Bull Moose, Oh, My!* It will highlight the lighter side of the many forms of political campaigning through the use of buttons, posters, bumper stickers, etc.

The new schoolroom exhibit was very well received throughout the summer. It contains history and artifacts from many of the surrounding schools.

If you didn't get a chance to attend the showing of the DVD *Waynesville Wanderings*, please drop by the museum and purchase your own copy. The Ohio Humanities Council grant which funded the project allowed the purchase of a new television for showing the DVD, so you can get a preview of this wonderful production.

It's fall, which means it is nearly time for our ghostly walking tours. This is one of our largest fundraisers and we hope you grab some friends and sign up for an evening of fun. Already taken the tours? Then how about becoming a guide? Linda offers training on this fun job. We also need volunteers to help at the museum during the tours. If interested in any of the above, just call the office.

Finally, we hope you will think of the Museum if your church or civic group is looking for an interesting outing. Our guided tours offer a great way to spend a few hours with friends. Reservations can be made by calling the Museum office at 513.897.1607.

Hours remain 1-4 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday and by appointment. As always, please feel free to call me if you have any questions or comments on the Museum.

Trash 'n Treasures Yard Sale, Appraisal Day, a Success

Our annual Trash 'n Treasures Yard Sale and antique appraisal day were held in mid-May and the crowds did not disappoint. We raised nearly \$1,000 to assist with Museum operating expenses.

Thank you, thank you, Gloria Phillips, for donating your time to handle the appraisals on Saturday. Your table is always a popular stop!

The garage still has a little room left for donations to stock next year's sale. Items may be left at the Museum during regular operating hours Wednesday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., or under the canopied walkway. Please, no clothing. Thank you all for supporting this event.

Dulcimer Friends Welcome New Musicians

The Dulcimer Friends of Caesar's Creek are a loosely-organized group of period music lovers. They meet at the Museum from 7-9 p.m. each second and fourth Tuesday of the month for a spirited jam session. Mountain (lap) and hammer dulcimer, penny whistle, banjo, Bohdran – all old-time instruments, and any skill level, are welcome to join in the fun.

Visit their website at www.dulcimerfriends.org or call 513.683.4344 for more information.



Volunteers are always needed to help with copying, tagging artifacts, cleaning, tours, and for special projects. Come join us! Our work is interesting and we have a great time. Call 513.897.1607 whether you have a few days or a few hours to share. You are most welcome!

Walking Ghost Tours on Tap for October

Ghosties and goblins and things that go bump in the night ~ it's Museum Ghost Tour time again! The calendar is filling up with reservations for the popular walking tours and Hammel House dinners and Museum volunteers are polishing their best stories.

The Hammel House Ghost & Goblet Dinners begin September 26 and continue every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (except Sauerkraut week!) through Halloween. Call the Hammel House at 513.897.3779 for reservations.

Walking tours only are available at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in October (again, except Sauerkraut week) and offer sites from either Main Street or Quaker Hill. Call the Museum at 513.897.1607 to reserve your evening. Don't miss out on the chilling fun!



Window Repairs Set to Begin this Fall

The first stage of our window repair project will begin soon. Due to funding constraints, we will do one side of the building at a time (starting with the back, which is in the worst shape) and continuing as money becomes available. This will be our last major exterior maintenance expense.

Estimates indicate that an average cost per window will be \$1,400. We feel confident that we will be able to find matching grants to help fund these necessary repairs so all of the monies we put into the project will give us double results, i.e., with grant money, each window will cost the Museum approximately \$700.

Our spring fundraising drive for this project has brought in nearly \$15,000 – thank you, everyone! This will serve as matching funds if we are successful in our pending grant application to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Donations for this project are still being accepted. Make checks payable to WAHCC (Waynesville Area Heritage and Cultural Center). Thank you for your continuing support!

Calling All Bibliophiles

The Whittier Book Club meets each second Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Museum's cozy upstairs courtyard. We're always looking for new readers so please join us if you are fascinated by the power of the printed word.

This is a small, highly informal gathering where each member gets a chance to choose a book for the group to read for a given month. Contact Reed Morgan at 513.897.2678 for more details.

Tour Guides Needed

With the increasing popularity of the Museum's historic walking tours and the ghost tours, we are in need of additional tour guides to share the load. It's easy, fun, and a great benefit to the Museum's bottom line.

Comprehensive training is provided including sample scripts and the opportunity to work as a helper before going solo. Tours last no more than two hours, so the time commitment is minimal. Won't you join us?

Members elected the following board members and officers at the annual meeting held August 11th. Revised bylaws were also presented and approved. Check the website or call the Museum office for a copy of the streamlined document.

The Museum Board of Trustees ~ working hard for you!

Milton Cook, Presiding Clerk	George Pauwels, Vice President
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Mark your calendar!

~ All events are held at the Museum unless otherwise noted ~

September

6: Museum Board of Trustees meeting ~ 7 p.m.

October

4: Museum Board of Trustees meeting ~ 7 p.m.

Selected dates: Walking Ghost Tours ~ Main Street and Heritage Hill

13-14: Ohio Sauerkraut Festival ~ Main Street

November

1: Museum Board of Trustees meeting ~ 7 p.m.

December

6: Museum Board of Trustees meeting ~ 7 p.m.

7-9: Christmas in the Village ~ Main Street

16: Closing day for the season ~ see you in the spring!

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