



Museum at the Friends Home

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Dear Friends of the Museum:

The coming year of 2010 will be an exciting time for the Museum at the Friends Home – we will be celebrating ten years of historic preservation efforts in Waynesville. This milestone could never have been reached without your dedicated support. Thank you!

2009 was a great year that saw many accomplishments:

- Spring and fall work days brought a crew of dedicated volunteers to the Museum grounds. We cleared old brush, trimmed trees and shrubs, and generally improved the area surrounding the Museum. The garage is being painted and other miscellaneous repairs have been made. Stop by to see the beautiful results!
- Wayne Local Schools' third-grade classes have added a Museum tour to their curriculum. It is gratifying to share our work with the young people of the community, and a number of them return for follow-up visits and bring their family and friends.
- We continue to work hard on our annual fundraising projects. The spring tea was very successful and we hosted more than 800 visitors for our Ghostly History Walking Tours. The Program Committee established a partnership with ParaVizionz Paranormal Investigators from Middletown and we hosted the first of what we hope will be many successful ghost hunting training classes as an additional fundraiser.
- We added many artifacts of local interest to our inventory including a collection of personal items of Dr. Mary L. Cook and a large assortment of Quaker clothing and quilts from the family of Abijah O'Neill, one of Waynesville's founding fathers. Our volunteers preserve our unique collection under the same archival guidelines as larger facilities.

In 2010 we plan to resume the window repair project which was derailed by the emergency porch repairs. We have two sides of the building to complete and grant funding from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation is exhausted. Vectren Foundation has committed to funding for storm windows, but we will need to raise monies for the basic repairs. We continue to search for additional grants, but many of them require matching funds. The Board is also focused on increasing our endowment fund with the long-range goal of financial independence. This fund is a perfect way to honor a loved one or to continue your support of the Museum for future generations.

Please consider supporting the Museum at the Friends Home in our preservation efforts. Donations are fully tax deductible and you may earmark your donations for tax year 2009 or 2010. A form and SASE are enclosed. Checks should be made payable to WAHCC. You may also donate by credit card via PayPal on our website at www.friendshomemuseum.org; simply follow the Donations link.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

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