

# The TRACKER

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Terrace Park Historical Society

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*Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future*

Prehistoric Settlement Patterns in Southwest Ohio  
or

*Mysteries of the Mounds and Trails*

Professor Jean Kreinbrink

Sunday afternoon, April 24 at 4:00

Community Building

Ms. Kreinbrink, a professor of archeology at Northern Kentucky University, has participated in extensive archeological studies in Mariemont, Newtown, and along Wooster Pike.

She will talk about the history of the Native American cultures that were the first inhabitants of the Little Miami River Valley.

Who were the earliest residents of Terrace Park? When did they live here? What did they build? What happened to them?

## TERRACE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS TO BE HELD APRIL 24, 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Members of Terrace Park Historical Society, Inc., a nonprofit Ohio corporation (the "Corporation"), will be held at the Community Building, 428 Elm Avenue, Terrace Park, Ohio, on Sunday April 24, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. (immediately prior to the Program on Pre-Historic Settlement Patters in Southwest Ohio) for the purposes of considering and acting upon the following:

1. To **amend Sections 2 and 5 of Article II** (Board of Trustees) of the Code of Regulations to provide that (A) the total number of Trustees may be established by the members at a special meeting of members called for that purpose, and (B) that if the members increase the size of the Board to a number greater than the number of individuals elected to the Board, that the Trustee positions for which individuals are not elected shall be considered vacancies that may be filled by the action of the Board of Trustees. *[Explanation: The Code of Regulations currently provides that the size of the Board may be set by the members at a meeting at which trustees are elected and that a vacancy in the board only results from the death or resignation of a Trustee. The current Board believes that it would be in the best interests of the corporation to increase the size of the Board to further develop the Terrace Park Historical Society in the areas of education (of members and of students), membership, endowment, publicity, historic preservation, and philanthropy. The Board wants the members to approve the increase the size of the Board prior to selecting the individuals to fill the new positions on the Board. A copy of the specific wording for the amendment is available upon request and will be available at the meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>.]*
2. To **establish that the number of Trustees** to comprise the entire Board shall be fifteen (15), with 5 Trustees elected each year for a 3-year term, and that the Board is authorized to fill the vacancies created by the expansion of the size of the Board.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. The record date for the determination of the Members entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof is April 13, 2005.

Terrace Park, Ohio  
April 13, 2005

By order of the Board of Trustees

## Miami Grove Revisited

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\$25 family

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### MISSED IT?

The video of the Miami Grove program will be shown on Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Terrace Park Historical Society home at St. Thomas Church. A copy of the video is available to "check out" for a week. A \$10 deposit will be refunded when the video is returned.

The Society is eager to learn more about Miami Grove lore and its part in TP history.

Over 140 TPHS members and friends attended the March 6 program about Miami Grove. Former residents Bobby Scott, Max Wiseman, Dottie Bowman, Rita Bowman Stevens, and Janet Olsen. spoke about the hardships and joys of living in "the Grove" in the 1930's through the 1950's.

The speakers pointed out that no remnant remains of their old neighborhood, thus prompting the group to suggest the possibility of renaming the Nature Preserve to the Miami Grove Nature Preserve. TPHS representatives presented a proposal at Terrace Park Council's April 13 meeting to initiate action on this.

### Who was Fred Williams?

The program was almost over when a woman walked to the speakers table and handed Susan Frank a framed painting. "This is Miami Grove" she said. She, Charlene Sellers McCarthy, had a 1938 Fred Williams' original painting of Earl Runyun's Café.

Charlene and her husband were close friends of the controversial Runyuns, Earl and Gladys. Charlene described the café, the bar, the room with the one-arm bandits, the celebrities, the dancing, and the fun. She said that Gladys loved antiques and wanted a spinning wheel that belonged to her. Charlene offered to trade it to her for the Williams' painting.

A color copy is now on display at the TPHS office, and another Fred Williams' painting of one of the Bowman's cottages was also on display at the program.

Fred Williams came to Miami Grove to paint, fell in love with the area and stayed. He rented a room under the Runyon Café. He also lived above the Komer Barber Shop in Milford. Stories tell that he had a heart attack and fell down the steps there and that is where he died. Some of his paintings, which were displayed at the Komer Barber Shop, were lost in the recent fire.

TPHS is interested in locating more of his paintings of local places such as the Grove cottages and the Little Miami River.

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*The above was excerpted from Susan Frank's extensive review of the March 6 program. It is available in its entirety at TPHS headquarters.*

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They Came  
Before We Did  
April 24