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April 29, 2007

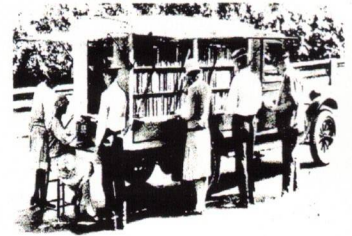
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**Refreshments Served Before
and After Program**

**The Little Miami Scenic River:
A Natural Wonder
Worth Preserving
Presented by Eric Partee
St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

Did You Know?

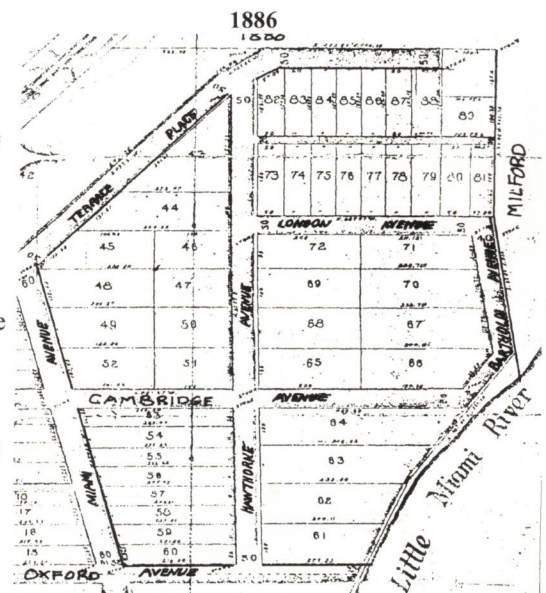
Did you know that a bookmobile once served the reading needs of Terrace Park? For many years, starting in the late 1920s, a bus-like vehicle with bookshelves lining its sides parked near the Community House on the third Thursday of each month, often remaining there for as long as half-a-day. Readers brought armloads of books to be exchanged for new reading material and could ask especially for books they wanted brought out on the next visit. The bookmobiles carried approximately 1,500 books, about 80% fiction and 20% non-fiction. One could take out four books of fiction and as many as one wanted of non-fiction. With the most popular new books, patrons were encouraged to see that they circulated as much as possible within the Village before they were returned the next month.



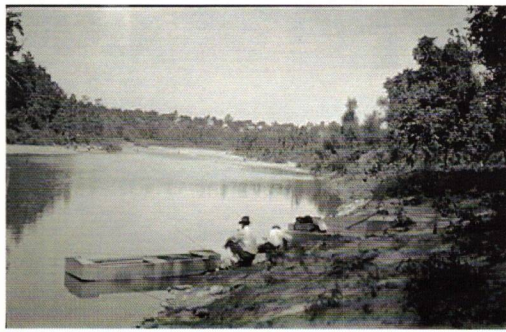
Bookmobile 1920

Miss Elizabeth Wuest was the Cincinnati Public Library's bookmobile librarian, assisted by Irene Elsen and a driver. Unfortunately, they were killed on December 10, 1947, when their bookmobile skidded on an icy road and collided with a B&O freight train at Branch Hill. At the time, contributions were made to replace the vehicle and its books as a memorial to Miss Wuest. Those contributions included three checks totaling \$30 from the Terrace Park PTA, the Women's Auxiliary of St. Thomas Church and the Terrace Park Woman's Club. Of course, in 1947, \$30 could buy a lot more than it can now. There were in fact three bookmobiles: one serving rural elementary schools, another serving high schools and the third bringing books to adults in outlying communities. These bookmobiles went out four days a week from 9 A.M. to about 8:30 P.M., 12 months a year, and in all weather. When the Public Library of Cincinnati began to expand its branch network, which included the new library building in Mariemont, and people became more mobile, book circulation from the bookmobiles dwindled and the service was eventually totally discontinued by 1988.

Did you know that there is one house in Terrace Park that still carries the address of a street that was never actually built? The Sullivan/Kelly home was built at 5 Hawthorne Avenue in 1900 and has remained in the same family ever since. In 1886, Pattison and Iuen laid out Hawthorne Avenue as part of their subdivision of Camden City Lots 1 and 2. Within that area, they laid out 46 lots between Miami Avenue/Terrace Place and the Milford Line/Little Miami River as you can see on the map. Hawthorne Avenue ran up the middle. Much of this area was used for many years for golf holes on the Terrace Park Country Club's nine-hole course until the club moved across the river. Their clubhouse was on the other end of Hawthorne, now 1 Oxford Avenue, where Carl and Jeanette Pruiss reside. By 1953, Hawthorne Avenue was vacated and the original plan for this part of Terrace Park was never realized. It was replaced in 1975 by Nordloh's second subdivision and houses were built on Michigan Avenue.



THE LITTLE MIAMI RIVER: A NATURAL WONDER WORTH PRESERVING



Little Miami at Milford, 1917



More Recent Picture of Little Miami River

The Little Miami has been designated a State and National Scenic River because of its clean water and natural beauty. It is home to several endangered or threatened fish species and has been minimally affected by industry compared to other area rivers. Hundreds of thousands of people take to its waters every summer to fish, swim and canoe. The dedication and vision of Little Miami, Inc. (LMI) is responsible for preserving this natural wonder.

At the April 29 program, Eric B. Partee, Executive Director of this nonprofit river conservation organization, will highlight 40 years of effort by LMI to protect and restore the Little Miami National Wild and Scenic River. Founded in 1967 by Glenn Thompson, 500 families, individuals, foundations and local businesses support LMI's conservation efforts which focus on riparian forest and water quality protection.

In 1980 LMI purchased the railroad property (the alignment for the new bike trail section) from Penn Central Railroad when the State of Ohio refused to buy the abandoned railroad corridor. LMI also systematically acquired controlling interest in the 50 acre Avoca Park property fending off development interests and coordinating clean-up activities and restoration at Avoca Park and Bass Island.

For residents of Terrace Park and Milford, the Little Miami River has also played an important part in our histories. Covalt Station and the Round Bottom community were established along this important waterway. Also, because of the rapidly falling water just north of Terrace Park, a number of mills were located at what was previously known as Montauk (currently the bottoms between Terrace Park and Milford).



Milford Train Depot
circa 1910

Join us on April 29 at 4:00 P. M. and learn more about this organization dedicated to the conservation of this natural treasure. Preserving the Little Miami River is preserving an important part of our community's history.

SAVE THIS DATE...

Sunday, April 29

4:00 PM Program

Refreshments Before/After Program

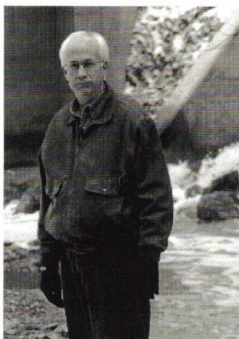
St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Parish Hall

Enter the Church, 100 Miami Avenue, by the Parish Hall door at the top of the steps or the "up handicap" ramp

The Little Miami Scenic River:
A Natural Wonder Worth Preserving

*Featured Speaker
Eric Partee*



Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition



We absolutely could not survive without all our wonderful volunteers. They help in the archives, in the office, on the Board, doing our webpage, planning our programs, editing our TRACKER, updating our files, copying old photos, writing articles, interviewing for oral histories — you name it and you will find a volunteer doing it.

**Join us as we honor these wonderful volunteers at the
April 29 Program at St. Thomas Parish Hall**

2007 Membership Update



Lifetime Members

- ▶ New Lifetime Members: Sue and Jim Porter
- ▶ We now have 25 Lifetimers!!!!!!

Membership

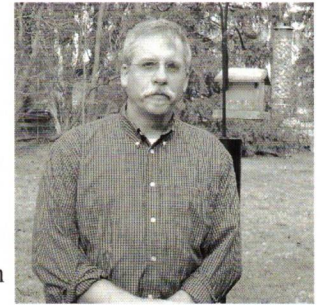
- ▶ Over 250 memberships, which translates to over 600 members
- ▶ Almost 25% (64) of our memberships are from outside Terrace Park
- ▶ 70 memberships are new for 2007...and we are still receiving membership checks!!!

Artist's Corner

John Maggard

By Carol C. Cole from the TPHS Archives

John Maggard is a Terrace Park freelance illustrator who is no doubt best known locally, nationally, and internationally for the posters he designs for the Cincinnati Heart Association's Annual Heart Mini-Marathon. He's been creating them since the Marathon's third year and enjoys this opportunity to experiment with his own ideas, old and new techniques and processes. Most of his posters have been painted in a variety of mediums but his 2005 poster was his first to be totally digitally produced. John says, "It's a chance to stretch and have fun with ideas (that) come out of nowhere." Actually they seem to come from what he sees around him in great detail and how he can put many of those carefully chosen items together in an unconventional and meaningful way – more ambitious each year. He comes up with a new and very creative idea every year so that these posters are real collectors' items. The idea is to grab people's attention in order to promote the Mini-Marathon, now in its thirtieth year, to which he's helped to bring national recognition.



John is a 1976 graduate of Miami University and first worked for NCR Corporation in Dayton. He soon moved to Cincinnati to work for a couple of graphic design companies before going out on his own. His work under commercial contract "advertises products, promotes ideas or events, or illustrates a story" for his clients including Pepsi Company, Mead, Compaq Computers, Time/Life and Planters Peanuts. He's produced advertisements, book covers, corporate brochures, movie posters, *Metamorphoswine* (his healing pig for the Big Pig Gig Public Art Project in 2000), and more in his home studio at 102 Marian Lane. There he also has a large collection of musical instruments, which often show up in his work, along with other interests, including trains and architecture.

John and his wife Sue moved to Terrace Park in 1985 and have three children: Danny, Nathan and Allison. Besides his artwork John is a very active member of the Terrace Park community, especially in our all-volunteer Emergency Services: Fire and Life Squad. He's a family man who seems to enjoy the fact that he can work at home and take part in community affairs. When his daughter was in kindergarten, he drew the children's requests on a paper mural for the Extended Time area. He's working on a project for the Terrace Park Historical Society superimposing the plan of the Robinson Circus buildings put together by his father-in-law, Bill Graver, from the 1904 Sanford fire insurance maps, onto a modern day Terrace Park map. Once he finishes that project we should know exactly where the Robinson Circus buildings once stood. John Maggard is not only a very talented artist but also a very caring and involved resident of Terrace Park.

Susan (Sue) Porter Newest TPHS Board Member



Sue and her husband, Jim, moved to Terrace Park in 1981 and reside at 202 Orchard Hill Lane. She is Vice-President of Programs for the Scripps Howard Foundation, a lay minister at Armstrong Chapel and immediate Past President of the National Society of Professional Journalists Foundation. The Porters' daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Erick Koehler, live on Franklin Avenue in Terrace Park and are the parents of four children, George, Sadie, Porter and Sam; their other children are Katie, a teacher in the Czech Republic, and Carrie, a sophomore at Northwestern University. Jim Porter grew up in Terrace Park so Sue's love of the village is a natural...via marriage.

Want to Honor or Memorialize Someone?

You can now honor or memorialize a friend, relative, neighbor or colleague by making a tax-deductible gift to the Terrace Park Historical Society. Simply make your check payable to TPHS and send it to:

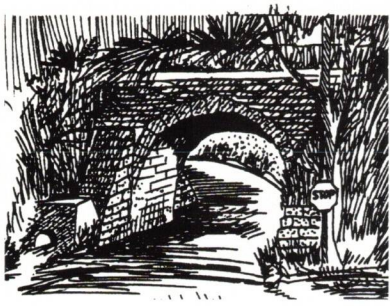
Terrace Park Historical Society
P.O. Box 3
Terrace Park, OH 45174

Be sure to:

1. Include a note that tells us who you are honoring or remembering with your contribution; and
2. Provide the name and address of the person or persons you would like notified of your gift.

We will promptly send a card their way telling them of your kindness, but not naming the amount of your gift. We will also send a receipt to you for tax purposes and list your name as a TPHS supporter in our Tracker newsletter.

This new service of the Terrace Park Historical Society is a wonderful way to honor and remember important people in your life while also supporting the organization's valuable work.



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Tracking our Past and Present for the Future

Terrace Park Ranks as Number One Community

The April 2007 issue of Cincinnati Business has a feature article called “Rating the Burbs”, which touts “ranking the best of the Tristate’s best” based on safety, schools and homes. **And Guess Who is Number One....Terrace Park** with a feature photo of our own Helen Christopher Barnett standing in front of the Community House. Two paragraphs can hardly tell the story of how wonderful TP really is BUT it does mention that our “community (with its own historical society) is often compared to New England towns.” So we not only have our Board member Helen in the one and only photo but we (TPHS) are mentioned in a brief summary.

Coloring Books on Sale...Designed by TP Students

A very unique coloring book is available through Board member Sandy Koehler for only \$4.00. The pages of the book were designed by sixth grade students at Terrace Park Elementary, under the direction of art instructor Melissa Rupe. Scenes from favorite TP sites are in the 16-page book. Call Sandy at 513-248-0033 or e-mail at skoehler22@hotmail.com. These books—as well as artist Amy Evans’ Terrace Park scenes watercolor note cards, Ken Norvell’s black and white note cards, and other TP memorabilia—are available at our April 29 program or Memorial Day on the Village Green.



Today’s Moments are Tomorrow’s History...We want your notes!!!

We all have memories of Terrace Park, whether from today or yesterday or years ago. We are asking all of our members, including young students, to write up a memory or two and e-mail safrank@fuse.net or mail to P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174. As the Terrace Park Historical Society continues to grow so do the memories. We want to be able to show the future residents your thoughts from the early 2000s and/or before. We will be working especially with students at the elementary, middle and high school levels but our archives are ready to handle memories from all. Please take a few minutes and write your favorite memory about TP.

