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Dates to Remember

September 30 2007—3:30 PM
TPHS Quarterly Program
TP Community Center

December 6, 7-10 PM
TPHS Holiday Open House
Gravelotte

Did You Know?

Do you remember when the trains came through Terrace Park instead of the bike trail? Did you know that the last eleven cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad's new diesel fast 53-car freight train derailed in Terrace Park during the night of April 28, 1948?

According to the police chief at the time, William Holtke, there was an awful crash and yet very few residents were awakened. There must be people still living in Terrace Park who remember the scene. A crew of 150 men worked all the next day to clear the wreckage from the tracks along Terrace Place. It was the engine's maiden trip from Cincinnati to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and passengers included the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. Fortunately, none of the crew was injured. The first 35 cars remained on the rails and continued the trip, although their arrival was delayed 45 minutes. One car carrying lumber was thrown 30 feet up the embankment but not intended as a delivery to the nearby Terrace Park Lumber Company. Another car lay on its side across the opposite track. The engineer did not know that a third car was derailed and it was dragged along the tracks for 1-1/2 miles. About 100 yards of track were torn up in the accident. Speaking of trains, Ellis Rawnsley once said he'd either heard or read that the last train robbery in in the United States was in Terrace Park.



History of Covalt Station and Census Information Now on Website

Esther H. M. Power and Carol C. Cole have worked for sometime to document what happened to the original Covalt Station land between the time the Covalt party arrived in 1789 and 1893 when the Village of Terrace Park was incorporated. Click on "Historical Information" at www.tphistoricalsociety.org and you'll find *Terrace Park From Unsettled Lands to Incorporation*. The result of this research project includes many pictures, historical maps and newly-documented information. All this should help the reader become more aware of Terrace Park history. Maps and pictures can easily be enlarged if something is difficult to read. If you don't have a computer, make a date to look at the site with someone who does.

Lee and Carol C. Cole are conducting a project concerning the census. Again, on our website, click on "Building Survey" and you will find new information from the census concerning people who have lived in Terrace Park. Every 10 years in the United States a census is taken and is available from 1790 through 1930. Not much survives from the 1890 census. Unfortunately, at the time the census was taken, there were no house numbers, just names of streets, some of which have changed over time. This ongoing task is to match families in the census with current house numbers. For each census we have included an alphabetized list of heads of households and the current address where the family lived, if known. Scroll down to Census Records and click for a further discussion. Then click on the census you want to view or go further to visit a particular house/family including census information. If you know where one of our unplaced families lived, please let us know.



Esther Power and Carol Cole

GRANT — THE RE-EVALUATION

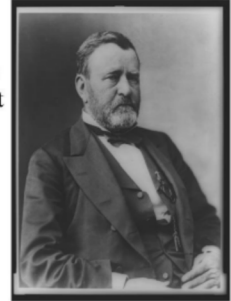
The Terrace Park Historical Society's Fall Program will be an educational and entertaining program on U. S. Grant's achievements as a Civil War general and President of the United States. Local historian Gary Knepp will present "*Grant—The Re-evaluation*".

"Historians have, until recently, seen U. S. Grant as a failure: a general who could only win by butchering his own men and a president who oversaw a corrupt administration," says Knepp a Clermont County native. "My mission is to resurrect his reputation as a military man, a president who waged a successful war on terror and a best-selling author."



Grant the Soldier

Mr. Knepp, an attorney who practices law in Clermont and Brown counties, teaches history and political science at Clermont College. He has published three books about local history and is under contract for a fourth "Freedom's Struggle", about Clermont County and the Underground Railroad. His articles about Clermont County history regularly appear in the Community Press and he is a frequent guest on the cable television program Clermont Today. In 2005, he appeared on the PBS television network's History Detectives as a guest historian.



Grant the President

Join us on Sunday, September 30, at the newly renovated Terrace Park Community Center. Refreshments are served beginning at 3:30 P.M. followed by Mr. Knepp's program at 4:00 P.M. The program is free and open to the public.

SAVE THIS DATE...

Sunday, September 30

4:00 PM Program

Refreshments Before/After Program

Terrace Park Community Center

Grant—The Re-Evaluation

Featuring Gary Knepp



**NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING
LOCATION**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO

Elizabeth "Liz" Martin, who recently made a donation which was used to underwrite this edition of the **Tracker**.

If you are interested in underwriting one of the quarterly editions of the **Tracker**, please contact Susan Abernethy Frank at 248-1777.

Lee Cole, Webmaster/Technical Advisor, for maintaining our websites, for his assistance in keeping our computers and equipment functioning, and for always being available to help when necessary.

CAN YOU HELP



The TPHS office is in need of two copiers. If you have a gently used or new copier that you would like to donate (or would like to make a cash donation), please contact Kay or Leslie at 248-1777.

TPHS Holiday Open House

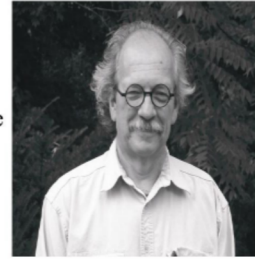
Once again John and Linda Rockaway are hosting our Holiday Open House at their lovely historic home, Gravelotte, 720 Elm Avenue. Save the date of Thursday, December 6, 7 PM-10 PM. More information will be published in Fall edition of **Tracker**.

Artist's Corner

Mark Eberhard

By Carol C. Cole from the TPHS Archives

Mark Eberhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eberhard, grew up in Terrace Park at 813 Stanton Avenue. His first mention in the archives is in 1966 when he was a junior at Mariemont High School. He won honorable mention with an ink and wash drawing of Mariemont High School in the Southern Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards Program. This program was designed "to create interest in the creative arts". This was not the beginning of Mark's interest, which was in fact inspired when he received his first bird book at the age of 5 from his grandparents. Also in 1966 he was one of 10 finalists in the "Wonderful World of Outdoor Ohio" high school poster contest. By his senior year he was entering and winning many competitions, which he's continued doing ever since. He went on to co-op at U.C. with a major in graphic design and then received further training at Yale, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts Degree.



In 1996 Mark and his wife Alice were living at 913 Stanton Avenue with three children, Parker, Rachel and Beecher, "all of whom are artistically talented". Mark was working on "an impressive series of paintings dedicated to the observable natural presentation of American birds" of which Mark said, "I hope the viewer, after experiencing my work, goes away with an appreciation and curiosity for the natural world, especially in their own backyards. Birds and the environment are the bearers of my message. They have provided me with both the desire and reason to paint. A close personal experience with nature, its forms, colors and textures are the basis for my paintings."

By day Mark and Alice run a graphical design business. Five days a week, from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. he paints—earlier mainly in acrylics but more recently in oils. He's lucky he only needs about 4-1/2 hours of sleep. More recently he's started "incorporating the computer into his creative process". In 2000 fellow artist Devere Burt summed up Mark's work saying: "Mark's work is significant. He is one of the great technical painters working today and has an amazing ability to capture his subjects with extraordinary detail. Mark's background is in fine arts, yet he displays such a comprehensive knowledge of comparative anatomy for the birds he paints. His subject matter research satisfies even savvy observers, and the uniqueness he provides is in the grand play of light and shadows."

TPHS Welcomes New Treasurer

The Terrace Park Historical Society is the latest beneficiary of Robby Routt's business acumen and dedication to our community as he has agreed to be our Treasurer.

"We are thrilled to have someone with Robby's expertise join us in this vital capacity", said Susan Abernethy Frank, TPHS President.

Robby has been a Terrace Park resident since 1995 and supports the community as a volunteer fireman, as Treasurer for the Emergency Services Association, and as Treasurer for Boy Scout Troop 296. He is President and co-founder of Michelson Homes and is Chief Financial Officer of Barefoot, Inc. He earlier spent 21 years as Vice President and Controller for the E. W. Scripps Company, a broad-based media company headquartered in Cincinnati.

Robby has two sons — Bryan, an eighth grader, and Aaron, a sixth grader, in the Mariemont Schools.

New Board Members

Doug and Becca Worpole are the newest members of the TPHS Board of Directors. The Worples are in their second home in TP, having moved here about nine years ago. This time their home is the famous "Circus" house which, as Becca says, "We love the story of the house. We loved old houses. The blend could not be better".

The Worpoles obviously also love history and they not only bring that to the Board but also their expertise in their professions. Doug is founder and President of Barefoot Advertising and Becca is a children's photographer. Doug grew up in Waterloo, Iowa, and came here with Procter and Gamble. Becca grew up in Glendale and met Doug while she was working in advertising.

The Worpoles have two children — Emma and Owen — both in TP Elementary. Their energy, love of our historic village, their professions and contacts with other young TP residents, will certainly find them to be valuable additions to the Board.

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