

TRACKER

Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future



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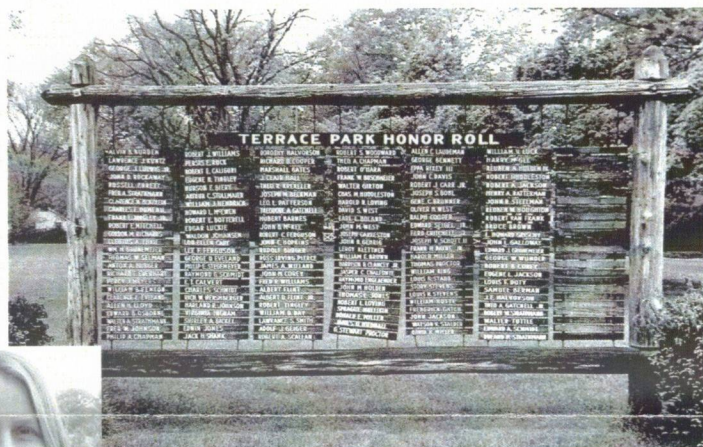
LIFE ON THE HOME FRONT MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE TO WORLD WAR II ERA

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II and an era the Terrace Park Historical Society will recall during a public program Memorial Day, May 31.

The event will take place on the Village Green following the community's Memorial Day commemoration that begins at 10 a.m. Look for the TPHS tent, where display tables will feature photos and artifacts from 1939-1945 that have been culled from the organization's archives. Speakers will offer details and answer questions on what it was like to live in Terrace Park during this time.



Elaine Fening



Those from Terrace Park who served in the Armed Forces were listed on the honor roll that once graced the Village Green.

"From Victory Gardens to gasoline rationing, we'll be examining what it was like to raise families and grow-up here," said Elaine Fening, TPHS

program chair. "Stories will be told about the men who left to serve in the Armed Forces and the women who went to work in area factories to support the wartime effort."

NEW TO THE ARCHIVES

FROM COSTUMES TO UNIFORMS AND MUCH MORE

The Terrace Park Historical Society thanks the following individuals for their donations to the archives during the first quarter of this year:

Steve Early - St. Thomas Tidings; Virginia Marquett - AARP award plaque and miscellaneous AARP papers; Kent and Carolyn Faulknor, also Ed and Ogle Annett - Best Magazine that features local residences; Kay

Everhart - photo ; Susan Frank - Terrace Park Times; Nick and Rosie Shundich in memory of Ken Bassett - photo with Rosie and John Robinson picture in background and information about Robinson Circus; Jody Huneke in memory of Stan and Shirley Brown - glasses, grade school workbooks, Mariemont Warrior memorabilia, cookbooks, books and numerous other

items; Cincinnati Historical Society - Robinson Circus costumes; Ginger Howard - picture of Terrace Park School in 1917 and pictures of 211 Oxford and her family; and Al and Lynn Nelson - military uniforms and American flags.

To donate contact the TPHS office at 513-248-1777 or email Susan Frank at safrank@fuse.net.

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Although it's spring here in Terrace Park, the Historical Society is buzzing with activity as volunteers are already hard at work planning our 2010 Fall House Tour!

The Board is thrilled to announce that local residents Barbara Jane England and Mary Arkellpane will co-chair this important fundraising event. Barbara Jane and Mary have given their time

and talent to many community organizations and will be wonderful assets to the society as they head the team of volunteers that will make



Lorrie Hill

the 2010 house tour so much fun and so successful! Thank you Barbara Jane and Mary for sharing your leadership with TPHS! Look for more information on the House Tour in our next Tracker.

In addition to working on our Fall House Tour, I am also happy to let you know that the society has connected with many old friends through our new Facebook account. If you are on Facebook (www.facebook.com), please look for us! You can also join us by clicking on a link on our Web site (www.tphistoricalsociety.org) since this page is in addition to that site. Both sites provide excellent opportunities for friends around the country to keep up with the activities of the Terrace Park Historical Society as well as allowing us to share what's new and exciting here at TPHS.

As always, please know that we consider our members our greatest asset, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support!

PERFECT GRAD GIFT FROM TPHS STORE

It's that time of the year when students are graduating and moving on to new opportunities. Want to give them a lasting impression? The Terrace Park Historical Society has gift items that will help them remember their hometown. Consider:

HERITAGE COVERLET - Priced at \$50 for non-members and \$45 for members, this keepsake

is available in your choice of five colors and features 10 sites and icons unique to Terrace Park.

POSTERS - Members receive a discount on the \$10 price; one design features Tillie of Robinson Circus fame, and the other features nine village sites.

NOTECARDS - Four sets available that range in price

from \$6 to \$12; suitable for correspondence or framing. Member discount available.

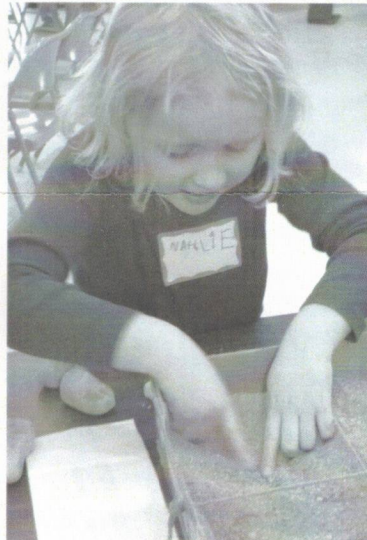
BOOKS AND A DVD - Three books in hard and soft-cover, priced from \$15 to \$30; a DVD priced at \$10; all feature aspects of Terrace Park. Member discount available.

For more information about any of these items or to place an order, visit the TPHS Web site: www.tphistoricalsociety.org.

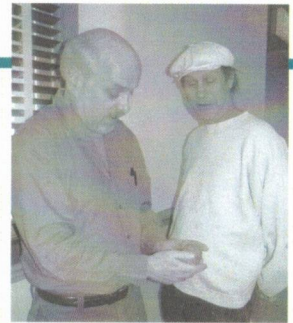
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

On March 7 - the first warm, sunny Sunday of 2010 - nearly 70 residents mostly from eastern Hamilton County gathered at the Terrace Park Community Building to learn more about the area's mounds and earthworks dating back to 200 BC. The educational program was hosted by the Terrace Park Historical Society, beginning with a session at 3:30 p.m. for children and refreshments, followed at 4 p.m. with a presentation by Bob Genheimer, the George Rieveschl Curator of Archaeology at the Cincinnati Museum Center. The event was free and open to the public; Terrace Park resident Bob Knox, who is particularly interested in the topic, helped underwrite it.

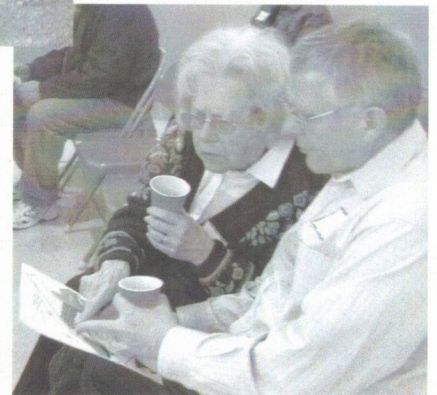
Steve Early, education chair for the historical society, joined the fun at the children's table. Here, he admires the product of Elise Mason's "excavation."



Natalie Mills, 4, learns firsthand about "digs" and "archaeology."



Plainville resident **Joe DeNoma**, right, brought an artifact he discovered several years ago along the Little Miami River in Newtown for guest speaker and archaeologist Bob Genheimer to identify. Unfortunately, it wasn't a primitive tool but DeNoma said he'll continue to treasure his glacial stone.



As guests arrived for the historical society's public program, each received a map that charted the earthwork and mounds of the lower Little Miami River region. Here, **Mary Annett** and her son, **Larry Annett**, check it out. The map was created by Terrace Park resident **Ally Warner**.

RECOLLECTIONS

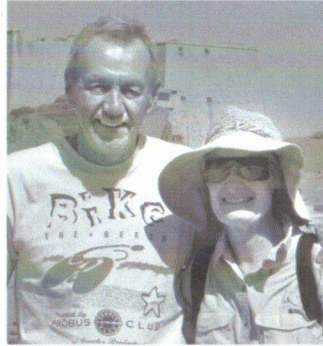
MAYOR'S COURT NOW IN SESSION

Here are excerpts from recollections Robert Payne has written for the Terrace Park Historical Society's archives. To read his informative and highly entertaining submission in its entirety, visit the TPHS Web site at www.tphistoricalsociety.org.

From 1977 through 1988 I served as treasurer, council member, finance chair and vice mayor for the Village of Terrace Park. A search of old Village Views would produce only my continuing comments about expenses and taxes and the efforts to stop the relocation and expansion of US 50. However, my most vivid memories come from a role I performed only three times as judge in Mayor's Court.

My introduction to Mayor's Court was as a citizen, stemming from a ticket I received on Indian Hill Road. My Peugeot diesel could only reach unlawful speeds with the aid of a good stiff hill – and I admit to being in a hurry bringing our oldest daughter, Hannah, home from school . . . I rationalized this as a driving lesson for Hannah and to complete the educational cycle I showed up at Mayor's Court to plead guilty in front of Mayor Chuck Rockel. (I think it worked . . . as Hannah is a cautious and slow driver.)

Perhaps a year or so later, I became the senior member of council and was asked to



Robert and Susan Payne, Terrace Park residents from 1974-1988, do a lot of traveling now from their home in Ridgefield, Conn. This is a photo from their trip last fall to southern Egypt.

serve as vice mayor . . . Mayor Les Overway assured me that he would NEVER, EVER be out of town on Mayor's Court dates . . . and that my fear of having to serve in a role for which I was entirely unqualified could be put aside. In the '80s the training/educational/experience qualifications for serving as magistrate seemed to be zero, and the array of offenses which could be handled at the local level was broad . . .

While DUIs averaged 10 -15 per month, one night I ended up with a docket of about 35 and, according to Chief Pottorf, gave me the record for the most DUI convictions in a single session of any Mayor's Court in Ohio. I never really believed him, but I do remember leaving the hall soaking wet from perspiration.

Not infrequently the defendant would be a tradesman and thus we were able to get some much needed Community House electrical, painting or carpentry work performed. I remember a tradesman I sentenced to do such work who actually thanked me profusely. There is much to be said for justice which can acknowledge a person's talents and preserve dignity.

It is good sport to talk about speed traps and towns in which Mayor's Court was nothing but a revenue generation machine . . . Income from fines was generally around seven percent of village revenue . . . and reflected nothing more than the predictability of human behavior and the volume of traffic on US 50.

And then there was the colorful letter from a resident likening my handling of her case with her experiences in Nazi Germany in the late 1930s. She and her husband liked dogs . . . REALLY BIG ONES . . . and had been warned repeatedly by our police to keep them restrained. Ultimately she was cited, appeared in court, and was entirely dismissive of the concept that big dogs chasing little kids on bicycles is tragedy waiting to happen. I found her guilty . . . and set a fine of perhaps \$100. I wished I had saved the letter . . .

ARCHIVE
APPEAL**Terrace Park Anything;
The Search Is On**

The Terrace Park Historical Society has introduced a new campaign, *Terrace Park Anything*, to boost acquisitions for the archives.

"What we want are donations of memorabilia about anything with ties to Terrace Park," explains Susan Frank of the archives acquisition team. "Anything about families, homes, neighbors is welcome."

TPHS is also accepting old photos; newspaper or magazine articles; school, play, theater or church programs; yearbooks; and works by Terrace Park artists and authors.

"We love originals but we are happy to make copies if someone isn't ready to part with the originals," adds Frank.

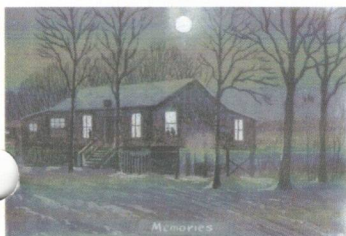
"We are happy to pick-up items locally or pay postage for out of town materials."

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DID YOU KNOW?

- **Rick Mileham** has lived in eight homes in Terrace Park. Can anyone top this?
- Artists **Agnes and Bill Fay** had an art studio in their home at 427 Terrace Place. Does anyone remember taking art lessons from them?
- Pure Prairie League, a popular 1970s band, was founded by Terrace Park resident **Craig Lee Fuller** also of 427 Terrace Place. Does anyone have any stories of going to hear the band play?

HISTORY TOLD THROUGH ART



MEMORIES PAINTING (left): Earl's Café in Terrace Park's Miami Grove is long gone but still vibrant in Fred Williams' "Memories" painting. **NAYLOR HOME** (right): This Fred Williams mural can be seen at the Naylor home, 304 Amherst Avenue, Terrace Park.



Learn more about Fred Williams and his art by visiting our Web site www.tphistoricalsociety.org.

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