

TRACKER

*Tracking Our
 Past and Present
 for the Future*



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SAVE THE DATE

Something new this year!

The Terrace Park Historical Society's annual holiday party is being changed to a holiday brunch and annual meeting at the Terrace Park Country Club. TPHS members and all interested others are invited to this community celebration.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 5. Brunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost will be \$20, including tip and tax. Reservations may be made by emailing Elaine Fening at effening@aol.com or by calling her at 831-8371. The RSVP deadline is Nov. 26. The annual meeting begins at 1 p.m. and is free and open to the public

JOIN THE FUN

Are you looking for something interesting to do on Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m.? If so, come on down to the Terrace Park Historical Society's archives in the lower level of St. Thomas Church, 100 Miami Avenue. The only job requirement is an interest in Terrace Park history. Set your own schedule; no commitment is necessary. Questions? Call Lorrie Hill, TPHS president, at 831-7775.

BEAUTIFUL HOMES, FASCINATING LORE BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW; YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A THING

The Terrace Park Historical Society will host its second house tour Sunday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. featuring six homes, some of which date back to the early 1800s.

Tickets for "The White House Tour" are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the event. To purchase tickets call TPHS at 513-248-1777. Tickets will be delivered prior to the tour or made available for pick-up tour day at the gazebo on the Village Green, where same-day tickets will be on sale.

The historical society's first house tour in 2008 was a sellout that attracted visitors from Dayton, Louisville, and throughout Greater Cincinnati.

"We encourage everyone to buy their tickets in advance rather than risk being disappointed,"

said Barbara Jane England, who shares tour organization responsibilities with co-chair Mary Arkeilpane.

Thanks to tour sponsors - Camargo Landscaping; Cause Agency; Cincy Custom Carts; Mary Harrier Arkeilpane of Coldwell Banker West Shell; Fletcher Homes; Jane Yancey, Architect; and Springwater Sweets & Flowers - ticket sales will support the historical



Co-chairs **Barbara Jane England**, left, and **Mary Arkeilpane** have planned a delightful afternoon for tourists.

society's latest initiative, TP Creatives. Space for the new gallery that features the work of authors and artists who have lived in or currently reside in Terrace Park has been made available in St. Thomas Church, 100 Miami Ave., where TPHS offices are also located. The space will be renovated with tour proceeds.

While touring, guests will be offered refreshments at one home, the opportunity to purchase artwork by local artisans at four other homes and the historical society's village-themed keepsakes at the sixth home. Participating artists include: Lynn Behnke, hand-stamped jewelry; Amy Evans, original watercolors; Elaine Fening, distinctive clipboards; and Erin Rosson, hand-painted pottery.

The *Terrace Park Worker Bees!* A *Neighbor-to-Neighbor Referral Directory* that lists

recommendations by local residents for services ranging from home repairs to physicians will debut at the tour.

THE HOMES AND THEIR OWNERS

• **Sally and David Coffman** - 907 Elm Avenue. The four families that have occupied The Leaf House since its erection in 1890 have given it numerous additions, the most



recent in 1984. Its stately location at the bend in Elm Avenue

makes it a highly visible and memorable home for those who visit Terrace Park. The original garage remains in the back of the property.

• **Barbara Jane and John England** - 115 Red Bird Lane. This American Farm House, circa 1830, was originally part of a 425-acre parcel in Indian Hill. Early entrance to the homestead was gained from



Given Road by crossing a creek. Access was simplified

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

As our summer comes to a close and we begin another new season in the village, we reflect on seasons past and the people who have been such an important part of them. Here at the Terrace Park Historical Society it is time to say goodbye to several volunteers who have played key roles in our past seasons.

First, the board and I gratefully acknowledge the leadership of our treasurer, Frances Stafford, who has given much time and effort to the society over the past several years.

Our financial records have never been in better shape thanks to Frances' efforts. We wish her well in her new home in Terrace Park and as she



Lorrie Hill

enjoys more time traveling with her husband. Thank you Frances for all you have done for us!

This summer we also said goodbye to Mary Annett, who has been a long-time volunteer in our archives. Mary has given seven years of her time to assist the historical society and we send our sincere appreciation to her for all of her effort. In addition, we must say goodbye to our summer high school volunteer, Geoff Bruno, who is heading back to Mariemont High School for his sophomore year.

I am happy to welcome new archives volunteers Susan Rodgers and Mary Ann Gay. My thanks, too, to realtor Ogle Annett for furnishing the Terrace Park address labels that we will be using for our upcoming membership drive.

Although our seasons must change, our gratitude for our volunteers remains constant.

in the 1950s when Red Bird Lane was constructed. Over the centuries, the modest home that is said to have once housed 15 children has been transformed into an elegant dwelling. Of special interest is a chandelier made of family heirloom Blue Willow china.

• **Lanle and Joe Grever** - 609 Miami Avenue. This circa 1910 home has the unique distinction of having served as both the summer house for a noted Cincinnati industrialist and later as the summer clubhouse for the Cincinnati Business Woman's Club. Although it has been extensively renovated, the



present owners have taken great care to

reinstate its original riverside cottage character. The garage, once used as a kindergarten classroom, will also be open to the public.

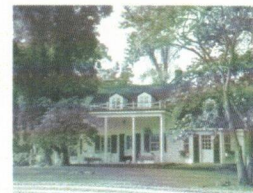
• **Lorrie and Scott Hill** - 305 New Street. The original cottage style home was built in 1998 by a local architect



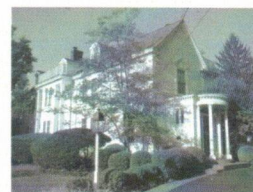
to replicate a Michigan vacation home. Ten years later the home changed hands and was completely renovated with an eye for detail and a desire for quality to reflect a different style of living that blends old world charm and modern conveniences. Of special interest are the powder room's hand-painted vanity and stained glass window.

• **Abby and Pax Lindell** - 1005 Elm Avenue. The Senator John Smith house was built in 1800 and has as rich a history as any home in the Cincinnati area. Although the original house was a log structure that has long since been covered with another exterior, the interior still bears the low ceilings, wide planked floor boards and hand-blown

glass panes of another era. This property was once home to one of the earliest settlers of Columbia Township, yet boasts of being occupied by only five families in its long history. Guests may also tour the stables and grounds.



• **Tracy and Todd Motto** - 716 Floral Avenue. Nicknamed The Great House by an early owner, this home was built in 1892 as a railroad house but restyled with Greek Revival features in 1923. The Greene Family, who owned the Delta Queen riverboat, once resided here. Its current owners have restored it to a home fitting of its ages-old nickname. This house has been painted white inside and out for a striking decorative finish.



TERRACE PARK ANYTHING

SEARCH IS ON AND DONATIONS ARE COMING IN

The historical society is boosting acquisitions for the archives with its **Terrace Park Anything** campaign.

"What we want are donations of memorabilia about anything with ties to Terrace Park," explains Susan Abernethy Frank of the archives team. "We love original photos but we are happy to make copies if someone isn't ready to part with the originals."

To donate call TPHS at 513-248-1777 or email Susan at safrank@fuse.net. Pick-up is available.

Since the Spring *Tracker*, 14 donors have contributed the following: **Susan Austin** - Terrace Park Elementary School

yearbooks; **Anne Cherry** - St. Thomas bazaar album with photos and craft patterns, and patterns from the St. Thomas sewing group; **Frances Stafford** - *A Place Called Terrace Park* book, *Best* magazine, green glass insulator from along the railroad right-of-way; **Cindy Howard** - family photos and a brochure from the Terrace Park Garden Club house tour; **Michael J. Kelly** - photos of old Wooster Pike scenes, Robinson Circus house, original deeds from the 1890s and early 1900s; **Claudette Graumlich** - ashtray from Terrace Park Players production of "Jake's Cafe"; **Virginia Marquett** - AARP memorabilia;

Greg VonLuehrte - old photos; **Terrace Park Elementary School** - quilt made by the fifth grade class in 1989, Mariemont City Schools information brochure and Mariemont City Schools district news bulletin; **Bets Ryan** - information on local recreation commission and how Drackett Field came to be and newspaper clippings about the 1969 tornado; **Larry Curless** - old photos; **Al Nelson** - personal military paraphernalia; **Ted Ringwald** - pictorial book of China by Alan Kain; and **Cathy Everhart** - vintage photo of a stable and a pony on Roger Ward's property on Miami Avenue.

WELCOME, NEW TRUSTEES

Talented members of the community have been elected to the TPHS board, bringing the number of trustees to 14.

Meg Comer

succeeds Frances Stafford as treasurer of TPHS. Meg, who has an accounting degree from Virginia Tech and is a certified public account, has previously handled the treasurer's responsibilities for



Meg Comer

the Terrace Park Kindervelt chapter and swim club. She and her husband, Mike, live at 8 Denison with their three children, Jackson, Nicolas and Sarah, who are attending Terrace Park Elementary School. The Comer family moved to Terrace Park in 2004 from her hometown in Virginia Beach, Va.

Linda Swenson and Tricia DiMichele are succeeding TPHS founding board members Bill

and Betsy Holloway, who have been elected trustees emeritus.

Linda has moved to Terrace Park twice; first to 218 Oxford in

1962 as a 7-year-old and then in 1985 to 407 Cornell with her husband, Bill, who also grew up locally. The Swenssons have two daughters, Leslie, who lives with her husband, Trent, and daughter, Audrey, in Dayton; and Jane of Hyde Park.

Linda has a degree in telecommunications from Kent State University and is a retired nursery school teacher. She's combining her background as an educator and talent as an



Linda Swenson

entertainer in a new venture as a freelance children's storyteller, Aunt DeeDee. She also works part-time in childcare at First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati. She will specialize in oral histories for the historical society.

Tricia and her husband, Jon, moved to 400

Marietta in 1998 from Mariemont. Their sons, Anthony and James, attend the elementary school.



Tricia DiMichele

Tricia has an engineering degree from Iowa State University and works for Procter & Gamble as an integrated communication manager, specializing in advertising and brand equity. She will handle special projects for TPHS.

NEW ONLINE

There's always something new and interesting available online at www.tphistoricalsociety.org. For example:

Sixth-Graders' Memories

In the waning days of their Terrace Park Elementary School experience, sixth-graders from the class of 2010 reflected on what's so great about growing up in this community. And then, at the invitation of the Terrace Park Historical Society, 50 students put pencils to paper and shared their thoughts for posterity. A whopping 20 percent wrote about the simple joys of riding a bicycle beneath the canopy of Terrace Park's tree-lined streets. An article by TPHS board member Sue Porter that mentions each of the children and their favorite memory is available on the TPHS website. Their essays have been added to the school memories collection of the TPHS archives.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the 1940s:

- The backyards of Cornell all the way to 1 Circus Place were all fields.
- Kindergarten classes were held in the Community House.
- Miami Grove, which is now Miami Nature Preserve, still had 60 cottages.
- Eveland Subdivision (Princeton, Poplar, Franklin and some of the Stanton homes in the 800 to 900 address) was undeveloped.
- Children went to a recreation camp at the Log Cabin and on Fridays a school bus would take them to such places as Coney Island and Lake Cowan to swim.

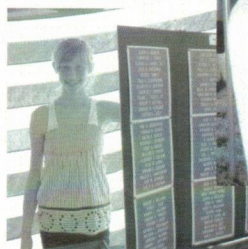
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT... MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM RECALLS RATIONING AND ROSIE

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II and an era the Terrace Park Historical Society recalled during a public program on the Village Green following the community's Memorial Day commemoration. Display tables featured items from 1939-1945 from the organization's archives. Speakers offered details and answered questions on what it was like to live in Terrace Park during this time. The event was organized by Elaine Fening, program chair.

- Susan Abernethy Frank, TPHS board member, donned a bandanna reminiscent of Rosie the Riveter. Above, she tells Anthony DiMichele, 11, about the iconic heroine who encouraged women to fill jobs vacated by men who'd joined the armed forces.
- Far right, John Fening tells Deborah Rogowski about the Japanese rifle his grandfather was given after World War II.
- Nearly 150 names of local residents who served in the



Rosie the Riveter



Honor roll

armed forces during World War II are listed on the honor roll display recreated by local artist Tim Fening and hosted by Payton Coates, 14.

- Liz Martin was among local residents who shared their wartime memories.



Vintage rifle

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TP CREATIVES COLLECTION SHOWCASES LOCAL TALENT

The TP Creatives program has, within months of its announcement, amassed an entirely new collection, for which St. Thomas Church is making available display space next to the TPHS office and archives.

Artists, authors, photographers, wood carvers and illustrators who reside or have resided in Terrace Park were invited by the archives team to donate samples of their work for a permanent display. The new collection may be reviewed online at www.tphistoricalsociety.org or by visiting TPHS in the lower level of St. Thomas Church during regular hours (Thursdays 12 to 3 p.m.) or by appointment (call 513-248-1777).

Appreciation is extended to Susan Abernethy Frank, her archives team and the donors of TP Creatives' first acquisitions:

• **Photographer Tom Rogowski:**

Seven original signed photographs of Terrace Park scenes: Miami Grove Nature Preserve in spring and in winter; the village green gazebo in fall, winter and end of summer; Drackett Field; and flowers on Myrtle Avenue. More info: www.tomrogowski.com.

• **Photographer James W. Rauth:** Three books including *Mannequin*, his pictorial essays featuring mannequins in venues throughout the world; and *Reflections of Mind* and *Promises in the Wind* by his late wife Ruth Binkley Rauth. More info: www.Rauthphoto.com.

• **Author Louise Borden:** Seventeen children's books written at her desk in Terrace Park from research that took her throughout the country and to England, France, Italy, Sweden and Hungary. More info: www.louiseborden.com.

• **Artist Amy Evans:** Watercolor of the Village Green. More info: www.amyjevans.net. Some of her Terrace Park scenes have been printed on note cards that are sold by TPHS.

• **Author L.B. Stickney:** A copy of *We Were the People*, a trilogy spanning three generations of an American family and a century of American history. The setting is primarily Cincinnati but

there are some Terrace Park scenes. The author's father, Dave Berger, grew up in Terrace Park and his mother, Ruth, still resides in the village. More info: <http://stores.lulu.com/lisastickney>.

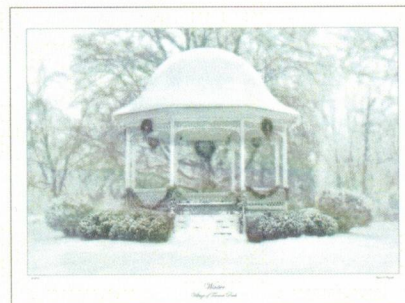
• **Author Patti Normile:**

Samples of her writings including *John Dear on Peace: An Introduction to His Life and Work*, *CareNotes*, *PrayerNotes*, spiritual and religious articles from St. Anthony Messenger.

More info: www.americancatholic.org or www.onecaringplace.org.

• **Woodcarver Joanne Kennedy:** Carving of an American Bittern bird. For more information call 513-831-6692 or 513-259-6692.

• **Artist Gayle Gilette Hummel:** Oil painting "East of the Sun and West of the Moon." Go to gaylemeridian@hotmail.com or call 513-762-5500.



Tom Rogowski's photographs are among creative works on display at TPHS headquarters.