

TRACKER

Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future



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TPHS NEWS A CLICK AWAY

Like many other organizations, the Terrace Park Historical Society is making its newsletter available online. Not only does this delivery method ensure timely distribution, but it saves financial – and natural – resources.

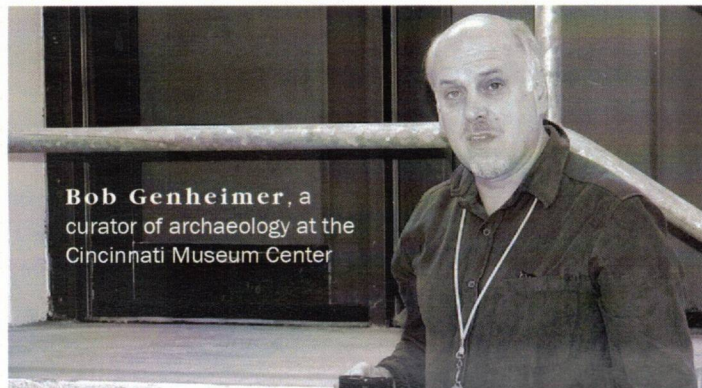
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Thank you for your continued support of the Terrace Park Historical Society. We take our mission “to foster understanding of and appreciation for the historic heritage of Terrace Park” seriously and know you do too.

NEXT PROGRAM RETURNS TO 200 B.C. ARCHAEOLOGIST DIGS INTO ANCIENT TERRACE PARK

Every day, school-children play and motorists drive atop one of Hamilton County’s largest prehistoric earthworks. Most probably don’t realize that nearly 80 acres of southern Terrace Park were once occupied by primitive people known today as Moundbuilders.

Bob Genheimer, the George Rieveschl Curator of Archaeology at the Cincinnati Museum Center since 2003, will discuss this local phenomena during his “Mounds and Earthworks of the Lower Miami Valley” presentation at the Terrace Park Historical Society’s March 7 meeting. Held at the Community Building on Elm Avenue, refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. and the program will follow at 4 p.m. It



Bob Genheimer, a curator of archaeology at the Cincinnati Museum Center

is free and open to the public; families with school-age children are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Genheimer is a trustee of the Ohio Archaeological Society and has been a member of the museum center’s staff for 20 years. An expert in the fields of stone tools, prehistoric ceramics and historic artifacts,

his interests in historical archeology include the study of privies and urban and industrial sites – particularly 19th Century potteries.

He recently supervised the four-week, museum-sponsored field school investigation of the late prehistoric village at the Hahn Field Site in Anderson Township.

HOT-SELLERS

100 COVERLETS SOLD AND STILL COUNTING



The historical society’s keepsake coverlets were first offered to the public on Labor Day and by New Year’s Eve more than 100 of them were sold.

“Many of them were purchased as holiday gifts,” said Kim Newton, board member who oversaw the project. “We received a lot of wonderful feedback.”

The 48- by 68-inch cotton blanket celebrates 10 of the community’s historical icons and comes in cranberry red, Williamsburg, blue, hunter green, navy blue or black on a natural background. More information and order forms are available on the historical society’s Web site: www.tphistoricalsociety.org. Each coverlet is priced at \$45 for TPHS members and \$50 for non-members.

Sandra Taylor of Elm Lane in Terrace Park purchased four coverlets, including the 100th one sold.

President's Letter

Dear Members,
As we begin our new year, the board wants to send a sincere thank you to all who have renewed your memberships or to those who have joined our society for the first time. We could not exist without your generous support nor could our programs continue to flourish. We appreciate the

trust you have placed in us and thank you for your membership, a true vote of confidence.

I am happy to report that 2009 ended with a

wonderful party celebrating the many success of our society. Some of the highlights that we celebrated were: 278 memberships, including new lifetime members **Nate and Lynda Bachman, Stan and Shirley Brown and John and Margaret Hodges!** A hugely successful coverlet fundraiser! A reorganized and updated office and archives! A new and improved newsletter and Web site! And two energetic new board members! A fabulous school program culminating in a keepsake quilt! Volunteer hours are at an all-time high! Public programs are enjoying record attendance! All of these successes would not have been possible without the support of the Village of Terrace Park. Thank you TPI!

This year we will have a fall house tour and continue our many in-house programs. If you have any questions or want to make a donation of an artifact, please contact the office at 248-1777 or email us at info@tphistoricalsociety.org. We are open on Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m. and by appointment. Visitors are always welcome!



Lorrie Hill

MEMORABILIA TO YOU, ARTIFACTS TO US

Whether you're cleaning, moving or de-cluttering, keep the Terrace Park Historical Society in mind. Curator Kim Newton welcomes photos or movies from the Terrace Park Players, school memorabilia, objects related to Terrace Park such as postcards, clothing, pottery, paintings and even matches.

On the wish list are Terrace Park yearbooks: 1991-92; 1992-93; 1993-94; 1995-96; 1999-2000 1000-01; 1001-02; and 2002-03; Mariemont High School Yearbooks: 1958-59 to the present; and Terrace Park School directories, all years.

The historical society thanks the following donors for these latest additions to the archives:

- **Katie and Rick Mileham:** Two Terrace Park phone books; seven school directories; one school yearbook
- **Ramona and Tim McGonagill:** Pullover from Terrace Park Yacht Club
- **Lanie and Joe Grever:** Architect and landscape plans for 608 Yale Avenue
- **William Olinger:** Terrace Park Players 33 RPM vinyl record of "One of Those Songs" that was performed May 18-20, 1972

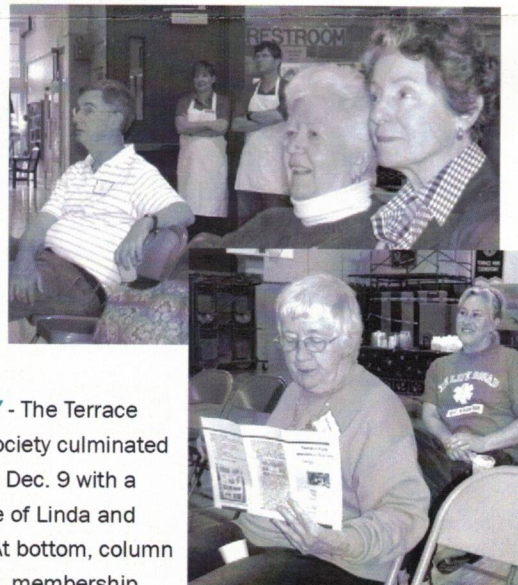
- **Claudette Graumlich and son Bruce Graumlich:** St. Thomas Church Bazaar tickets for Nov. 15, 1973; mailing from the Terrace Park Building & Loan Company about payment record of real estate taxes; letter dated Oct. 9, 1967 from the Terrace Park Swim Club, Inc., about the annual meeting; letter dated Oct. 7, 1968 from the Terrace Park Swim Club, Inc., about the annual meeting; and letter to the Terrace Park Swim and Tennis Club members regarding building two new paddle tennis courts.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

NOVEMBER PROGRAM - Prior to the 50th annual pancake supper sponsored by Terrace Park Emergency Services Nov. 8, the Terrace Park Historical Society honored the community's volunteer firefighters and life squad members during a program in the school auditorium. Guest speakers were John Maggard and Pierce Matthews from Emergency Medical Services. TPHS program chair Elaine Fening read a list of volunteers and each person's years of service. Among those in attendance, at far right, were Barbara Self, foreground, and

Laura Colston, a 20-year member of the Terrace Park Life Squad. Also attending were: from left - Mike Pope, Anne Cherry and Polly Bassett.

HOLIDAY PARTY - The Terrace Park Historical Society culminated a productive year Dec. 9 with a party in the home of Linda and John Rockaway. At bottom, column left: Kay Everhart, membership chair, shares answers to the historical holiday trivia game with Jim Gilchrist. At bottom, right: newly published author and TPHS member Jim Rauth shares book highlights with, from left - Sally Lyons, Vivian Krueger and Martha Rassi.



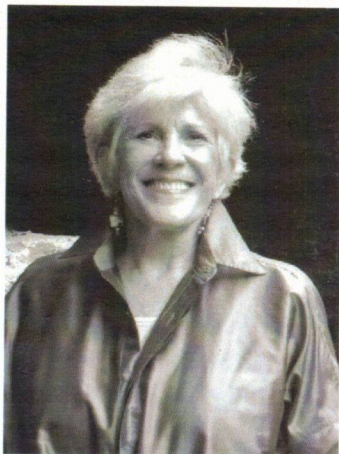
ARE YOU A BARBARA WALTERS WANNABE?

ORAL HISTORY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Terrace Park Historical Society is offering volunteers ringside seats to local history through its oral history project.

Under the leadership of TPHS board member and former president Susan Abernethy Frank, the society has a growing collection of oral history transcripts and tapes that feature past and present residents of Terrace Park and others with ties to the community. In 2009, TPHS added its 75th oral history transcript to the archives; 25 of these have been added since 2007.

"This couldn't have been achieved without the volunteers who have come forward to interview and transcribe," said Susan. "If a volunteer has time to conduct just one interview or transcription a year, that's a big thing to us."



Susan Abernethy Frank leads the program

Volunteers who want to interview are given a brief training, questions to ask, background material and the necessary equipment. Those interested in transcription also receive guidance and support. New volunteers include local residents Carol McIlwain and

Marla Bagley. Bob Payne, who now lives in Connecticut, has volunteered to do long-distance projects.

"Volunteers always tell me it was fun and interesting," says Susan. "They learn a lot about our community and, in doing so, make it possible for others who access our archives to learn a lot, too."

Not interested in interviewing or transcribing? Volunteers are also needed to convert the tapes and transcripts to CDs.

"We want to make the oral histories easily accessible to researchers, family members or anyone who is interested in learning more about Terrace Park and its people," said Susan, who can be contacted for more information or to volunteer at safrank@fuse.net or by calling 513-607-3066.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



CAROL B. COLE
ORAL HISTORY
INTERVIEWER & TRANSCRIBER

Carol B. Cole, a former TPHS board member, has been a regular contributor to the archives in recent years.

"She does a wonderful job of interviewing and transcribing," says Susan Abernethy Frank,

who leads the oral history program. "We were especially pleased when Carol's interview with Rita Leming was accessed by Rita's family and used in her eulogy. That just demonstrates one way a resource like this can be used."

Carol says she volunteered for the program because it is not time restrictive. "I wanted to do something to support the

historical society that I can do at my own pace," she said.

To her delight, she also really enjoys the work. "I am a people person and it's enjoyable to get to know others in this way."

For those thinking about volunteering, Carol advises: "It will enrich your life. And if you are younger and have children, you'll learn about the past in a way that will be fun to share with your family and good for your children."

FROM THE ORAL HISTORY ARCHIVE

Carol B. Cole Interviews

FRANKLIN C. JACOBS, April 7, 2008 – "About the third year that we lived here, we became co-chairmen, my wife and I, of the Labor Day picnic... the Park got involved, making the pies, cakes, et cetera, and we served a half a chicken, an ear of corn, some other vegetable, and the desserts here, and the coffee and so forth. We did this for a dollar and a half... And Walt Maerki had a pit set up about as long as this kitchen – and those guys had those basket-type things that they could flip over the chicken – you know a half a chicken – and by the time the people got through the line, that chicken would be done, nice and brown. And Lucy and Wes Spurling were at the end of the line there with the corn on the cob and stuff, and oh, God, we did it right!"

RITA LEMING, March 19, 2009 – "I loved going downtown! I miss that more than anything! Even when we lived in Terrace Park, I would go downtown quite a bit. My husband's office was there, and he would go down in the morning, and I would take the bus down later in the afternoon, and we'd have dinner and a movie; but now, you just don't do that any more... Of course, now (the stores) are out here by us."

JOHN EBERHARD, Jan. 4, 2010 – "We lived on the West end of Stanton, which was near where the Robinson Circus people... had their winter place to keep their animals... I remember Tillie the elephant... They used to have rides on Wooster Pike when it was down in that lower level where they built some houses now... They had a step that went down, about halfway down... a little place where you walked out there and got on the elephant."

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DID YOU KNOW?

- A foot traveler had to pay 3 cents to cross the wooden, covered bridge when traveling from Terrace Park to Milford. In **1847**, the bridge made a profit of \$14,000!
- In **1893**, when Terrace Park was incorporated, the population was listed as 208.
- Eppa Rixey of Terrace Park played for The Reds from **1921 to 1933** and was inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame in **1963**.
- L.W. Conklyn ran his grocery store at the corner of Terrace Place and Harvard Avenue from **1903 to 1921**. Village Council, which owned the building, met upstairs and their chambers were also used as a community center and for school dances.
- Boy Scout Troop 286 came to Terrace Park in **1933**.
- The **first** Terrace Park Country Club building was located in a small clubhouse that has been enlarged and altered over the years and is now a private home at **1** Oxford Ave.

MEMBER BENEFIT

\$25 Ticket for \$16

Citywide Kindervelt has formed a partnership with The Cincinnati Horticultural Society to sell 2010 Flower Show tickets. Between now and March 15, the Terrace Park Kindervelt chapter is selling advance tickets for \$16 versus the \$25 regular adult admission price. It is a ticket that can be used only one day during the week of the 2010 Flower Show. Kindervelt receives a portion of each ticket sold and TPHS members who purchase tickets will have the satisfaction of knowing proceeds ultimately support Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Interested? Contact Melissa Gaskey, 831-3393.

SPECIAL GIFTS

TPHS welcomes memorial and honorary donations that are given to recognize a friend, family member, neighbor or colleague. Make your check payable to TPHS and mail it with notification instructions to the historical society at P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174. An acknowledgement of your thoughtful gift will be sent to the individual(s) at the address you provide and you'll receive a receipt for IRS filing.

Donations received recently: *In memory of the Rev. Robert Gerhard from Mike and Kay Pope; in memory of Rita Leming from Dick and Lynne Mileham; in memory of Beth and Harry Kauffman from Steven and Janet Panning; and in memory of Stan Brown from Patricia Beglen, Julie Northrop and Carol and Lee Cole.*