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SAVE THE DATE

10th Anniversarv Celebration on September 18th

December - Holiday Brunch watch for details!

"First Sunday" of each month the Creatives Gallery will be open. Stop in after church or when you are out for your daily walk!

JOIN THE CELEBRATION! TPHS Marks 10th Anniversary With Fun for Everyone

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 18, and head to the Village Green that day for an Americana Celebration in honor of the Terrace Park Historical Society's 10th Anniversary.

The fun begins at 4 p.m. with an ice cream social complete with popcorn and cotton candy to celebrate the volunteer organization's "sweet success." A story-teller, magician, juggler and others will entertain the young and young at heart.

From 6 to 8 p.m., those who've brought their lawn chairs, blankets and/or picnic baskets can enjoy a concert on the green with the Little Miami River Band and the setting sun.

No reservations are required. The all-the-fun-vou-can-have event is free and open to the public.

Aunt Dee Dee, professional storyteller, (AKA Linda Swensson) will return once again for all to enjoy!



TPHS School Photos BIG HIT ON INTERNET

The power of social media is giving a group of Terrace Park Historical Society archival photos a new lease on life.

Board member Gregg Smith posted Terrace Park school photos from the 1960s on the TPHS Facebook page August 3 and advised the community of the addition using the Terrace Park listserve. He encouraged Facebook visitors to comment on the albums and tag anyone they recognized. "That way," he wrote, "we can all pull together even more history, combining our collective knowledge and experience."

Within minutes former Terrace Parkers from Illinois to California were re-united via cyberspace, sharing memories of best friends, teachers and how 20

years later they were still using those same "indestructible" desks and that there is a street in Terrace Park that was once referred to as "Choo-Choo Circle."

"The emotional value of the exchanges between Facebook friends is undeniable," says Gregg, as evidenced by this text copied from one photo comment: "Nancy Duesing Takaichi - I have just reconnected- thru facebook- with Stacy Button who is now Stacia Dougherty and lives in southern CA.... very amazing reconnection, as we both vividly remember waving goodbye as she drove away.... she just returned a book she had taken with her that was a gift to me from my grandparents at age 4!! She's had it all these many



years- she left when we were 5 or 6! :) It was loved to death by her daughter and held together with tape! :)"

The Terrace Park Historical Society, founded in 2001, is the prime village resource dedicated to collecting, preserving and exhibiting materials of local historical value and focuses on educating the community about Terrace Park's heritage. Learn more about TPHS on Facebook or at www.tphistoricalsociety.org.

PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Members.

It is time for celebration! It is the TPHS 10-year anniver-



sary and we are hoping you can all join us at the Americana themed Ice Cream Social festivities. This free event is to take place on Sept. 18th.

In addition to the great event in September we would like to introduce ourselves to you, Steve Early and Mary Harrier Arkeilpane. We have been elected as the new co-presidents. Steve has



been on the board for 5 vears and Marv became a member last year. We both grew up in Terrace Park and live here today and

treasure what the village has brought to our lives and to so many others. We are also very excited to move forward with all the wonderful things Lorrie Hill and the board have so well put into place and have plans for many new projects for the future. We hope to continue to increase the awareness of what our group has to offer and to keep sharing stories and memories of the past to enrich our community and our lives.

Thank you all for the support you give to the TPHS and please join us on the Sept. 18th for the 10 Anniversary Celebration!

VILARDO AND MARQUETT TO BE RECOGNIZED AT 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Board of Directors of the Terrace Park Historical Society would like to recognize the outstanding efforts of Ralph Vilardo and Virginia Marquett to preserve the history of Terrace Park

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on our community. Ralph is

respected and appreciated by

his peers and community alike.

While his efforts are too numer-

ous to mention, his legacy is well

Ralph and his wife, Mary Sue,

currently reside in Milford. Ralph

is a 1949 graduate of Terrace

documented within the walls of

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Park High School. He has been recognized many times for all of his charitable work and volunteer hours to assist many in surrounding communities.

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Co-Founders Terrace Park Alumni Association 1989 preserve



Ralph "R.J." Vilardo Class of 49

past and present community members. She attended the Terrace Park School and those who came after have benefited from her dedication. Virginia's enthusiasm is unparalleled and her devotion to Terrace Park School is unmatched. She is a 1941 graduate of TP High.

Both Ralph and Virginia were the presenters for a TPHS September 2002 program on their earlier days in TP. Then in October of 2004 Ralph gave his very popular DVD presentation to the 5th and 6th grade students

during the school day and to our membership and guests in the evening.

The Terrace Park Historical Society thanks these outstanding individuals for their longstanding commitment to the preservation of our community's history. Please join us in recognizing their efforts at our 10th Anniversary celebration to be held on September 18th.

Memorials accepted in honor of:

 Donald Rost by Kay and Mike Pope

 Doris Duesing by Susan Abernethy Frank and John Frank

Donations were made by: Zip Ferriel - 2 framed paintings by "The Gulf Group" organized by Stan Thompson Virginia Fenton - Ceramic cream pitcher from the Terrace Park Country Club Dorothy and Bob Haines -Boy Scout memorabilia Susan and Bill Weakley original painting by Gayle Gillette Hummel Hilliard Fjord - assortment of books

TPHS GALLERY ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS AND "FIRST SUNDAY"

The Terrace Park Historical Society's Creatives Gallery features works from more than 40 artists, artisans, photographers and authors. Additionally there are many historic items including Robinson Circus memorabilia and Terrace Park village and school historical items of interest. Of special interest are "touch boxes" to encourage learning through hands on activi-

ties for younger children! The Gallery will be open to the public as follows:

Beginning September 1

- Thursdays from 12-3
- "First Sunday" of each month 12-2
- Or by appointment by calling 513-248-1777

It is located on the second level

of St. Thomas Church. Terrace Place side, on the same floor as the TPHS Office and Archive.

All of the donated works are from Terrace Park current or former residents. Enjoy the talent...it is amazing!!!! New items continue to arrive. Book special tours for your club, organization or reunion.

JOIN OUR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ROLL! JUST FOUR MORE TO OUR ANNIVERSARY GOAL!

It's our 10th anniversary and we invite you to help us reach our goal of 50 Lifetime Memberships.

For a tax-deductible contribution of \$1,000, which may be made in installments over a threeyear-period, you can support the Terrace Park Historical Society and its many fine programs. Your name will be engraved on our Lifetime Membership plaque, you'll receive a limited edition print of a Terrace Park scene painted by Rosie Shundich, merchandise discounts and other membership benefits, in addition to the satisfaction of knowing you are helping to preserve and share Terrace Park history.

We welcome the following new Lifetime Members, who have brought our Lifetime Membership roll to 46:

Jan Watkins in memory of Dan Watkins

• Elizabeth A. and William L. Holloway

- · The Baird Family
- · Lorrie and Scott Hill and Family
- David E. and Sue Ferrell Troller
 Please help us reach our

Lifetime Membership goal by contacting Susan Abernethy Frank at 513-607-3066 or safrank@ fuse.net or Kay Everhart at 561-3582 and kayeverhart@gmail.com for general membership questions.

Gallery Opens to Appreciative Crowd

The Terrace Park Historical Society Gallery's grand opening was grand, indeed. More than 160 people visited TPHS headquarters for the two-hour Memorial Day event that featured artistic, literary and historical contributions from past and present local residents. The organization's refurbished archives and office were open, too. TPHS is located in St. Thomas Church, 100 Miami Avenue. Its gallery, archives and office are open to the public Thursdays from 12 to 3 p.m. Donations of archival items are welcome as are contributions to support the organization's work. To donate or make an appointment to tour the facility call 513-248-1777.



Helen Tollefsen, retired Terrace Park Elementary School teacher, enjoyed class photos from the 1950s that were such a big hit on Facebook.



John Maggard, Chief of Terrace Park Emergency Medical Services and Captain of the Fire Department, is also a well-known professional artist. Here, he views the gallery - including the illustration he donated, bottom right.



Steph Jones, TP Creatives Gallery Co-chair, enjoys viewing the old photos of past days in Terrace Park!

DID YOU KNOW?

• The draperies in the TP Creatives Gallery once hang in the Community House until Mayor Overway said "no drapes". The fabric, designed by then local resident fabric designer Marlene Scholl, was recycled to fit the Gallery needs.

• John Smith, the area's first resident of more than local prominence, was both a Baptist minister and a successful business man until he began in to politics. Ultimately he died penniless in Louisiana in 1824.

• Charges that Smith was involved in Aaron Burr's dream of empire brought him down. Although he was acquitted, the expenses of his defense forced him to sell all he had and seek life elsewhere.

• One of Smith's clerks was Charles McMicken who left to seek fortune in the South, fought the Indians with Jackson in the battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812 and left \$1,000,000 to found the University of Cincinnati.

• Smith is memorialized in a plaque on a stone placed at Elm Avenue and Ford Road during the celebration of the Nation's bicentennial in 1976. Under the rock is a time capsule containing mementos of Terrace Park.

Part II DID YOU KNOW?

• TPHS offers a wide variety of gift ideas commenorating our Village and its unique history. Stop in to view our coverlets, stationery, and jewerly. Never too early to start your holiday shopping!



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New Co-Presidents: Mary Harrier Arkeilpane and Steve Early

We are proud to announce that we have two extremely capable new leaders for TPHS. Mary Arkeilpane and Steve Early are both Terrace Park natives...and are loaded with the enthusiasm and love of the village that is necessary to continue to move TPHS forward in a very positive way.

Mary is the daughter of Jane Harrier Master and the late Stan Harrier. Her family moved to Terrace Park when she was in a toddler. Jane and Mary's sister Sue Dolan still live in TP and her brother Tim did until about a year ago. Mary is a graduate of Mariemont High and Ohio University where she majored in Physical Education. She has 3 children: daughter Liz in St. Louis, son Kyle, recent UC graduate, and son Alex, a junior at UC. Mary was co-chairperson of the 2010 Terrace Park Historical Society White House Tour. Her leadership and organizational skills were OUTSTANDING and soon after

she was asked to join the TPHS Board. She planned our Gallery opening on Memorial Day and is now planning the 10th Anniversary Celebration on September18th.

She has also been involved in Kindervelt, Habitat for Humanity and United Way.

Mary is currently a Realtor with Coldwell Banker West Shell, a position she has been in for 10 years, and she has over 18 years experience in marketing and sales. Her slogan is "Hometown Roots, Reputation for Results". We like that!

She comments, "I am so excited to see all the new enthusiasm and interest in the history of our wonderful community that is so unique and cherished by so many."

Steve Jr. is the son of Steve Early and grandson of the late Roger and Mary Louise Early...all of TP. He has lived in TP for about 27 years, a graduate of Mariemont High and in 2002, of Miami University with a degree in America Studies.

He has been on the TPHS Board for 5 years heading up the school programs. Recently he worked with the TPE students and the art department on a quilt, put together by the students, which tells the village history. It is currently displayed at our office/archive.

Steve has always been interested in Terrace Park's history that spans from the Hopewell and Adena cultures that lived here through the present time. Steve lives on Home Street and works in his family business, Early Auction Co., in Milford. They specialize in art glass, American antiques and Cincinnati art.

Steve comments, "I am excited to see TPHS grow and reach more members of the community at every age and increase awareness of the fascinating and wild history that is unique to the village."