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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday March 4th 3:30-5:00 Winter Program Boy Scout Troop 286 "Journey to Alaska 1964" (see cover story for details)

Sunday April 29th 3:30-5:00 Spring Program "Treasures of Terrace Park" A reoccurring favorite!!

TPHS House Tour this Fall Date to be announced soon!

ALL programs are FREE and open to the public!

TPHS INVITES PUBLIC ON ALASKAN ADVENTURE WITH SCOUT TROOP 286

It was Aug. 12, 1964, and the big story on WCPO-TV's "Al Schottelkotte News" was the homecoming three men and 16 Boy Scouts received that day in Terrace Park.

Explorer Post 286, sponsored by St. Thomas Episcopal Church, had just completed a 26-day, 8,627-mile trip to Alaska. They'd financed their adventure with car wash proceeds and traveled in an old Chevrolet school bus they'd painted black and outfitted with game tables and storage space.

Scout leader Lew Washburn and members of the troop will share photos, video, mementos and memories from that trip at the Terrace Park Historical Society's first public program of the year Sunday, March 4, at the Community Building. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m., followed at 4 with the program. Local scouts and residents are encouraged to attend.

In addition to spectacular views of Alaska and a look at America in the '6os, attendees will see how the troop managed day-to-day campsite chores - from outdoor cooking to maintaining their uniforms with a portable, generator-



The scout leaders and troop members: Back row, from left - Dr. Bruce MacMillan, George Porter, Harry Derenick, Mike Renner, Tom Adams, John MacMillan, Mike Wolf, Gregg MacMillan, Biff Brandt, Tom Eckman, Addison Maupin and Lew Washburn; front row, from left – Jim Porter, Tom Porter, Kent Stumpe, Dan Porter, Mike Sauter, Terry Whitehouse and Rick Annett.

powered washing machine and a box of Tide.

Along the way they amassed a variety of statistics. For example, they passed just 111 cars on the 1,422-mile Alaska Highway; bought 1,096 gallons of gasoline altogether; blew-out one tire and had two flat tires; lost a license plate but, thankfully, had neither injury nor accident.

"It was something," says Mr. Washburn, who remembers that summer 48 years ago as though it were yesterday yet, like so many others, marvels that the trip happened at all.



While in Cantwell, Alaska, a local resident gave the scout troop these moose antlers as a souvenir. Lew Washburn, who has stored them in his garage since then, will be giving them to the "public domain" at the March 4 meeting. Whether they will reside at TPHS headquarters or the Boy Scout Log Cabin is yet to be determined.

PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Members,

We are beginning our new year with lots of anticipation for many great things to look forward to in the coming months. We ended the 2011 year with our annual holiday party that was at the community house. I want



to thank all who attended and for those who were there in spirit. We had some great memories to look at from those who brought photos for our holiday display. Elaine Fening did a wonderful job organizing this great event.

With a new year however, there also comes change, so we are sad to say goodbye to some of our board members

but are happy to meet new ones. We want to thank everyone for all their support and all the generous time they have devoted to the TPHS. All appreciate their service to TPHS.

We will continue to have our in house programs so please check the calendar for these events. They will certainly be things you will not want to miss. We will also be having our house tour again in the fall. Board members Sue Porter and Sandy Koehler will be cochairing this hugely popular day. The date is still being worked on but will certainly keep you posted when this has been set.

Don't forget to stop by and see the Gallery if you have not been there yet. We like to continue to add new things so if you find a piece of Terrace Park history you would like to donate or allow us to display, just let us know! The office is open on Thurs. from noon to three or you can call 248-1777.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months!

Mary

New to The Archives

Stop by the Terrace Park Historical Society to see the John Robinson Circus photographic print Wes Cowan acquired in 2009 from a photographica dealer in Atlanta.

It is a direct positive silver gelatin image with the imprint of Cincinnati photographers Rombach and Groene, circa 1900-1910. The image depicts "Advertising Car No. 1," which is richly decorated with scrolled wooden appliqué carvings of gilded, dragon-like beasts. A tool box visible on the under carriage of the car bears the stenciled

information "Decorated by Ohio Scroll and Lumber Co., Covington, Ky."

The success of any circus was dependent upon advertising, and larger circuses employed dozens of "advance" men to descend upon towns before the actual circus arrived to drum-up excitement and ticket sales.

While Robinson promotes "79 Years the Oldest and Best Amusement Enterprise on Earth," research shows this should not be taken literally. A similar photograph exists, taken about 1900 showing an advertising car

that touts the "99th annual tour" of the circus. Most circus historians chart the beginning of the Robinson Circus in 1866, with 1911 being its last year.

Many of Rombach and Groene negatives are now the property of the Cincinnati Historical Society. TPHS is grateful to the Cowans for making this Rombach and Groene negative a part of its archives, and invites others with photos and memorabilia of anything Terrace Park to donate as well.



Shelley and Wes Cowan of Park Avenue in Terrace Park have donated this John Robinson Circus negative to the Terrace Park Historical Society.

DECLARE YOUR SUPPORT BECOME A TPHS MEMBER

Terrace Park Historical Society is primarily dedicated to researching and sharing the history of our community; restoring artifacts; and providing educational programs for all residents, including schoolchildren. It is not an architectural preservation organization.

Individual membership: is \$15 per year

Family membership: \$25 per year

Heritage membership: \$50 per year

Corporate/Patron
membership: \$100 per year
Lifetime membership:
\$1,000 payable over three
years

Don't hesitate! Declare your support for TPHS by becoming a first-time member or renewing your membership. Checks should be made payable to the Terrace Park Historical Society and sent to P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, OH 45174.

New Board Members

Terrace Park Historical Society has elected longtime residents Maggie Tobergte, left, and Marcia Moyer to board membership. Maggie will be the organization's school liaison and Marcia will oversee membership. Maggie spent her early years in Terrace Park and returned 25 years ago with her husband David to raise their children, Meg and John. She is a substitute instructor at

YogaOMe, and instructs yoga for teachers at Terrace Park Elementary and swimmers at Mariemont High School. For 10 years, she was a Terrace Park Life Squad volunteer. Marcia and her husband David moved to Terrace Park in 1981 and have two grown sons, Eric and Joel. She is a bookkeeper for RWA Architects and Cowan's Auction, and is a member of the Terrace Park Garden Club.



DID YOU KNOW?



....the 2 in the above photo?

....If you were in TP during the late 50's thru the 60's you will recognize Charlotte Hoeb, school secretary from 1959-1975, and Norman Purdy, principal from 1957-1969. (TP merged with Mariemont after the 1957 school year)

....Norman Purdy drove from his home in Ross, Ohio to TP everyday and most days had a canoe on the top of his car so he could canoe the Little Miami after school or whenever weather permitted.

....Charlotte Hoeb lived on Wrenwood and had 3 children who went thru

the TP/Mariemont school system: Bill, Bob and Charlotte.

....Purdy flew bomber missions in World War II. He also tended a family farm "Rock Springs" in Colerain Twp., and was known for his apple cider and beef cattle.

...Kate Cornish, a music teacher at TPE, lived in the 170 year old home at 725 Wooster Pike (the one with the old red barn) with her brothers Charles and Sam. She retired in 1971 after 40 years teaching, mostly in Madeira schools. She also had horses in that red barn and taught riding lessons to Terrace Park children in the 40's and 50's.

2011 FISCAL REPORT

Beginning in 2011 then
President Lorrie Hill felt it was
the society's duty to provide
an Annual Financial Report to
our membership. In keeping
with this pledge, please find a
summary of the cash receipts
and disbursements for the
Society.

Although expenses exceeded income and the Society incurred additional capital improvements this year, we remain fiscally strong entering 2012.

Terrace Park Historical Society Income and Expense Summary for the year ended December 31, 2011

Income

Membership \$8,998 House Tour \$250 Sales \$1,481

Other Income \$ 322

Total Income \$11,051

Capital Projects

Gallery \$ (4,559) Office Improvements (4,011) Total Capital Projects \$ (8,570)

Expenses

Sales/Fundraising Costs \$ (595) Newsletter & Membership Drive \$ (2,894)
Archives & Program Costs
\$ (1,197)
Anniversary Costs
\$ (1,426)
Office Expenses
\$ (6588)
Other Expenses

\$ (458) Total Expenses \$ (13,158)

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RECOLLECTION

This is from the 1957
Terrace Parker (annual), the last year of Terrace Park High School. This colony building and another similar housed all the classes for 7-12. Mr. Constable taught speech, English and science. He was also the adviser to the yearbook. The yearbook staff is included in this photo. Mr. Purdy, also featured in this Tracker issue was principal at this time.



Office Manager Position

TPHS office has an opening for a part-time (8 hours per week) office manager. We looking for an individual with great organizational skills,

experienced with Microsoft and Excel, and enjoys working with the public! You would need to be available on Thursdays from 11-3. If you would be interested in this position please contact Mary Arkeilpane at 513-205-3760 or Kay Pope 831-9414.