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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 13, 2013 3:30 -5:00 Fall Program

Fall Program: "John Maggard - Art From the Heart" (See cover story for details) Refreshments at 3:30 pm Program 4 - 5:00 pm Location: Terrace Park Elementary School Parking at Myrtle Avenue entrance Wheel chair accessible

Sunday December 8, 2013 12:00 - 2:00

Annual Holiday Brunch Location: Home of Lifetime Members, Adam and Holly Bortz

INTRODUCING JOHN MAGGARD - ART FROM THE HEART Our Featured Speaker for the October 13 Program

The Terrace Park Historical Society is proud to present one of our most multi-talented residents, John Maggard, as our featured speaker for the October 13 Program. Not only is John a well-known artist/illustrator, but he has contributed in a variety of ways to our local community.

TRACKER



John Maggard

After graduating from Miami University in 1976, John worked for Gibson Greeting Cards and NCR Corporation, and since 1981 has been an independent illustrator represented by Scott Hull Associates of Dayton and New York. He has taught at The College of Mt. St. Joseph and The Art Academy of Cincinnati, and his work has appeared in Time and Atlantic Monthly among



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many national publications. His corporate clients have included Telarc Rcords, Disney Corporation, and Anheuser-Busch. John recently completed a series of digital animations for The Waterworks Museum, a new Boston attraction educating visitors on one of the country's first metropolitan water systems.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, John is a tireless volunteer. Over the past thirty years, he has created a series of unique publicity posters for the American Heart Association Mini-Marathons, some of which are on display at the TPHS Gallery/Museum. He also finds the time to volunteer as a firefighter and EMT for the Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services, and has served the Village as Chief of the EMS Department since 2009. For most people,



both of these very different roles would be a challenge, but John is also a musician! He plays the keyboards, pedal steel and guitar for Terrace Park's own Little Miami River Band, which (continued on page 3)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members, I am hoping everyone has had a wonderful summer!

It has been an exciting year for the TPHS, with two major developments for our



Anderson March we were contacted by Anderson resident, George Mcllveen, a long-time circus

aficionado and model builder, who has created a set of miniature replicas of the Robinson Circus train as a gift to the TPHS.

Not only is George an accomplished model maker, but he is also a wonderful source of circus lore. We were anticipating featuring George at our October program, but due to medical reasons, he will be unable to join us until next year.

However, we are very fortunate that one of our most creative residents, John Maggard, has stepped forward to present the October program, telling us about his work in illustration and computer animation. Be sure to check out our Oct. 13th program at the Terrace Park Elementary School. You will not want to miss it. Look for details in this Tracker.

Our second development this year has been the completion of the new Walking Tour of Terrace Park. Designed by Tricia DiMichele, this audio tour of the village has brought much of our history to life. Tricia will be available after our October 13 Program to provide some details about the tour. Thank you Tricia!

We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Mary Arkeilpane

Terrace Park Alumni Association Has Final Reunion

In November of 1989, two graduates of the original Terrace Park High School, Virginia Marquett (1941) and Ralph Vilardo (1949) founded the Terrace Park Alumni Association, 32 years after the last class graduated in 1957. Although there is a new building in its place which houses only the elementary grades, the roots of the school go back to the earliest days of our community. In 1890, there was a single graduating student, and only four when the front section of the current building was completed in 1913.

The first reunion was held in 1991 with 281 classmates attending, which was quite a feat for a school with an average class size of about 25. The Association established both a Hall of Fame award and an Alumni of the Year award, and has given annual gifts to TP Elementary including book cases, benches, display cases and even trees. In September of 2011 the Terrace Park Historical Society honored both Virginia and Ralph for their contributions to the Historical Society and to the Terrace Park Alumni Association. (continued on page 3)



Terrace Park School Class of 1929, picture among a collection donated by Virginia Marquett.



(left to right standing) Dick Werner and Louise (Vilardo) Rhein, (left to right seated) Anne (Peterson) Delcalzo and Bob Schultz (all class of 1955)

THANK YOU SCRIPPS HOWARD FOUNDATION!

The Terrace Park Historical Society will be updating its Past Perfect museum software with a \$760 grant from the Scripps Howard Foundation, the philanthropic arm of The E.W. Scripps Company. This donation was awarded through the Foundation's Volunteer Grant program, which supports nonprofit organizations served by company employees. The grant to TPHS recognizes volunteer support from Sue Porter, a TPHS Lifetime Member and the 2012 recipient of the Historical Society's "Thanks for the Memories" award. TPHS would like to express our sincere thanks to the Scripps Howard Foundation for this grant, as well as for the five previous grants we have received, and we would especially like to thank our wonderful volunteer, Sue Porter, for all of her efforts in our behalf.

JOHN MAGGARD - ART FROM TP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION THE HEART

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frequently performs at the Terrace Park Village Green for fund raising events.

This is a wonderful opportunity for residents of all ages to hear John talk about his vocation and inspirations as an artist and to demonstrate some of his techniques. Please join us on Sunday, October 13 at the Terrace Park Elementary School, with refreshments served at 3:30 pm and John's presentation beginning at 4pm. The parking lot is at the Myrtle Ave entrance, which is also wheel chair accessible.

After the Program, Tricia DiMichele will be available to provide information about

The Gallery Keeps GROWING...

The Terrace Park Creatives Gallery/Museum continues to grow with the donation of a painting created specifically for our organization by

local resident, David Laug. Called "Coming Home", the painting depicts the scenic stone tunnel at the western entrance to Terrace Park.



David Laug's Painting "Coming Home"

ANA HEART MINI-MARATHON

the new Walking Tour of Terrace Park. This is a great opportunity to learn how to listen to the audio that goes with the tour.

HAS FINAL REUNION

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Sadly, Ralph Vilardo died in November 2012. Virginia has donated much of the Alumni Association's memorabilia to TPHS, including yearbooks, photos, newspaper articles and documents. One of their historic photos is included in this story. There will also be a display in the Terrace Park Elementary School.

The Association held its final reunion on Friday September 6, 2013 at Ivy Hills Country Club. A total

of 91 alumni attended, the largest group in several years as membership had dwindled. Former students came from as far as Portland, Oregon, Houston and Dallas Texas, several cities in Florida and of course many in the tri state area. An Open House was held at the school Saturday, September 7, followed by a picnic at Coney Island and a visit to the Historical Society Museum/ Gallery on Sunday.



(left to right) Marilyn (Whitley) Town '56. Bob Town '55.Pat (Halbauer) Arnold '56



(left to right) Linda (Busken) Jergens '56 and Bob Schultz '55



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Tracker

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Update on Membership

With fall just around the corner we have a lot to look forward to. This is also the time we dedicate to our membership drive. Look for our letter to arrive in the mail and be sure to reach out to friends and family to join our wonderful organization! Let them know how the Terrace Park Historical Society is dedicated to researching and sharing the history of our unique community.

Our activities include maintaining our collections of historic materials, providing educational programs for residents of all ages, and showcasing the remarkable artistic talent of our past and current residents in our Gallery/Museum. In addition, our resources include the Walking Tour of Terrace Park, quarterly historic programs, bi-yearly historic home tours, educational activities with the local schools, an informative website, and a

Facebook page.

Our membership continues to rise, with a total of 288 members at present, including 59 non-residents. We are also proud to announce that we now have 58 Lifetime Members. Thank you all for your contributions! We hope that you are enjoying all that we have to offer and will continue to support us in the future.

DID YOU KNOW?

....that you can "friend" the TP Historical Society on Facebook?

....and, you can see videos on Facebook of the most recent (March 2013) Treasures of Terrace Park program... including The Market, The Post Office and the Edgewater neighborhood?

....that nationally recognized artist Charles Meurer came to Terrace Park in 1896 when he received 2 lots in payment for a portrait?that the Village Council took action in the late 1890's to help the environment by planting more than 800 trees and banned barbed wire fencing and the robbing of bird nests?

....and, that for over 50 years, beginning in 1900, Terrace Park got its library books through a book mobile? (Book mobiles were enclosed trucks which carried library books from town to town.)