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SPRING PROGRAM: TREASURES OF TERRACE PARK

Our upcoming Program, scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2014, will showcase three "Treasures of Terrace Park".

The first is the Terrace Park Garden Club, whose members have worked tirelessly over the years to keep our village beautiful. Although many of our newer residents may not realize this, Garden Club members maintain all the flower beds at the entrances to the village, the flower boxes on the Elm Street Bridge, and the memorial bed near the Village Green. They also provide Christmas decorations for the gazebo. Members of the Garden Club will discuss the history of the organization, past projects



Stone Bench on the Village Green, donated by the Garden Club in memory of Evelyn Sturgeon Lloyd, their first president.

and plans for the future.

Another unique feature of our village is the flowering of our creative community. One of our many resident artists, David Laug, will speak about his own work and the many

others artists who have made our village their home. David finds that artists are attracted to the natural beauty of Terrace Park, which is perfect for "plein air", or outdoor painting (*continued on page 3*)

SAVE THE DATE

Program: Treasures of Terrace Park
Date: Sunday, May 4, 2014.
Time: Reception 3:30 pm, Program 4:00 pm
Location: Terrace Park Elementary School Library

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to extend our thanks to Bo Hesser, who recently volunteered many hours to install our updated Past Perfect archival software. The software was made available to us through a grant from the Scripps Howard Foundation, but the installation required much time and technical expertise. Thank you

Bo, for keeping us current.

We would also like to acknowledge Bobbi Thies, painter and retired art teacher, who has kindly restored several of our historic photos displayed in the hallway of our Gallery/Museum. Thank you Bobbi for helping preserve some of these scenes from our past.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look for an update on the 2014 House Tour on our website: tphistoricalsociety.org. We hope to confirm the date soon.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

We sincerely hope that this long winter is finally over. Terrace Park is beautiful in the snow, but we have had enough!



Fortunately, flowers have begun to appear in the flower beds and boxes at the entrances to our village, thanks to the members of the Terrace Park Garden Club.

We are looking forward to featuring them at our upcoming Treasures of Terrace Park Program.

This has been a productive season for our staff and volunteers. Due to their efforts we have new archival software installed on our office computers, restored photographs in our gallery and a new website.

We are also looking forward to learning more about our ancient history. One of our former board members, Steve Early, has created a website, The Valley of the Mound Builders, www.hopewellmound.blogspot.com to investigate the mysterious mounds and earthworks that are found in our area, including right here in Terrace Park. Take time to visit – you will be surprised at what he has found.

Don't miss our upcoming Program, Treasures of Terrace Park. We hope to see you there!

Mary

THE TRAIN CHUGS ON....

The Arthur Wiseman Story, by Susan Abernethy Frank

It was in 1952 that Terrace Park Elementary 4th grade classmates of Arthur Wiseman took up a collection to purchase an American Flyer train for him. Arthur was suffering from leukemia which at that time had a very low survival rate. The classmates also wrote messages and put them in a small booklet to wish him well and to return to school. Although Arthur passed away in June of that year at the age of 10, the train is still with Arthur's 97 year old mother, Hazel....61 years later.

The following e-mail from Arthur's brother, Max Wiseman, came to a few of Arthur's classmates in early January 2014.

"I thought of you guys recently around our Christmas time. We had all three of our daughters' families (all seven grandchildren) at our house Christmas Eve and I decided what could be a better time to take Arthur's American Flyer train out of its case and run it. It had been several years since I had done so. It ran great. I think the air tight case really makes a difference in protecting it. I explained to everyone how the class had taken up a collection and the train was bought for Arthur who was ill with leukemia at the time. I mentioned you and explained our friendship that has lasted on all evolving around what happened to Arthur."

Arthur's parents, Hazel and



Arthur Wiseman at the age of 5.

Wallace Wiseman moved to Miami Grove in 1948. After a year they moved to the "ledge" (now Elm Ledge). Arthur was born in 1942 and his brother Max in 1946.

In 2005 classmates of Arthur at Terrace Park Elementary gathered as a *(continued on page 4)*



Arthur Wiseman's model train.

ITEMS FOR SALE IN MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

Consider our Terrace Park themed merchandise for Mother's Day and Graduation gifts.

Notecards

Black and white pen and ink sketches of historic Terrace Park buildings by Kenneth Norvell, set of six \$6, \$5 for members

Watercolor scenes of Terrace Park by Amy Evans. Set of six, \$12, \$10 for members

Prints

"Neighborhood Street" by Lynn Carden, signed limited edition of 100

Small (10 ¼ x 14 ¼")

\$40, \$35 for members

Medium (13 x 18 ½ ")

\$60, \$50 for members

Large (17 x 27") \$75,

\$60 for members

"Terrace Park Elementary School" by Francesca Padjen

Small (7 x 10") \$30, \$25

for members

Medium (10 ½ x 14 ½)
\$45, \$40 for members

Jewelry

Assorted pieces of Terrace Park themed jewelry

DVD

"Terrace Park with Love", a video scrapbook of the Village filmed in 1990, \$10, \$7 for members

SPRING PROGRAM: TREASURES OF TERRACE PARK

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and contributes to our “rich tapestry of creative energies”.

Lastly, we are delighted to welcome resident Tricia DiMichele to discuss one of our newest Treasures - the Terrace Park Walking Tour. This informative audio recording, narrated by Wes Cowan of The Antiques Roadshow, is available at no charge on our website. Created by Tricia and Shelley Cowan and produced by Richard Walker and Grant Kattmann of the Red212 Agency, the tour focuses on many of our landmarks and accounts from our history. Don't forget to download the map (designed by John Gradek) from our website. This is a truly amazing resource to be enjoyed by all our residents for many years to come.

There will be a reception at 3:30 and the program will begin at 4 pm. The location will be at the Terrace Park Elementary School Library.



Flower boxes on Elm St. bridge, maintained by the Garden Club.



Gallery Museum showing circus tent pole.

DID YOU KNOW...

...Former Board member Steve Early has created a blog, www.hopewellmound.blogspot.com with information about Camden Works in Terrace Park?

....The name Camden Works was the name given to the area because Terrace Park did not exist until 1893?

...All traces of the name Camden are gone except for the 2 pillars on Drewry Farm Lane and Wooster Pike that say “Camden Terrace Farm”?

....That it makes sense that the mound builders would be attracted to Terrace Park because it is a flat, fertile terrace located high on a bluff above the confluence of the Little Miami and East Fork Rivers?

....That if you are interested in the above you can find lots more information by going to Steve's blog? All of the above is from that blog.

CORRECTION:

In the article about Charles Meurer in our Fall 2013 edition, we mistakenly stated that “Virginia Rawnsley Fenton and Bill Fenton (both raised in Terrace Park and graduates of Terrace Park High School) were given a Charles Meurer painting as a wedding present in 1953 from Dr. and Mrs. Ray Stoecklin, who lived across the street from Meurer.”

We inadvertently named the wrong Bill Fenton. Virginia Rawnsley's husband was not the Bill Fenton from Terrace Park, but William C. Fenton from Pennsylvania who came to Cincinnati to study at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Our apologies to Virginia Fenton and our readers for the confusion.

OPEN HOUSE

The Terrace Park Historical Society will be hosting an open house at our Gallery/Museum on Memorial Day, May 26, 2014 from 11 am to 1 pm. We have collections of art, photography, books, handiwork and needlework, ceramics and woodcraft by

local artists and a number of displays related to the Robinson Circus. Everyone is welcome, so please stop by and visit. We are located on the lower level of St. Thomas Church, accessible from the Terrace Place entrance.

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THE TRAIN CHUGS ON....

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team to do "The Wiseman Walk" with the "Light the Night" event on September 22 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. "The Wiseman Walk" team was inspired by the Historical Society's March program entitled "Miami Grove Revisited". Max Wiseman, Arthur's brother, was one of the key speakers talking for his parents, Hazel and Wallace. From this program the TP Wilderness Preserve was renamed the Miami Grove Nature Preserve.

Hazel Wiseman still has the books, photos and stories which Arthur's classmates had sent him during his illness. It was not difficult to notify many in the class and get them involved in the team to help fund leukemia research. The memories of Arthur were still very vivid, even though many years had passed. I recalled when Mr. Wilson, the principal, carried Arthur up to our fourth grade classroom so he could have



Max Wiseman and grandson Hunter Losekamp with train.

some time with us. Page Busken, another classmate, recalled "going to visit Arthur on Christmas Eve. Arthur had been permitted to come home from the hospital for a few days." Page and his family wanted to share Christmas with him. Kent Maerki, now in Arizona, clearly recalls "playing with Arthur and being so devastated by his illness."

Other classmates, many living out of town, were involved in "The Wiseman Walk." Close to \$2000 was raised.

The booklet given to Arthur and many photos of his family and his train are available in the TPHS Archives. There is also a photo of Cincinnati Reds' Hall of Famer Ted Kluzewski taken during his visit to Arthur.