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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 5:
2014 "Welcome Home"
House Tour, 1—5 pm, meet
at Village Green

Sunday, November 2:
Annual Meeting 4pm, Open
House 3—5pm at TPHS Head-
quarters, St. Thomas Church

Sunday, December 14:
Annual Members Holiday
Brunch, Terrace Park Coun-
try Club, 11am—1pm

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2014 "Welcome Home" House Tour

Get ready for another out-
standing **Terrace Park House
Tour!** TPHS House Tour co-
chairs Mary Arkeilpane and
Suzi Ricketts have been work-
ing hard all summer to make
the organization's biennial
showcase of local homes avail-
able to you Sunday, October 5.

Six fabulous homes will be
open from 1 to 5 p.m. thanks
to the support of the following
homeowners: Tom and Kathy
Schneider, 901 Miami Ave.;
Greg and Missy Takas, 726
Park Ave.; Chris and Kate
(Nixon) Lowry, 315 New St.;

Marc and Jennifer Michaelson,
111 Michigan Ave.; Matthew
and Tara Kenneway, 720 Elm
Ave; and Iain and Judy Reid,
301 Stanton Ave.

Proceeds from this year's
tour will be used for much-
needed updates of the soci-
ety's archive room to help pro-
tect village history.

Local artists will be show-
casing their work at the home
of Matthew and Tara Kenne-
way at 720 Elm Avenue and
TPHS will be selling beverages
and baked goods. There will
also be a raffle for a chance to

win a fall container arrange-
ment from Lisa Gross, owner
of the container gardening
outlet, Going to Pot, and a
custom print of the winner's
home by artist David Laug.

An event of this magnitude
can't be accomplished with-
out a lot of volunteers. We
welcome your help with tick-
et sales or hospitality at the
homes. And, if you own a
golf cart, we would be grate-
ful for your help transporting
tourists or loaning your cart
to one of our very responsible
volunteer drivers.



301 Stanton Avenue,
Iain and Judy Reid



901 Miami Avenue, Tom
and Kathy Schneider



315 New Street, Chris
and Kate (Nixon) Lowry



710 Elm Avenue, Matthew
and Tara Kenneway



726 Park Avenue, Greg
and Missy Takas



111 Michigan Avenue
Marc and Jennifer Michaelson

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

It's been a busy summer at the Terrace Park Historical Society, and we are very excited about the upcoming 2014 House Tour. We hope you will join us in visiting the six beautiful homes being featured on October 5th.

We are pleased to present a new option for purchasing tickets this year. We have added an on-line store to our website where tickets as well as merchandise may be purchased using Paypal or a credit card. To visit, choose the "store" option on our website, tphistoricalsociety.org.

As members, you are entitled to a discount on all purchases. If you have not received your discount code, please contact us.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the kinds of activities you would like us to engage in, please let us know. We need your feedback, and especially your participation.

We hope you will take this opportunity to enjoy our wonderful Terrace Park architectural and decorating styles, and also support a valuable community resource.

See you at the Tour!

Mary

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HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE TOUR

On our website, tphistoricalsociety.org, using Paypal or a credit card. \$15 (\$12 members)

Pre-order by phone. Leave a message on our office answering machine at 248-1777 and you may purchase your ticket the day of the show for the pre-order price. \$15 (\$12 members)

In person at our office on the lower level of St. Thomas Church, Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m., or from the House of France at 3225 Madison Road in Oakley from 10 to 5 pm. \$15 (\$12 members)

On the day of the show for \$20.

Those who donate goods or services, such as golf carts,

will receive a free ticket at the check-in table.

Volunteers will receive one free ticket for each one they purchase.

The Tour will begin at the Village Green (or the Community Center in case of rain) and brochures with information about the houses will be available there.



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

In addition to the homeowners, TPHS would like to thank sponsors Matt Nickum of HiTech Graphics for printing the posters and tickets and Tim Fening of InfoGraphics for again creating our tour logo and promotional poster. Tim gave us "The White House Tour" in 2010, "Timeless Treasures" in 2012

and now "Welcome Home."

Appreciation also goes to these six additional sponsors: Mary Arkeilpane, Coldwell Banker; Rick Koehler, Architects Plus; Vivian and Jeff Krueger, Nationwide; Michaelson Home Remodeling and Building; Smith's Cambridge Landscape and Village Floral of Terrace Park.

AN INVITATION AND SOMETHING NEW

Looking for something fun and different to do this fall? Visit the Terrace Park Historical Society headquarters and help us maintain our large collection of treasures from our past. Over the years, residents have donated many amazing and surprising items to our archives and we could really use some help in keeping everything organized and accessible.

There are military manuals and uniforms, family histories, original Terrace Park Players musical scores,

school yearbooks from the 1930's full of photos, early maps of the Terrace Park area, Robinson Circus wild animal inventories, and much, much more.

Although we have numerous artifacts from the recent past in our archives, there is another aspect to Terrace Park History that may be of educational value.

As there are many accounts of Native American artifacts being unearthed in Terrace Park over the years, we would like to put out a request for donations of

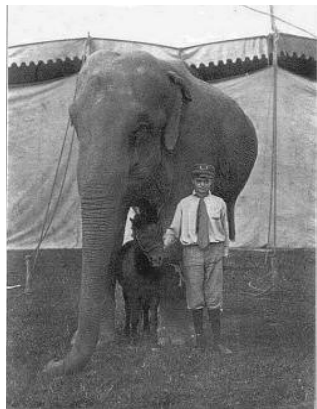
archeological material. If you have a box of old Indian arrowheads or other relics from the past that you no longer wish to keep, please consider donating them to the Terrace Park Historical Society.

We would also welcome anyone with expertise in the field to guide us in establishing an archeological collection, and perhaps provide educational programs on the subject. If you are knowledgeable about the prehistory of our area, please consider getting involved.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: MORE TILLIE TALES

The following is an eye-witness account of Tillie's funeral, from the oral history of Frances Verkamp.

(I:interviewer F:Frances)



Tillie with John G. Robinson IV

I: Fran, please give me your full name and date of birth.

F: **Frances Verkamp 3/18/1923.**

I: Okay Fran, where were you born, city and state?

F: **I was born in Cincinnati in Madisonville.**

I: Who were your relatives that lived in Terrace Park?

F: **My father, Hoyt Malsbary.**

I: When you lived in Madisonville, did your father ever bring you to Terrace Park?

F: **Oh, yes. He loved Terrace Park. And he used to cut grass here when he was a little boy for some people. I don't know who they were, but when he was little, he would cut through the back field and go down and see the elephants. Every time we'd go through Terrace Park—that's where I lived when I was a little boy.'**

I: Okay, so, how old were you when you said you came to Tillie's funeral.

F: **I was nine, yes, in the third grade.**

I: And where were you in school?

F: **In Madisonville.**

I: And tell me about how you came to come to Terrace Park to Tillie's funeral.

F: **Well, Mrs. Caroline Meurer who lived in Terrace Park was my third grade teacher and I just adored her.**

I: Yes, she's the daughter of Charles Meurer, the artist, is that correct?

F: **Right. And my father wanted me to go to that funeral, so I told Caroline that I wanted to go. She says, "I'll let you off of school." So I went up to the funeral with my mother who was pregnant, carrying my brother, and watched the funeral, and a week later, on March the seventh, my brother was born. So we stood there in the rain and watched the airplane go over and they threw carnations down from the sky and I was just a little girl. That was so beautiful to see and I was so shocked to see Tillie there and they just had her head. I don't know if she was completely submerged**

in the ground, but the only thing that I saw was the head and that's where the stone was put.

I can't tell you anything else except I do remember when they used to take the elephants down into the sort of a valley over by the bridge and on Sundays and weekends you would have lines for an hour ride or something like that.

I: Did you or your mother or father have any more stories about Tillie or the circus or Terrace Park?

F: **No. All I remember is that big head looking up. People would go crazy when I told 'em I went to an elephant's funeral.**

ED. Note: the complete transcript of Frances Verkamp can be seen in the Archives of the Terrace Park Historical Society.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Elroy Bourgraf, 1949 graduate of Terrace Park High School, is the co-founder and chairman of Ferno-Washington, Inc., the world's leading researcher, developer and manufacturer of cots, stretchers, and other emergency medical equipment?

The Terrace Park Emergency Services uses all Ferno equipment...and so do over 185 countries throughout the world? (El grew up in TP and his oral history interview is currently being transcribed. View the documentary on our YouTube Channel, "Terrace Park", which can also be found on our website).

There was a wooden Terrace Park Honor Roll on the Village Green erected soon after WWII honoring 144 men and women who served in this war? (Sadly it deteriorated and was taken down. One of the remaining name plates in in our Museum.)

The population in Terrace Park in 1940 was 868 and it jumped to 1265 by 1950 and 2203 in 1960?

The Terrace Park Lumber Company, a village landmark for over 70 years, founded by G.H. Eveland in 1913, occupied the space which is now Denison Lane? The building/office was on the corner of Park and Elm, and now Denison. Several photos are in our Archives as well as a painting in our Gallery by Peggy Reynolds.

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THANK YOU HILLIARD FJORD

We would like to thank Hilliard Fjord for the untold hours of volunteer work that he has done to benefit the Terrace Park Historical Society. Hilliard has helped us with our taxes, money management, and complying with state tax regulations...keeping us on the good side of the government! He has also been responsible for some wonderful donations to our Gallery and he has been a member since we began in 2001. Now he has chosen to "retire". Thank you...thank you from all of TPHS.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our annual Members meeting will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 4pm in our headquarters at St. Thomas Church. There will also be an Open House from 3-5pm. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there.

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