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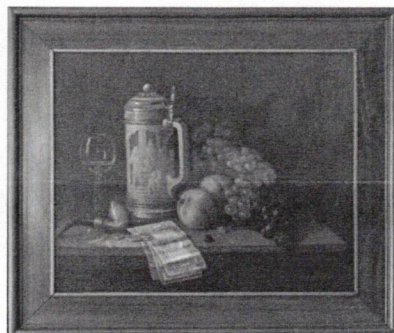
“An Evening with Charles Meurer”

Don't miss our upcoming program: “An Evening with Charles Meurer” on Saturday, November 14 from 5-7pm. We will be showcasing some of the many Meurer paintings owned by local residents, on loan for an exhibit at the Eisele Gallery of Fine Art in Fairfax.

Come for conversation and cocktails, and learn about Terrace Park's first nationally recognized artist. Several art collectors, including Rich Gilchrist of Terrace Park, along with Meurer family members, will be attending to share their insights in to Meurer's work and life.

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Date: Saturday, November 14

Time: 5-7 pm

Location: The Eisele Gallery of Fine Art, 5729 Dragon Way, Cincinnati OH 45227

Cost: \$20 per person, Lifetime members and painting donors please come as our guests

Tickets: You may send a check to Terrace Park Historical Society, PO Box 3, Terrace Park, Ohio 45157.

Or, you may purchase **tickets** online at our website,

tphistoricalsociety.org. Lifetime members and donors please **RSVP** by calling Marcia Moyer at 831-4322 or on our website at tphistoricalsociety.org.

Please respond by November 6. For more information, call Susan Rodgers at 418-1480.

New Book About Terrace Park

OUR LOCATION

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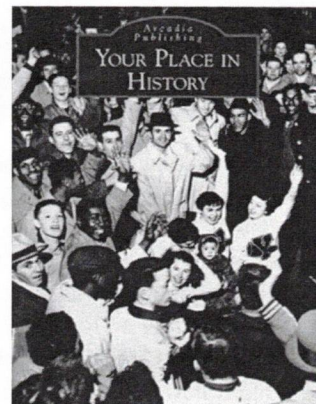
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The TPHS was recently contacted by Arcadia Publishing about producing a book on Terrace Park as part of their “Images of America” series.

We feel that this would be a wonderful way to showcase the many pictures and stories that we have collected and we are looking forward to working with Arcadia in the upcoming year.

There is a display of Arcadia books at the Joseph Beth Bookstore in Oakley that includes many of our neighboring communities. For more information about their books, visit their website at www.arcadiapublishing.com and select the “Images of America” series.



Sample of Arcadia Book

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

These last few months have been busy!

Your TPHS volunteers and board members have undertaken several new projects, including organizing and updating our archives room, purchasing new equipment and planning new events.

Thanks to the assistance we received from Nancy Yerian, history intern at the Freedom Center Museum, we have started efforts to scan and preserve our collection of documents and photos. Several new volunteers have taken on the task of sorting through our overflowing file cabinets, and bringing order out of the profusion of documents they contain.

As part of our celebration of Charles Meurer, we have made photographs of many paintings owned by local residents. We will have a substantial collection of images of his works, which may be of value to art historians in the future.

2016 may bring the addition of a new book on Terrace Park, thanks to the interest expressed by Arcadia Publishing.

Please don't forget to save these dates: Saturday, November 14 for "An Evening with Charles Meurer" and Sunday, December 13 for our Annual Members Meeting and Holiday Party. We hope to see you soon –

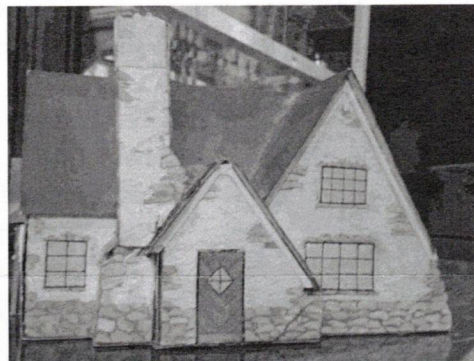
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Miniature House

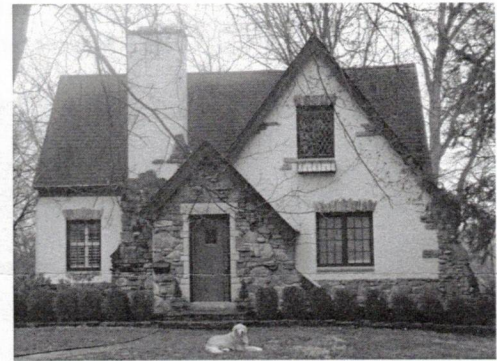
Is it still customary for a young man to ask a father for his daughter's hand in marriage? Perhaps so, but not many suitors are as creative as Anton Burger. Hoping to marry Caroline Meurer, daughter of artist Charles Meurer, Anton created a detailed model of the house that he would eventually build for Caroline on the lot next to her parents' house.

Construction on the house began in 1938 and Caroline kept a journal of the project, noting the materials, how much they cost, and her feelings and observations, all in beautiful cursive handwriting. The completed house matched the model exactly, and is currently on display at the home, now owned by Tina and Bo Hesser.

Many years later, when the house was being prepared for sale, this journal was discarded. Fortunately, someone rescued it from the trash, and Tina was able to buy it for \$25. She said she would have paid \$1000 – it's a true treasure.



Anton Burger's Model



Hesser Home at 801 Miami

Expert Advice

Recently, our archives team had the benefit of a professional consultation. Nancy Yerian, a history intern with the Freedom Museum, visited our offices to evaluate our collections and procedures. Her services are part of a state program to assist small museums, and she gave us some very practical ideas about keeping track of our ever-expanding collections.

Her main suggestion was that we should digitize many of our holdings to both protect them from aging and make them available for future use. She also indicated that we need to index these items for ease of searching.

To accomplish this, we purchased a large bed scanner and started saving images. However, scanning and indexing takes a lot of time! We are seeking volunteers to help us with this task. All that is required is the ability to read an article, type a description of the subject, and push buttons on the scanner. If anyone would like to help us, please let us know. Who knows what amazing stories you will encounter in the process.

Nancy also suggested that we limit our collections to items that pertain to Terrace Park, in order to make better use of our space. Please keep us in mind when you are cleaning out attics and storage spaces and find a piece of Terrace Park History.

Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

TPHS will be hosting our annual members' meeting and holiday party in our own facilities at St. Thomas church this year. We would like to invite all of our members to join us, at no charge, on Sunday December 13 at 1pm for light appetizers and desserts.

You can visit our gallery, learn about our yearly operations and budget, offer suggestions and ideas for the organization, and vote for new board members. Consider serving in one of these positions yourself - we need you!

Congratulations, Sue Porter!

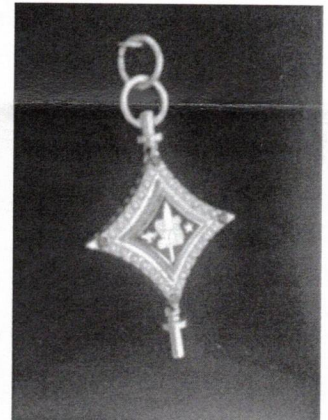
We are delighted to pass on the good news that our friend and supporter, Sue Porter, has just received one of the most prestigious awards in professional journalism. On September 20, at their yearly conference, the 7000 member Society of Professional Journalists named Sue as the 2015 recipient of their highest honor, the Wells Memorial Key."



Sue and Jim Porter

Because of (Sue's) tireless dedication and commitment, The Society of Professional Journalists has trained 1,000 people to be better leaders in their chapter, newsroom and community," SPJ President Dana Neuts said in announcing the award.

The award acknowledges Sue's substantial contributions to her profession during her 39 year career with E.W. Scripps Company. According to Liz Carter, CEO and president of the Scripps Howard Foundation, Sue "has served this company and the craft of journalism with honor and distinction. She has blazed many trails and touched many lives during her time here at the Scripps Howard Foundation and The E.W. Scripps Company."



Wells Memorial Key

The Terrace Park Historical Society has been most fortunate to benefit from Sue's involvement over the years. Not only is she a Lifetime Member, but she has served as a board member, editor, publicist, and chair of two of our House Tours, and was also the recipient of our "Thanks for the Memories" award. We would like to offer our congratulations to Sue for receiving this professional honor, and our thanks as well!

DID YOU KNOW ?

- In 1973 the Village Council still had a "Board of Liquor Control", and voted to discontinue the Tex Café's license in October of that year. Does anyone remember the Tex Café, or know why they lost their liquor license?
- A cattle feedlot was located along Wooster Pike near Terrace Park which was an "aesthetic and legal thorn in the side of Terrace Park for years" (Village Views, July 1974)
- A pet leash law was enacted in 1955 which stated "It shall be unlawful for any person owning or harboring any dog or cat to suffer or permit such dog or cat to run at large in the Village". There must have been a lot of rowdy cats at the time.
- In the 970's there was still a village landfill in the space where the Environmental Services Area is today.

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Tackling the Archive Room

Thanks to a lot of work by some very dedicated volunteers, our archives room has recently had a makeover. We would like to thank Carol Cole, Pat Matchette, Anne Cherry, Lynne Mileham, Libby Rost, Betsy Holloway, and our archives manager, Leslie Jones for their continual efforts at organizing the sometimes overwhelming number of documents and records we have collected over the years.

We are especially grateful to Pat Matchette for organizing the history of the Terrace Park Players. Pat was the choral director of the Players for many years and wrote many original scripts for their productions.

Oral Histories Restart

Our oral history program is back in operation, thanks to the efforts of Louise Cottrell and Susan Frank. Louise and Susan have been visiting residents both past and present and collecting their stories about life in Terrace Park.

If you would like to participate in this program, either as an interviewer, or as the person being interviewed, or if you know of someone with stories to tell about life in Terrace Park, please let us know.

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