



Grand Reopening and Annual Members Meeting

Save the Date!

Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 4pm

All are welcome to join us for our **Annual Members Meeting** and to visit our newly created **Terrace Park Museum**. Thanks to a recent donation from the Luneborg family, we are pleased to present many posters, original photographs and memorabilia from the Robinson Circus, as well as collections from our community.



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The St. Thomas Bach Ensemble



Terrace Park seems to attract creativity in many forms. We often focus on writers and painters, but what about music?

You may be surprised to learn about one of Terrace Park's best kept secrets - the Bach Ensemble of St. Thomas.

Founded and directed by Dr. Carlton Monroe, the Bach Ensemble of St. Thomas, or 'BEST', includes instrumentalists and vocalists from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Their mission is to perform the music of J. S. Bach, his contemporaries, and musical heirs. Once a month they come together in the sanctuary of St. Thomas Church to perform a special service that few other churches have the expertise to attempt: The Bach Vespers.

What are the Bach Vespers?

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President's Message

Happy Winter Everyone!

We are excited to re-open our Office/Museum for the Terrace Park Historical Society!

On Sunday, January 23, at 4:00 p.m. we will be holding our Annual Meeting where you can come see our new layout and learn what we have done throughout 2021. We have been working on our Museum and Gallery as well as our "Catalog-it" on-line program.

Terrace Park has rich history that we love sharing with the community. During the winter months is a good time to reflect and learn about this wonderful place we call home. We have recently received some wonderful donations to add to our already extensive collection of Terrace Park memories. You are invited to visit our Museum to view our collections, at our Annual Members Meeting or during our office hours from 1-4 pm on Thursdays.

If you love history, love learning and want very flexible volunteer hours, we are looking for help in our office, with interviewing and writing, and on our Executive Board. If this sounds like something you would like, please contact me or the Historical Society Office. Looking forward to spring and some wonderful outdoor programs to share with our community.

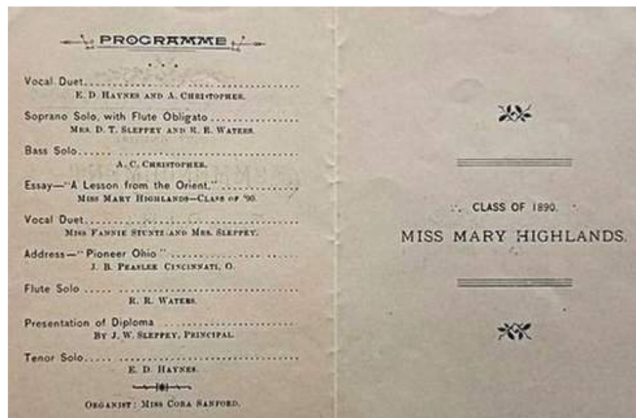
Laurie Baird
President - TPHS

Terrace Park School Memories

Our new museum will feature a display on the history of the Terrace Park School, including photographs and reprints from the high school newspaper, The Bulldog, from 1945.

First Graduation

The first student to graduate from Terrace Park School was Mary Highlands, class of 1890. Although she was the only graduate for the year, the program lists two vocal duets, a soprano with lute obligato, a tenor solo, a bass solo, a flute solo and an organist!



Majorettes

Four-piece majorette uniform from the 1950s consisting of a skirt, pants, jacket and shako made by Bidly Wiebold for her daughter Carol. Carol's mother made the uniform because the school did not have enough money left after buying all the band uniforms. The material was bought from the uniform company. The uniform company made the "shako" hat.

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Historic Terrace Park - 509 Marietta Avenue

Sumitra Gopal



This month I had the pleasure of visiting another spectacular home- the home of Mindy and Breck Weigel. Mindy grew up in Connecticut and then Dayton and Breck in New York. They met at the University of Colorado and moved to Cincinnati when Breck chose UC as his law school. They just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

509 Marietta Avenue, one of the few remaining Railroad Houses, has been home to Mindy and Breck since 1996. This is their second home in Terrace Park, their first one being at 812 Yale Avenue. And their very first home, before moving to the Village, was built in 1863 in Plainville on Walton Creek Road (behind the current location of Walgreens). No wonder that this heritage home attracted them like a beacon.

Going through some documents archived at the historical society, I discovered that 507 and 509 Marietta were combined to make their plot a one family home back in the 1950s. The previous owner, the Roberts (1985-1990), documented many changes they made to the house, including enlarging the house by approximately 50% and

replacing the old garage with a garage to accommodate 3 cars.

When the Weigels bought the house, they made their own modifications. With the help of an architect (Terrace Park's premiere designer Rick Koehler and the Weigel's neighbor and father of Max, Matt Weigel's close friend), they carefully planned the renovation over a 2 year period, modernizing the house, taking out some walls and making the kitchen, bathrooms and office bigger and more usable. They brought in the new while keeping the aesthetics of the old. The modern kitchen and the fireplace blend seamlessly with the breakfast room, drawing room and dining room from the original house. Following this theme, the original dining room and living room are decorated with antique furniture, artifacts and family portraits and furniture that Breck inherited from his grandmother (a Kentucky native) along with memorabilia the couple has picked up from their travels. They also re-designed the comfortable patio which now includes an outdoor fireplace and beautiful hardscape. There are two basements, one that is fully finished and the other original to the house.



A fun fact from my research: in 2000 when the house was being renovated, the Weigels discovered that the old kitchen ceiling was severely charred revealing a bad fire in the past over which a new ceiling had been built.

So how have they kept their heritage home so well maintained? Mindy and Breck are meticulous about the upkeep of their home. Like daily exercise and checkups are important to keep one healthy, so is the required maintenance of an old home.

A significant challenge came when they moved to London on a short-term assignment (2014-16) and decided to rent the house. It was a tough decision, renting their well-loved home, and thankfully they returned and decided to stay in their favorite place.

According to an account in the Terrace Park Survey (<https://tps survey.org>) the home was a preschool in the 1930's, known as Mrs. Beren's Kindergarten.

This house has been a home to few families since it was built in 1890, with each adding to its charm. Breck and Mindy have thought a lot about moving, but are very attached to the house and are hoping that this will be the perfect place to raise grandchildren. I'm going to stop here and let the pictures do the rest of the story telling!



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Our sincere thanks go out to all our Lifetime members for their generous support of our mission to preserve Terrace Park History.

The St. Thomas Bach Ensemble Continued

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In the early 1700's, Johann Sebastian Bach was the music director for several Lutheran churches in the city of Leipzig, Germany. In order to provide meaningful music for each week in the liturgical year, Bach created a series of 'cantatas' - vocal and instrumental works based on the weekly Bible verse. The cantatas were performed during the prayer service and were intended to deepen the understanding of the spiritual message.

Although only about 200 cantatas have come down to us, it is thought that Bach composed many more that have been lost over the years. Even so, there are multiple choices for each week, providing different interpretations of the message.

The Bach Vespers is a recreation of one of these historical prayer services. Modern instruments and pitch are used, and the service is only about an hour, whereas the original would have been two or three hours long. Since 2012, the BEST has already performed 70 of the 200 known cantatas in their Vespers series and their goal is to perform them all over a twenty-year cycle.

The Bach Vespers are offered monthly and are open to the public at no charge. Prior to each service, an online 'Bach Talk' discussion, available to donors, will take you behind the scenes and deep inside the music for the upcoming service.

The Bach Vespers is a Terrace Park treasure and not to be missed. As one who has attended, I was awed by this powerful experience!

For more information please visit <https://bachensemble.org> or <https://stthomasepiscopal.org>.



Terrace Park School Memories

Our archives contain many photographs from the Terrace Park School, dating from the 1920's. We are always interested in collecting additional photos and memorabilia. Please let us know if you would like to donate to our collections.



Picture of Terrace Park Elementary school children with Police Chief Matt Cook and Walter Gingrich, Fire Chief. This was probably taken in connection with Fire Prevention Week.