# Terrace Park Historical Society

# TRACKER

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Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future



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Founding Members - (back-front, l-r) Lee Cole, Stan Brown, Julie Northrop, Bill Holloway, Kay Pope, Ken Bassett, Betsy Holloway, Carol C. Cole and Helen Barnett

The Terrace Park Historical Society is now the beneficiary of an endowment fund. The gift will be held in the Greater Cincinnati Foundation account known as The Terrace Park Historical Society Fund which will provide annual benefits to the Historical Society in perpetuity. As an incentive to promote gifts through the end of 2023, the Ann Gatch Foundation will match gifts made in 2023 up to a total of \$12,500.

Carol, along with her late husband, Lee, was one of the original founders of our Society and she has contributed greatly to its continuing success. Much of the material in our archives as well as the cataloging system for storing the collections, owe their existence to her efforts. Carol and Lee were also instrumental in the creation of the Terrace Park Building Survey.

Ann Gatch moved to Terrace Park in 1967 and is fondly remembered as the piano teacher to three generations of many Cincinnati families.

Gifts to the Fund can be sent to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, 720 E Pete Rose Way, Suite 120, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, Attention: Laura Menge. All gifts to the Fund are irrevocable. If you have any questions regarding gifts to the Fund please contact us at (513) 248-1777 or tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Gifts to the Fund are charitable contributions and are generally tax deductible. You should consult with your own tax advisor as to the specific tax impact for your situation.

#### Annual Meeting - Save the Date

Our next Annual Meeting/Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 4-5 pm in our Museum/Gallery in the lower level of St. Thomas Church. Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments, a brief overview of our activities, and our Board elections. You will also have a chance to view the latest addition to our museum - a floor-to-ceiling embroidered tapestry of Terrace Park! (See the story on page 4).

# Happy 100th Birthday, Virginia!

Saturday, September 30, 2023 marked Virginia Marquett's 100th birthday, and in appreciation of her many contributions, the Terrace Park Historical Society honored her with a Lifetime Membership and our 'Thanks for the Memories' award.

The day was even commemorated as 'Virginia Marquett Day' by the Village Mayor, Tom Tepe!

This picture is from one of the many Terrace Park High School reunions that Virginia attended, as an active member of the Terrace Park Alumni Association.

Virginia has been a member and volunteer with our Society since its earliest years. We would especially like to thank her for her generous donations of material from the Terrace Park School and the Terrace Park Alumni Association, which provide a history of the school from its earliest years to 1957 when the High School was merged with Mariemont High School.





Virginia's graduating class portrait in the 1942 Bulldog Yearbook

Terrace Park School in 1942 and had the nickname 'Cookie'. She is not the only centenarian in her family - her grandmother, Anna Rose luen lived to be 102 and her Aunt Evelyn Iuen Warwood also lived to be 100. There is a also another synchronicity with centenarians - in 1934, Virginia played the accordion for Rachel Corey, whose husband built our Community Building, on her 100th birthday!

Virignia graduated from

#### BUILDING WOOSTER PIKE

Thanks to the Mike Kelly family, our archives include some photos of the construction of Wooster Pike in 1941. The work is being done in the 'Montauk' area, between the Milford bridge and the Miami Avenue entrance to Terrace Park. Some of the structures are still in place.







## Finally - An index of Village Views Articles!

Thanks to some of our dedicated volunteers, the job of creating a searchable index of Village Views articles is well under way. All of the issues between 1969 and 2002 have already been scanned and are available on our website, tphistoricalsociety.org under 'Publications'. The index is a table of contents for all the articles in each issue. Readers can enter a word or phrase to find matches throughout all the issues. If you are looking for a name or event within that time frame, we hope this will prove to be a useful feature.

### TIME TO UPDATE THE TERRACE PARK BUILDING SURVEY

By Carol C. Cole



Labor Day Festival, 1995

The Terrace Park Building Survey has been recording our architectural heritage for over 25 years.

At the April 17, 1995 meeting of the Terrace Park Woman's Club, a letter was read from Pat Henley suggesting that we start a project to collect pictures of Terrace Park homes and as much information about each one and the people who lived in them as possible. The reason for this was the many changes that were noticed to be taking place in Terrace Park. A committee was formed consisting of Pat Henley, Carol Cole, Jeanette Pruiss, Esther Power, Marilyn Julnes and Jane Harrier.

A survey was sent to all Terrace Park residents asking for information about their homes and about 25% of residents responded. Carol Cole volunteered to compile all the information into a database, which was originally thought would become a book. But with the information constantly changing, it was decided to create a website instead. Carol's husband, Lee Cole, took on the job at a time when websites were just becoming common. The website is still active at www.tpsurvey.org. All Woman's Club members also contributed architectural information about the buildings.

After so many years, however, many of the homes have not only been changed significantly but also even torn down and replaced. Today Terrace Park looks quite different from when the survey was started. The Woman's Club has constantly updated and added information to the survey, but it's now time to do a more comprehensive review including taking new pictures of all the homes. To that end we're asking homeowners to help by sending a new picture of their home and sending it to tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com or by mail to the Terrace Park Historical Society, P. O. Box 3, Terrace Park OH 45174. If you have other information to add, please let us know.

#### CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Over the summer Terrace Park Historical Society partnered with a Terrace Park emerging artist and Mariemont High School student Liam Reynolds to create a limited edition Terrace Park ornament. Liam Reynolds is a Junior artist at Mariemont High School who loves historical architecture, painting, woodworking, and also mowing lawns! He attended Terrace Park Elementary and many of you may know him through the small business he runs in Terrace Park doing landscaping yard work. Liam used his graphic design talents to create a design featuring the iconic Terrace Park gazebo during Christmas time complete with a full color Santa, multicolor Christmas lights wrapped around the gazebo, and snow dusting the entire scene.

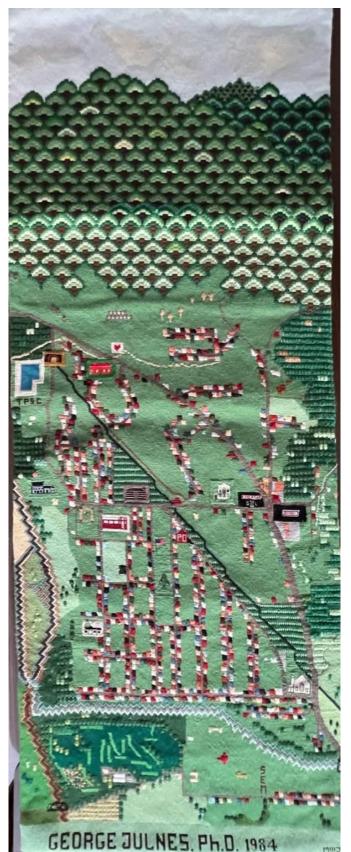
In years past, TPHS has created various styles of ornaments as gifts for members and to support fundraising efforts. "We are excited to offer such a modern design created by one of Terrace Park's artistic treasures. Liam's vision and creativity has brought a youthful take to one of our iconic village features and we look forward to sharing his design with the community," says Laurie Baird, TPHS President.



The limited edition ceramic ornaments are now available for preorder (\$20 each). Cash, check or Venmo are accepted. Preorders will be hand delivered to local residents starting on December 1st. To pre-order an ornament call, text or email Katy Chisom at (949) 939-8885 or katherine.chisom@gmail.com for more information. Ornaments will also be available for purchase at the TPHS office (100 Miami Avenue) starting December 7th and during office hours on Thursdays from 1-4pm.

TPHS would like to send a big thank you to Liam for sharing his talents and creativity with us all. Additionally, thank you to Mariemont High School art teacher and Terrace Park resident Ashley Scribner for supporting this effort.

#### **TAPESTRY**



We have a magnificent new addition to our museum - a floor-to-ceiling needlepoint tapestry depicting a birds-eye view of Terrace Park, complete with trees, roads, homes and St. Thomas Church.

The tapestry was created by long-time Terrace Park resident, Marilyn Julnes for her son George, as a gift to commemorate his PhD in Psychology. When George passed away last year, his widow, Patria DeLancer Julnes, donated the tapestry to the Terrace Park Historical Society. George's sister, Lifetime member Noel Julnes-Dehner has generously covered the substantial expense for it to be framed and hung.

According to Noel,

"When George began his PhD in clinical psychology, Marilyn bought a fainting couch, the kind analysts use in their practice, and designed a map of Terrace Park to cover it. Instead of a therapist, George became a professor, and thus the needlepoint was never used as



Noel and Marilyn

upholstery. George and I agreed that the Terrace Park Historical Society would appreciate the needlepoint, and his widow, Patria DeLancer Julnes donated it. Our family loved Terrace Park and always will.

"So many memories are captured on my mother's needlepoint of Terrace Park. Here is some history explaining the landmarks on the canvas.

"153 Wrenwood Lane was our first house in Terrace Park and was built by my father, Norval Julnes who was a contractor. Our family moved to TP sometime after George's birth in 1954. Our backyard was the woods, and we spent many summer hours with friends wading, collecting wildflowers and swinging on the vine across the creek. 815 Yale Avenue was our second house, and it was there that my brother fell 60 feet from the tree in the back yard and on his way down saw an angel. The third house was at 2 Elm Ledge and was also designed by my father. All three houses are depicted in the tapestry.

"Marilyn was an integral member of the Terrace Park Players, acting, writing and directing. George and I were in at least one of the productions, dancing and singing "it's a treat to beat your feet on the Mississippi mud." Marilyn and Norv were also involved with the Clodhoppers, the Terrace Park

Woman's Club and the Garden Club.

"At St Thomas, Marilyn and Norv were on the vestry where Norv served as senior warden. George was an acolyte (girls were not allowed to do that back then). Marilyn was involved with the Bazaar, which in the memories of residents my age was one of the most exciting days of the year. St. Thomas is their final place of rest, along with my brother."

# VINTAGE COOKBOOK

One of our most evocative and charming archival holdings is an antique cookbook that belonged to Terrace Park resident Ida Ranscher Breiling. Ida and her husband Louis were German immigrants who moved to Oxford Ave in 1886.

The much used, leather-covered book titled "Cooking Recipes" includes handwritten recipes, newspaper clippings and printings from Betty Crocker, Procter & Gamble, Swans Down, Knox Jell, and Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corporation.





Instructions in a Swans Down cake mix

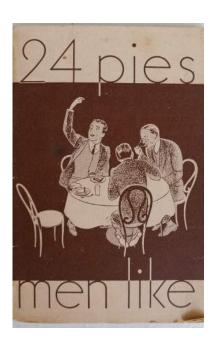
According to the Wall Street Journal in October, 1956:

"When cake mixes were introduced after World War II, they caught on immediately and fit right into the parade toward ever-greater consumer convenience- ... Zooming sales leave little doubt the housewife has made cake mixes a permanent addition to her kitchen shelf. Sales totaled about 568 million packages in the year ended last June 1, compared with only 50 million packages in the 1947-1948 year. 'When an elderly woman dies,' comments one mix executive, 'the flour and shortening business loses a customer. When a young girl marries, the mix business gains a customer.'."

(foodtimeline.org)







The recipe book for 'Lettuce Bowls' features a picture of the British stage actor, Eric Blore, in a reference to his memorable role as a waiter in the 1934 movie 'The Gay Divorcee'. The caption on the ad reads, "Eric Blore, famous star of stage and screen, caught by the camera while 'tossing' his own Lettuce Bowl creation. The recipe is among the 8 grand ones inside."

Philadelphia Cream Cheese was invented in New York in 1872, and got its name in 1880 as part of a marketing strategy to associate the product with the high-quality food and dairy farming for which the Philadelphia area was known at the time. (The Philadelphia Enquirer, June 2019)

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# MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support.

To our Lifetime members - Thank you for your very generous contributions - you have already donated substantially to our organization.

To our non-Lifetime members - We hope that you will continue to find our work worthwhile. You can use the following form or renew online at tphistoricalsociety.org/membership.

#### Membership Renewal Form

Yes! We want to continue to support the Terrace Park Historical Society by extending our membership through 2024. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for the following membership:

\_\_\_ Corporate/Patron(\$100) \_\_\_ Heritage(\$50) \_\_\_ Family(\$25) \_\_\_Individual (\$15) \_\_\_ Lifetime (\$1000 Payable over 4 years) \_\_\_ Donation

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address:\_\_\_\_\_\_ (We send very few, and only important email notices)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (As you would like it to appear in our records)

Thank you - we appreciate your help!

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