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 Headquarters, St. Thomas Church

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

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2014 “Welcome Home” House Tour

Get ready for another outstanding Terrace Park House Tour! TPHS House Tour co-chairs Mary Arkeilpane and Suzi Ricketts have been working hard all summer to make the organization’s biennial showcase of local homes available 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 society’s archive room to help protect village history.

Local artists will be showcasing their work at the home of Matthew and Tara Kenneway 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 arrangement 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 without a lot of volunteers. We welcome your help with ticket sales or hospitality at the homes. And, if you own a golf cart, we would be grateful for your help transporting tourists or loaning your cart to one of our very responsible volunteer drivers.
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 Carmargo 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.
The following is an eyewitness account of Tillie’s funeral, from the oral history of Frances Verkamp.

(I:interviewer  F:Frances)

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: 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: 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.
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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 begin 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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