

THE CLARK MESSENGER

Newsletter of the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association



January 2017

Next general membership meeting: February 1 at 7 p.m.

From President Jeff Gier

Happy 2017, everyone! I hope the new year brings you health and success!

I plan to help make 2017 one of GRCHA's greatest years! I hope each of you plans to help make it great too! I don't know about you but I gain a deep sense of satisfaction in helping with projects and seeing a successful outcome. It is such a good feeling of accomplishment.

I think that is why each of us enjoys volunteering! Over the years our organization has evolved into a multifaceted organization. There is a place for everyone who is willing to share some of their time and in return we get to build friendships with people who share the same interest in our history! So why should we keep this secret to ourselves? I want to personally challenge each member to find and invite a potential new member to some activity during the next year.

Growing our membership is necessary for our organization's continued survival. Each one of us needs to keep this in mind when we are at other events or even interacting with people in our communities. Sometimes personal contact and an invitation is all it takes to bring in a new member and provide them an opportunity to expand their personal knowledge and make new friends!

We have a group of members who are interested in developing our education programs. Their goal is to have a short educational program at every meeting. This is a great way to introduce potential members to our organization! If you would like to help with an education program or have a request for one,

please contact Sheri Forness, our Education Chair.

Your Most Humble and Obedient Servant,
Jeff Gier

President, GRCHA

Fairmaster's Report

Greetings from your Fairmaster!

I hope that all of you are enjoying a wonderful start to 2017!

There will not be a January 2017 Fair at New Boston meeting.

If anyone has ideas for the 35th Fair at New Boston, please communicate them to me! We need to make this anniversary year a memorable one!

Keep warm, don't blow away and keep your powder dry.

Sincerely,

Cindy Jackson

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Crabill Homestead Report from Alice

Crabill meetings have moved to the second Tuesday of each month. January 10, February 14, and March 14 are the next few dates, all at 7:00 p.m. at the Gathering House.

A Crabill committee chair is needed immediately; Alice is the new treasurer of GRCHA and does not have time to chair this committee as well as be treasurer. Crabill also needs someone to coordinate the maintenance and such. Alice will help you with that as needed.

The January and February meetings will discuss the dates the Homestead is open and programs at the house for 2017 and 2018.

Our Strategic Planning Project

The trustees will go over the final report during their retreat. At that time, they will develop a presentation that can be given at the February or March general membership meeting.

Newsletter Editor Needed

In January 2016, Mary Pacinda volunteered to be newsletter editor. At that time, the previous editor had to resign because of other obligations and GRCHA had a small gap between monthly newsletters. Mary would like to pass this volunteer opportunity on to someone else. If you enjoy journalism, publishing, news, or if you just like being part of the team and doing a much-needed job, this is for you. It is not that time-consuming or

demanding. As a bonus, you get to hear all the “scuttlebutt” before anyone else.

If you are interested in doing this, Mary will help you get settled in. Her goal is to have a new editor in place by March.

Old Town Trade Fair

See page three of this newsletter for the flyer. We would like some volunteers to staff a table at this event.

Calendar

(All events are at the Gathering House)

Jan 14: Linigle’s workday, 2 p.m.

Jan 15: Sewing at the Gathering House, 1:30 p.m.

Feb 1: General membership meeting, 7 p.m. at the Gathering House.

Feb 19: Sewing at the Gathering House, 1:30 p.m.

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OLD TOWN

****1700***LIVING HISTORY***1890****

TRADE FAIRE

THE WAY WE STARTED, THE ITEMS WE USED, AND STILL USE
TODAY SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH, 9-5 PM**SUNDAY, MARCH
5TH, 9-3 PM ASSEMBLY HALL GREENE COUNTY,
FAIRGROUNDS XENIA, OH

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Decorators

Pre-1890 original or reproduction supplies and related crafts

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BOOTS & MOCASINS
EARLY FIREARMS
WORDS & TOMAHAWKS & KNIVES
GAMES & TOYS



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