

THE CLARK MESSENGER

Newsletter of the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association



April 2020

Our general membership meetings are scheduled to resume June 3 at 7 pm

President's Message

I hope that you and yours are all safe and well. I am still a young fella, but I have seen a few things, but I have never seen anything like this.

I am sure that you are keeping up with the events we all enjoy and noting cancellations as they occur.

The GRCHA Board has met electronically and plans for the 2020 Fair at New Boston continue.

While none of us know what the future near or far holds, we plan on holding the Fair at New Boston as scheduled. We will make the final decision on whether we hold the 2020 Fair or not by August 1, 2020.

We will adapt to whatever accommodations may be necessary and we are prepared for a decrease in revenue as well. The GRCHA is in a good financial position and has prepared for a "loss of Fair income due to inclement weather". I apologize for the cumbersome sentence; I was trying not to use the "r" word. While we were not expecting a virus to impact the fair, "Inclement Weather" takes many forms.

The George Rogers Clark Park is open (The CCPD has cancelled all their events through May 2020), and the Gathering House is just like we left it.

I plan on starting Wednesday Workdays at the Gathering House soon – we can social distance and still get some work done. I will announce a date soon.

ODOT has dropped off a load of cut wood as they promised, and we expect more to be delivered before the Fair at New Boston. This wood will need to be split and moved before the Fair, but we will get it done.

The contract to improve the drainage around the Gathering house has been awarded, but work has not yet begun.

GRCHA Spring Plant Sale is Cancelled, but we have arranged with our plant supplier, Spring Run Farms, that on Friday May 1 and Saturday May 2, 2020 if you go to Spring Run Farms and mention GRCHA (George Rogers Clark Heritage Association), you will receive a 25% discount on your order, and a portion of that sale will benefit the GRCHA.

- *Who – GRCHA*
- *What – GRCHA Plant Sale*
- *When – Friday May 1 and Sat. May 2 - 9 am to 6 pm*
- *Where – Spring Run Farms, 2489 Liberty Road New Carlisle, Ohio*
- *Why – To Support a Friend of GRCHA as well as the GRCHA and get out of the house!*

Springfield Memorial Day Parade – having the Springfield Memorial Day Parade is being discussed by the powers that be. I would expect the parade to be cancelled for 2020. I will keep you posted as I receive news.

GRCHA Membership Meeting – please plan on resuming GRCHA General Membership Meetings at 7 pm on Wednesday June 3, 2020. A date change will be announced if necessary.

While this pandemic is tragic and disrupting our way of life, we as historians know that America has overcome many obstacles in the past. The British are not burning the White House, Americans are not killing each other by the thousands in a Civil War and we are not holding our Brothers and Sisters in literal Slavery, this pandemic will pass. Please take care of yourself and be good to each other.

Our pioneering spirit will move us forward.

Wash your hands and I hope to see you all at a GRCHA event soon.

Phil Campbell

Crabill Homestead Report

From Lisa Hrinko

Dear Friends,

With all of the country at a standstill, and isolation in place, the Army Corps of Engineers has emailed me on the closing of the C. J. Brown Reservoir and Crabill Homestead until May 11. Sadly, this means all of the events for April and May are canceled. At that time the Corp will re-evaluate the nation's health crisis and decide whether to re-open the parks or to remain Closed. Since the Corp has locked the gate on Croft and Home Road, and we do not have a key for that gate, all honeysuckle cutting, wood cutting, mowing, delivery of Port-a-pots, and the opening of the Crabill House is now canceled. I have already called Jesse Ward, (mowing), and the Port-a-Klean people regarding this closure.

In the meantime, we can go ahead and do phone conferences, and make plans for our Summer and Fall events. At least we can have plans in place when this crisis is resolved. If you have any further questions I can be reached by phone.

Our first event for the Homestead will be June 13-14, Open House and a gathering of Artisans from the early 19th century. As soon as the Corps of Engineers reopens the park and Reservoir I will contact everyone with a date for opening the house and spring cleaning.

Please follow the governor's orders. Stay in place, think good thoughts, stay healthy, and pray for our nation and world.

Your Obedient Servant,
Lisa

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not upon thine own Understanding."

Sewing Days

From Alice Dayhoff-Miller

The sewing days are cancelled for the rest of the year. ☹️

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