

# ***THE CLARK MESSENGER***

*Newsletter of the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association*



*December 2019*

## **Our next general membership meeting is January 8 at 7 pm**

### **President's Letter**

**From Phillip Campbell**

I am sure that I do not have to tell you that it is December and Christmas is quickly approaching. For those of you who thought that this would be my last message as GRCHA President – well, we are both surprised. I am humbled and honored to be serving as the GRCHA Board President for another year.

At the December Membership Meeting, you elected five GRCHA members to serve on the Board. Sheri Forness, Mark Gaver and Helen Miller were elected to 3-year terms, MaryJane Rumpke was elected to a 2-year term and Doris Dresel was elected to a 1-year term.

The GRCHA Board for 2020 is (in alphabetical order): Phil Campbell (President, 1-year term), Doris Dresel (Vice President, 1-year term), Wendy Edmisten (1-year term), Sheri Forness (Secretary, 3-year term), Mark Gaver (3 year term), Helen Miller (3-year term), MaryJane Rumpke (Treasurer, 2-year term), Michelle Sampson (2-year term), Kris Shultz (2-year term).

As the calendar year comes to a close, it is natural to look back on what we have accomplished. This past year we, the GRCHA:

- **Replaced two windows on the first floor of the Gathering House.**
- **Removed the old planting beds in front of the Gathering House.**
- **Poured a concrete floor in the Gathering House barn.**
- **Moved all the Fair items back into the barn after the concrete floor was poured.**

My thanks to Bob Dresel, Steve Hall, Andy Shuirr, John Wysocki, Kris Shultz for sending the PRIDE guys out to help and Linda Katon for feeding us all a hot lunch!

- **Presented another successful Fair at New Boston.** My thanks to Fair Masters Tom Rumpke and Helen Miller and to all who helped set up, participated, and put it all away.

**This year's Fair had a couple of changes.**

- **The ticket booth was moved off the road.**
- **The battle was moved "sideways".**
- **The battle was held earlier in the day.**
- Work has already started on the 2020 Fair.
- **Had another good year at the Crabill House.** The Crabil House has attracted some new renters from out of state and plans are in motion for 2020.

While I am pleased with our progress, there is always more work to be done. As you know, GRCHA is composed of an eclectic and passionate group of people. I enjoy talking to my GRCHA fellows, as you never know where the conversation might lead or what you might learn. I hear lots of ideas on how to make our GRCHA better, but less often I hear an offer to help.

When you share an idea or a concern, please offer a solution or your help. In my experience, the person who has the idea or who identified the concern is most likely the best one to be part of the solution. I want to have the discussions, but I also want to encourage participation. We are all volunteers and

GRCHA needs the talents and time of each of our members to strengthen our organization and move it forward.

After the Board Retreat in January, I would like to review the GRCHA committees and their membership. As we strengthen our committees, we will strengthen the organization and that will benefit us all. Think about what you enjoy about GRCHA and where you feel you can be of most benefit—to offer help, to work on improvements, serve on or chair a committee, offer to share an interest at a Membership Meeting. We all know that there is a lot of talent at GRCHA.

As we are all busy during the Christmas season, we have agreed not to hold a 12th Night Celebration this year. Please plan on attending the GRCHA President's Day Celebration Saturday, February 22, 2020.

The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 8, 2020 at 7 pm in the Gathering House.

Merry Christmas to you all!  
Looking forward to a Great New Year for all GRCHA!  
I hope to see you at a GRCHA event soon!

Thank you,  
Phillip Campbell

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**Office Person Needed ASAP**  
**From Alice Dayhoff-Miller**

If interested, please contact Phil Campbell.  
Duties include:

- Work 1 – 2 days per week during most of year; daily for the 2 weeks before Fair at New Boston
- Check and answer or forward email as needed
- Answer phone and check messages, retuning calls as needed.
- Call for repairs on phone / internet lines and computer repairs
- Update computer programs as needed
- Familiar with Microsoft and Microsoft Office programs
- Able to use multi-function printer and assist others
- File important papers
- Organize file drawers. (They need major reorganization.)
- Respond to written correspondence
- Purchase office supplies as needed and be reimbursed for
- Mail newsletter to those not receiving it by email

General knowledge of GRCHA helpful.

**First Mad River Light Artillery**  
**From Phillip Campbell**

The cannon has been put to bed for the winter and the First Mad River Artillery will hold their Annual Meeting in January 2020 to plan our year

## Crabill Homestead Report

From Lisa Hrinko

Season's Greetings Friends,

Our Crabill House may be closed for the winter, but the care of the homestead continues on. Our loyal volunteers, Mike Collier, Phil Campbell, Becky Bostick's dad and friend have been working on burning the brush and the honeysuckle mountain. Phil is working on procuring a vertical honeysuckle side cutter. Mike is also contacting the Sonitrol/Shiver company to service the security system. I have been working on scheduling events for the 2020 season.

So until January, we would like to wish everyone a very blessed and merry Christmas and a fruitful new year.

Your obedient servant,  
Lisa Hrinko

## CCPD's Upcoming Events

From Donna Lewis

**Winter Tree I.D. Hike, Saturday, January 11,  
1:00 – 4:00 PM**

**George Rogers Clark Park (Meet at Demint  
Shelter, bottom of park)**

*Tom Hissong, Retired Education Manager,  
Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm*

Enjoy a winter hike through George Rogers Clark Park with one of the foremost naturalists in Ohio. Learn how to identify Ohio's trees in the winter by looking at the bark and buds of trees. Please dress for the weather. Please register by calling 937-882-6000.

**Food Canning Workshop, Tuesday, February 4,  
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Styer Building, Medway**

*Nancy Brown, Bethel Township Trustee and  
Volunteer*

Fee: \$10.00/person

The Park District plans to host three canning workshops this year to teach food preservation. During this session, learn how easy it is to can meats, such as chicken. This chicken can then be used for salads, casseroles and soups. Each participant will go home with a quart jar of canned chicken! Light refreshments will be served. Please

bring your own cutting board, knife and dish towel if possible. Space is limited. Pre-registration and payment is required by Tuesday, January 28. Please call 937-882-6000 for more details.

**Fireside History Chat: "Frailty, Thy Name Is  
Historian: How Present Errors Confuse the  
Past." Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 PM**

Davidson Interpretive Center

*Leslie Arendt, Local Historian*

Learn about the ways we misread, misunderstand, or misinterpret history based on our modern experience. Leslie will discuss the various mistakes she's encountered while investigating the past. The presentation will also cover old handwriting styles, obscure terminology, myths, historical context and customs, and proper use of family traditions and photographs. Preregistration is required and is limited to 40 participants.

**Maple Syrup Camp Day, Saturday, February 15,  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**George Rogers Clark Park, Indian Village**

*Justin Houston, Historical Interpreter, Student of  
Archaeology*

FREE; Donations accepted

Join Justin Houston in harvesting maple tree sap. Once collected, assist in cooking the sap down to syrup over the Village fire pits. Syrup samples will be available for tasting! Please dress for the weather.

## Calendar

*December*

17: Liberty Dancers Practice

*January*

7: Liberty Dancers Practice

8: General Membership Meeting

11: CCPD Winter Tree Hike

14: Crabill Committee Meeting

14: First Mad River Light Artillery annual meeting

21: Liberty Dancers Practice

*February*

4: CCPD Canning Workshop (Registration Required)

5: General Membership Meeting

11: CCPD Fireside Chat—Leslie Arendt  
(Registration Required)

15: CCPD Maple Syrup Camp Day

22: President's Day Celebration