

# ***THE CLARK MESSENGER***

*Newsletter of the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association*



*January 2020*

**Our next general membership meeting is February 5 at 7 pm**

## **President's Message** **From Phillip Campbell**

I hope that you and yours are warm and well. Plans are underway for a busy year at the GRCHA.

January snuck up on me, so not a lot to say this newsletter. The GRCHA needs the talents and time of each of our members to strengthen our organization and move it forward. Think about what you enjoy about the 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 the GRCHA--lets share some of that talent and passion.

The next Membership Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday February 5, 2020 at 7 pm in the Gathering House.

I hope to see you at a GRCHA event soon!

Thank you, Phillip Campbell

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

*Note—This position is currently **vacant**.*  
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.

## Washington's Birthday Celebration

Mr. John Wysocki and Mrs. Cindy Jackson wish to invite all to come celebrate the birthday of our first president, George Washington, on February 22, 2020 at the Gathering House. The gathering commences at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. The celebration is a carry-in dinner of period-appropriate foods, clothing, and food utensils. There will be a fruit punch and Fish House Punch (alcoholic); you may bring a beverage of your choice.

Please contact Cindy Jackson at [jackson1stmrla@gmail.com](mailto:jackson1stmrla@gmail.com) or 937-726-7841, **BY FEBRUARY 19**, with the number of people attending and the food dish you are bringing to share. There is limited seating in the Gathering House.

## Crabill Homestead Report From Lisa Hrinko

Happy New Year to you all!

This is a short report because of the holidays and since we have not met for a committee meeting yet for the month. However, I do have some items to report. Sometime during the holiday week, the power went off at the Crabill house. I was out of town at the time. Thanks goes out to Mike Collier for investigating and getting the problem fixed. It seems Mother Nature blew a branch down onto the power line. Thanks again, Mike!

I have been in contact with Megan Riesner regarding the The Corps of 18th century Re-enactors. The first weekend in May will be a Repair to the Black Horse Tavern. This will be open to the public and it will be similar to the event they put on last spring.

Finally, I need to set up a Committee Meeting soon in order to plan our calendar for 2020. Dan and I will be in Colonial Williamsburg next week for the Woodworking Conference. So right now, January 28, Tuesday, at 7:00, at the Gathering House looks like an open night for me. I need as many members as possible to come for this meeting. We need to get our 2020 List of Events finished in order to share it with other organizations and begin Publicity. I hope

I see some of the GRCHA members at this meeting.

Lastly, the Crabill Homestead and David and Barbara Crabill were mentioned in an article in the Looking Back picture in the News-Sun. It includes a picture of Pearl Preston Crabill trying out the electric self starter on his Packard. In 1907 Pearl organized The Central Brass and Fixture Company. He designed the first commercially used car bumper, the company's specialty. Pearl Crabill was the great-grandson of David and Barbara Crabill. Pretty cool!

Your obedient servant,  
Lisa

## Sewing Days From Alice Dayhoff-Miller

Sewing Days start Sunday, January 19, 1:00 at the Gathering House. Do you borrow clothing from GRCHA every year, need to update your clothing style from late 1700s to the Regency / Federalist era, or just wish to sit and sew with friends? This is the place to start.

They will continue every 3rd Sunday until June-- other dates are: Feb. 16, March 15, April 19, May 17, and June 21.

If there is inclement weather in January or February, if there are counties with level 1 emergencies, or if a number of places / churches close we will cancel for that month.

Brings questions, thoughts, or sewing projects (projects do not need to be Fair related if you just need the space or wish to just sit with others sewing your project). I will bring the patterns I use, clothing I have made, and some samples of other fabric available. It would be great if others would bring patterns they have used, clothing you wear, and fabric samples.

Lemonade and water will be available. Bring a snack to share if you wish. The Gathering House is on New Boston Road within Clark Park where the Fair is held.

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

From Donna Lewis

Do you ever see trash thrown out in the park or along the roadway and think, “What is up with all of this trash?” It is one of my biggest pet peeves. What would our forefathers have said about how we trash the very land we live on? This past fall, the Wetland Warrior kids started cleaning up in and around the Mad River, at our Spangler Nature Preserve site. We could not believe all of the garbage: cans, plastic bottles, glass, tires, toys, socks, fishing poles, and even a toilet! The kids did a great job of cleaning up the site in September and returned again in October. They have decided to adopt this area and to help keep it cleaned up all year long.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE...that’s the message for this winter. If each person does just one small thing to help, we can really make a difference. A lot of garbage gets into our rivers, forests, farms, yards, and into our parks. This garbage gets hidden over winter by the snow, then rears its ugly head again when the snow melts and spring arrives. The garbage can really trash the habitat in which wildlife live. It causes real problems for wildlife as some of them get caught in it (6- pack rings or fishing line) and some ingest the small plastic caps and other debris.

This winter, know the 3 “R’s” and help out your own community.

1) Reduce the amount of garbage that you put into the waste stream. Buy things with less packaging, make your own food, and find other ways to minimize. Using reusable containers instead of baggies not only saves money but reduces waste. Get a plastic microwave cover instead of using paper towels to cover your food. We love it at my house!

2) Reuse containers after use. Your kids can make some great crafts out of things such as soup cans, boxes, toilet paper rolls, and much more. Search Pinterest for ideas! I love to use old spice containers for beads and other small items that I use for crafts.

3) Recycle your products before throwing them away. Know what your community recycles and look at the bottom to see if that item can be

recycled. Try to purchase products made from recyclable containers as well.

Please help GRHCA and the Clark County Park District by helping to keep our parks clean this year! If we all work together, we can make a huge difference for our community, its people, and the wildlife that live there. A big thanks to our Clark Park Hikers who help to pick up garbage along our trails each Thursday morning!

### *The Clark Messenger*

A monthly newsletter of the  
George Rogers Clark Heritage Association  
P.O. Box 1251  
Springfield, Ohio 45501  
(937) 882-9216

President – Phillip Campbell (937) 244-5311  
Vice President – Doris Dresel  
Secretary – Sheri Forness (937) 408-6834  
Treasurer – Mary Jane Rumpke  
Office Admin –  
Fair Master – Tom Rumpke  
Bookkeeper – Ron Howell  
Newsletter Editor – Megan O’Connor

## CCPD's Upcoming Events

From Donna Lewis

**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

### *January*

**19:** Sewing Day

**21:** Liberty Dancers Practice

**28:** Crabill Committee Meeting

### *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

**16:** Sewing Day

**22:** Washington's Birthday Celebration