

THE CLARK MESSENGER

Newsletter of the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association



March 2020

Our next general membership meeting is April 1 at 7 pm

President's Message

I am writing this after spending some time at the GRCHA booth at the Olde Town Trade Fair. I can say with certainty that they season is warming up as is the weather and interest in the 2020 Fair is building. It was good to see many old friends and make a few new ones. The 2020 Participant registrations should be online soon. You will be interested to know that the times for the 2020 Fair are unchanged for Friday Education Day or Saturday, but Sunday hours are 10 am to 5 pm to allow those traveling to make it home a little earlier.

You will soon see some excavation work beginning around the Gathering House, was have sought and accepted bids, and contracted to have some excavation work done to improve the drainage around the Gathering House.

While the Fair is important to us as a group, it is not the only thing that the GRCHA presents or assists with.

Upcoming events include:

Sewing at the Gathering House

Sunday, March 15 and every third Sunday through June

Fair Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 7 pm.

Trouser Workshop

Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29.

Limited to 8 people \$30. Please see Fritz Kannik.

School of the Soldier

Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26.
At the Crabill House

Night at the Museum.

Saturday, April 4
Clark County Heritage Center

Barn Dance

Friday Evening, April 17, 2020
at the Hertzler Barn

Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3

A Night in the Indian Village

Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
George Rogers Clark Park, Indian Village.
CCPD event—they need help.

The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 1, 2020 (no Foolin') at 7 pm in the Gathering House.

I hope to see you at a GRCHA event soon!

Thank you,
Phillip Campbell

Crabill Homestead Report From Lisa Hrinko

Dear Friends,

One month left of our winter break! On Thursday, April 2nd, we will be opening up the house for the 2020 season. We will open the gates at 9:00 am and work until everything is done. I know Mike C. and

Fritz will be there early to remove the wood boards on all of the windows and doors. Indoors, we will need as many helpers as possible to take the winter foam blocks out of all the windows and fireplaces and store them upstairs in the attic. We will also need to dust and clean all of the windows, furniture, and floors. Bring a packed lunch, and I will get a case of water, and a coffee pot for boiling water for hot tea, coffee, and hot chocolate.

I have contacted Jesse Ward for a renewal of our mowing contract. Porta Klean has been contacted for the delivery of a handicap unit on April 2, to be placed near the house. Additional units have been ordered for the School of the Soldier, which is our first event, on April 24, 25, and 26. A woodcutting detail has been set for this event, and Dan Hrinko will mow the back field.

Please consider volunteering an hour or more to help get the Homestead open for the season. Many hands means less work. And we really appreciate all of the help we can get!!!

Your faithful Servant,
Lisa

Sewing Days

From Alice Dayhoff-Miller

The next Sewing Day is Sunday, March 15, 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: 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.

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.

Of Interest to GRCHA Members: From Phil Campbell

The 20th Anniversary Showing of the “Opening the Door West” Movie (Shelbourne Products, 2001) presented on PBS, Discovery Channel, and the History Channel about the settling of Marietta in 1788 by the Ohio Company of Virginia Revolutionary War Veterans.

The cast included: Brigade of the American Revolution, reenactors from Lancaster Frontier Players, the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association, and Fort Meigs.

The plans are to show the film in Columbus, Ohio in the summer of 2020. The point of contact is Ed Sachs (edmsachs@aol.com or (614) 578-2071.

I will provide more information as I receive it.

CCPD’s Upcoming Events From Donna Lewis and CCPD’s Facebook page

Clever and Unusual Escapes from Slavery, Thursday, March 19, 6:00 PM

This event has been cancelled, with a possibility of rescheduling at a future date, “due to recent events and Governor DeWine’s recommendations.”

Martha Washington, Indispensable Woman for the Indispensable Man, Thursday, April 9, 6:00 PM

Millie Henley, Historical Connections
\$5.00/person

Everyone has seen pictures of Martha Washington. She’s the little white-haired lady in a mobcap. But Martha was much more than that. Her unflinching support of her husband throughout eight long years of the Revolutionary War and through eight incredibly difficult and contentious years of the first presidency made all the difference in George Washington’s ability to perform what he was called upon to do for the nation. Registration is required at <http://www.clarkcountyparks.org/> or by calling 937-882-6000. Payment may be made that evening; cash or check only.

Calendar

March

15: Sewing Day
17: Liberty Dancers Practice
18: Fair Meeting
28-29: Regency Trouser Workshop

April

1: Membership Meeting
2: Crabill House Workday
7: Liberty Dancers Practice
9: CCPD Martha Washington Program
19: Sewing Day
21: Liberty Dancers Practice
25-26: School of the Soldier

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Men's (Regency) Trousers Workshop

March 28 & 29, 2020

10:00 – 5:00

\$30.00

Preregistration is required, limited to 8

Learn the intricacies of making men's trousers from a tailor himself, Fritz Kannik. The workshop will create a muslin mockup over a two-day period using the Kannik's Korner Pattern for Man's Trousers, High-Waisted, c. 1790-1810.

Participants must bring pattern, muslin, sewing supplies and measurements of person trousers are for if not for self.

A lunch will be supplied both days, plus snacks, if you have a food allergy please bring your own food.

It will be held at: George Rogers Clark Heritage Association Gathering House, New Boston Road; inside George Rogers Clark Park, 936 S. Tecumseh Rd.; Springfield, Ohio

Send registration to: Alice Dayhoff – Miller, 3658 Marbella St. Springfield, Oh 45502. Make checks out to GRCHA. Questions?? Contact Alice at: ajdm91mk@gmail.com or 937-206-8885