

THE CLARK MESSENGER

Newsletter of the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association



May/June 2020

The June 3 General Membership meeting is CANCELLED

President's Message

I hope that you and yours continue to be safe and well.

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

The latest cancellation that I am aware of is the Gathering at Garst scheduled for the last weekend in July.

The GRCHA Board continues to meet and plans for the 2020 Fair at New Boston continue to be discussed.

While none of us know what the future near or far holds, the final decision on whether we hold the 2020 Fair at New Boston will be made and announced by August 1, 2020.

We need to decide whether we can follow the rules set by the State of Ohio, The Clark County Park Board, the Heath Department, get a Liquor License, and hold a safe and profitable Fair for all to enjoy.

The George Rogers Clark Park is open, but limits gatherings to 10 people or fewer (The CCPD has cancelled all their events through May 2020). If we hold the Fair, I have been assured that we can set up the field in August as we have in the past.

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.

GRCHA Membership Meeting – GRCHA General

Membership Meetings at 7 pm on Wednesday June 3, 2020 has been cancelled. As I mentioned earlier, the Clark County Park Board has prohibited gatherings of more than 10 people and I don't have any agenda items besides the 2020 Fair. And regarding the Fair we all have more questions than answers.

I hope that we can resume our monthly General Membership Meetings in July.

Wash your hands and take care of yourselves and each other.

Phil Campbell

Spring Run Farms Special From Sheri Forness

Please note: Paul Snyder from Spring Run Farms has graciously made arrangements to once again give GRCHA a 25% cut of that sale if the customer states that they are with GRCHA. This event will be held on **June 5 and June 6, Friday and Saturday**. Just mention George Rogers Clark Heritage Association and we get 25% of that sale. This is a great way to help our organization make a little more profit to offset the cancelled events we have had in 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus.

Address: Spring Run Nursery, 2489 Liberty Road, New Carlisle, Ohio.

Liberty Dancers Update From Carolyn Shuirr

Dance practice is cancelled until further notice.

Crabill Homestead Report

From Lisa Hrinko

Dear Friends,

I hope all of you are staying healthy and safe. So many of our historic events have been canceled or postponed due to the Corona Virus. I for one am feeling the loss of these events. As I write this report I am thinking about my Burr Oak rendezvous. I should be camping right now! And we were notified that Fort Niagara has been canceled. I miss my reenacting friends.

One bright note is on May 15 we were allowed back into the Crabill Homestead. We have a lot of work to do. Dan did get out to mow the back field but it needs mowed again. I have called Jesse Ward to inform him that the homestead is now open so he can schedule his mowing around the house. Fritz and Mike Collier have removed all of the house window covers and fireplace plugs. They also joined myself, Pat and Bruce Tipton, and Kathleen this past Saturday to begin cleaning the house. The 3 ladies each took a room downstairs to clean it top to bottom. I managed to complete the Keeping

Room minus the curtains. The Kitchen and Parlor need some finishing work. Bruce managed to sweep away spiders and their webs. We still need to clean windows, walls, woodwork and furniture.

I sent an email and text message to the Army Corp of Engineers to see if they have any concerns with the public coming for Open House events. I have submitted a safety plan to them. I am waiting on a reply from them. I would like to be able to keep our Open House events. Our first one of the season is scheduled for June 13 and 14, with demonstrations from Craftsmen.

So....stay tuned to a future email from me as to the re-opening of the Crabill House.

I plan on having another work day June 6 starting at 9 a.m. Dan will be meeting guys at George Rogers Clark Park to start cutting wood and bringing it over to the Crabill house.

Your faithful servant,
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