

# ***THE CLARK MESSENGER***

*Newsletter of the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association*



*November 2020*

## **Our December 2 Membership Meeting is CANCELLED.**

### **President's Message**

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

The year 2020 has been like no other in my experience. But even with all of the change and uncertainty, we have much to be thankful for.

Even with the Fair at New Boston cancellation for 2020, GRCHA remains on solid financial ground due to the efforts of those Boards who served before and the continuation of sound financial practices. The Crabill House brought in more income than ever before and we had a different but financially successful Spring Plant Sale.

There will not be a 12th Night Celebration this year—but we are planning on celebrating President's Day in February 2021 as we have in the recent past. Details to follow as they are available.

**Due to Governor DeWine's recent edicts regarding COVID precautions and the fact that COVID has found its way into the membership of the GRCHA...**

**- the GRCHA General Membership scheduled for Wednesday December 2, 2020 has been CANCELLED.**

**- The Elections for the Board of Trustees will be held during the January 6, 2021 General Membership Meeting.**

**- Our bylaws are silent as to how to handle the situation we find ourselves in. The board is discussing a revision of our bylaws to allow members to mail in their ballots or perhaps call**

**their vote in during scheduled times to vote for Trustees. If it is not possible to hold a January Membership Meeting in person, an appropriate alternative for voting will be offered to the membership so we can proceed as an organization.**

**•2020/2021 Trustee Elections**—Doris, Wendy and Phil's terms are up this year. Board nominations will remain open until 10 days before the scheduled vote (December 27, 2020). If you would like to run for the GRCHA Board, contact me or another Board member before that date with a short Bio. To share. Please see Wendy's and Phil's Bios. below:

**•The GRCHA Website** is being revised—when you see Dan and Diana Maclin, please thank them for their valuable work keeping our old site up and running.

**•Hrinko Donation**—Lisa & Dan Hrinko donated to the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association several lovely pieces of art, either for us to display or to auction for the benefit of GRCHA. The Board agreed to auction the art to the GRCHA membership at the January 2021 Membership Meeting as the ballots for the election are being counted.

The art is displayed downstairs in the Gathering House and includes:

- 1) Framed Map of George Rogers Clark's Campaigns
- 2) Framed Colonial Pineapple Art Print
- 3) Matted and Framed David Wright Poster—Spirit of America

4) Matted and Framed David Wright Poster—  
Cumberland Gap

At the October Membership Meeting. It was properly moved, seconded, and agreed that we keep the framed wax portrait of George Rogers Clark to display in the Gathering House.

Please take a look at the art, and attend the January 2021 Membership Meeting ready to vote once and bid often!

The Next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on Wednesday January 6, 2021 at the Gathering House. I hope to see you there.

*Be thankful, wash your hands, take care of yourselves and each other.*  
*Phil Campbell*

## **Crabill Homestead Report**

### **From Becky Bostick**

The December Crabill Homestead monthly meeting is cancelled. It was to be Dec 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

The October Open House was a success! Thank you to Ellen Ottoson, a spinner from the Miami Valley Weavers Guild, who performed demonstrations both days on the kitchen porch. A total of 75 visitors came and \$148.00 was collected. The total visitor count for 2020 is 387 and donations total \$1801.00!.

The honeysuckle was removed 10/31 and 11/1. Thank you to Dan Hrinko for the donation of the skid steer with bush hog, and to Mike Collier, Phil Campbell, Gabe Jones, Lizzie Jones and Lisa Hrinko. Much of it was cleared.

The Corp of 18th Century Reenactors were at the homestead 11/4-11/8/2020. They had a great time, and the weather was perfect! The group already said they would like to come back in 2021.

As this year comes to an end, the house was closed for the year by Fritz Kannik, Mike Collier, Becky Bostick and the Corp of 18th Century Reenactors. Thanks to all! Many ideas are being gathered for 2021. Topics include grounds, publicity, donations, events, recruiting volunteers, etc. We are in search of someone to help with the May open house, about garden topics such as plants grown for seasoning,

medicinal, housekeeping and cosmetic purposes. Also, looking for local historical vendors for the Oct 'Harvest Homemade' open house. All ideas are welcome!!! Feel free to contact me!!!

Until next month I remain your humble servant,  
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### **Crabill Homestead Events Calendar**

11/10/2020- Monthly Meeting, Gathering House  
7:00pm  
12/1/2020- Monthly Meeting  
1/12/2021- Monthly Meeting  
2/9/2021- Monthly Meeting  
3/9/2021- Monthly Meeting  
4/10-4/11/2021- Open House, School of the Soldier,  
Linigle's  
4/13/2021- Monthly Meeting  
5/11/2021- Monthly Meeting  
5/8-5/9/2021- Open House- How Does Your  
Garden Grow? The Frontier Woman's Garden  
6/8/2021- Monthly Meeting  
7/10-7/11/2021- Open House- Fourth of July  
Celebration  
6/12-6/13/2021- Open House, Lafferty Pike  
7/13/2021- Monthly Meeting  
8/10/2021- Monthly Meeting  
8/14-8/15/2021- Open House, Black Hoof  
9/11-9/12/2021- Open House-Historical Recipes  
9/14/2021- Monthly Meeting  
9/18/2021- Tea, 'Language of the Fan'  
10/12/2021- Monthly Meeting  
10/9-10/10/2021- Open House- Harvest Homemade

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**Crabill Homestead  
Honeysuckle Cleanup**



**Tintypes from the Corp of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Reenactors/Columbia Society's visit to the Crabill Homestead**

## Columbia Society At The Crabill Homestead

Part of Becky Bostick's Crabill Report

*Article submitted by Megan Reisener, Corp of 18th Century Reenactors/Columbia Society*

Last week, the Columbia Society presented a private immersion event for civilian living historians to recreate life as it would have been lived in the fall of 1863 at the Crabill Homestead. For five days, they lived in the house and participated in common daily activities of the time period.

Their first full day they butchered four hens. The meat was eaten at dinner time (served promptly at 3 PM as was proper). The next day was the main event. A heritage breed hog, expertly raised on one participant's farm in Tennessee was butchered as would have been in the time period. The hams and shoulders were hung in the cellar to keep cool. The chops, roasts, and pork belly were set aside for meals. The ribs were hung by the fireplace to smoke. Fat was separated to render into lard. The rest of the meat was chopped for sausage or salt pork.

The next day, they hand stuffed the sausage. The ribs were eaten for dinner, along with chicken left over from the day before. They baked things like bread pudding and onion custard in the outside bake oven. All the recipes used for meals were made from historical cookbooks such as *The Kentucky Housewife*.

On the last full day, they were visited by a traveling photographer who took tintypes of the participants. This was a common occurrence in the 1860s. The weather was particularly sunny and warm, unprecedented for a November day, but they took advantage of it and had one final picnic in front of the house to celebrate. It was a beautiful weekend, a lot of experience was gained, and the setting of the Crabill Homestead made it all the more perfect.

## GRCHA Board Candidate Bios (Presented alphabetically)

### 1. Phillip Campbell

My name is Phillip Campbell, I have spent most of my life in Springfield Ohio. My wife Teresa and I have been married for over 30 years and we have one daughter, Kristin.

My family and I have been visitors to the Fair at New Boston since its beginning, have been GRCHA Members for the past 15 years and participated in the fair for the last 13 years as part of the First Mad River Light Artillery (FMRLA).

I have had the honor of serving the GRCHA as a Member of the Board of Trustees for the past 3 years and the privilege of serving as President for the past 2.

While we have recently accomplished much, there is still work undone. During 2021, I would like to complete the Gathering House Flooring Project and Web Site revision we have begun and repair the Block House/Trading Post. I would like to see the GRCHA work to revive the Fall Speaker Series, enlarge our membership and put on a memorable Fair in 2021.

I am interested in serving as a Trustee for the GRCHA for 1 more term and would appreciate your support.

*Phillip R. Campbell*

### 2. Wendy Edmisten

**To the Members,**

**Nov. 2020**

I have been a member of the GRCHA since 2001. The first fair I attended was wonderful. Every fair is wonderful. I always work Education Day because the youth need this living education.

I will do everything I can to help the organization. I have been in charge of Signage for many years. I have been a Trustee for many years.

I would like to continue to be a Trustee. With your support I can help this organization to educate more.

Thank you,  
*Wendy Edmisten*