



# The Clark Messenger

A Newsletter of the George Rogers Clark Historical  
Association

February/March 2022

President's Message  
From Phillip Campbell



I hope that you and yours are warm and well.

I had the good fortune today to sit for a few minutes, between returning calls and texts, and was surprised to see both a robin and a cardinal. Both sure signs of spring. Now later in the evening the ground is covered in snow (but thankfully not the roads).....

The President's Dinner was held at the Gathering House Saturday February 19, 2022. There were close to 40 attendees and I understand a fine time was had by all. Thank you to Cindy Jackson and John Wysocki for making this event happen.

We continue working to organize our GRCHA Library into a resource that our members can use for research. We are culling materials that fall outside the timeline set in our mission statement and will offer these materials to the GRCHA Membership at Membership meetings before donating them

elsewhere.

Wednesday Workdays will resume in April, please contact me before coming out to be sure of the start time.

It is with sadness that I share that longtime friend of the GRCHA and Little John Tavern Keeper, Steve Hall and his wife Midge are moving to Wisconsin this summer to be closer to their family. Steve told me the 2021 Fair was his last.....I hope that he may visit again in the future. If you see Steve, please thank him for his work in support of the GRCHA.

Please attend an upcoming Membership Meeting, held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Gathering House to see what is happening in your organization.

The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 6, 2022.

I hope to see you at an FMRLA event soon!

Thank you,

Phil

***Phillip Campbell***

**President G.R.C.H.A.**

## General knowledge

### - GRCHA Mission -

The Mission of the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association is to educate members and the public about the history of the area of the Northwest Territory between the years 1700 and 1850, emphasizing the Ohio Country and the life of George Rogers Clark.

### - January and February events:

-- 27 January 2022 members of GRHCA participated in filming for

James Bender's 1790s Survival Series, Episode 12 (Watch "Ohio Country! - Episode 12 - 1790's Survival Series" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/b0EiZetaJYM>). We were acting as frontiersmen living in the early Ohio settlement of Massie's Station. This along the Ohio River in the early 1790s. Following are photos from the filming:



This was a big effort supported by our members and thank you to all who participated. To date the video has reached over 7,400 people, if not more.

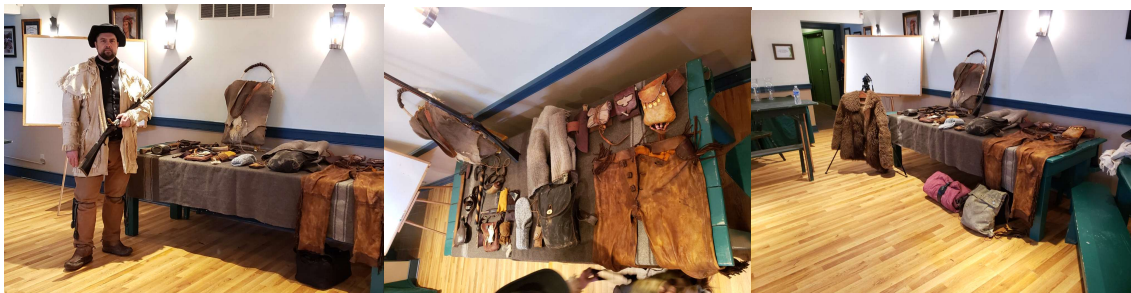
-- 11 and 12 February 2022, the general public, members of GRCHA, along with Justin Houston and James Bender participated in a Winter Maple Gathering/Rendezvous. Approximately 30 people total visitors and otherwise participated in the cold winter event. Following are photos from the event:



The Winter Maple Rendezvous/Gathering started the evening of 11 February 2022. The Long House in the Park's Indian Village had a nice fire and GRCHA members spent the night here and another building in the Village. It was cold and "mummy" sleeping bags did little to keep the cold out. I know it is not a period, but it was cold. LOL.



For the Winter Maple Gathering we had three presenters - James Bender gave three lectures on winter living in colonial times. Justin Houston gave a presentation on the Indian Village and the maple sap harvest including how to make maple syrup. Joshua Waid gave a presentation on the Battle of Peckuwe and handled all media for the event. Be on the lookout for these presentations as he is editing videos now.



James Bender shows off period clothing and wilderness gear.





Justin Houston with Robert Waid, this event convinced Robert to join GRCHA as a living historian. He had a great time and this goes to show, even adults with Autism can find joy in preserving our past and supporting the mission of GRCHA.

-- 19 February 2022, the GRCHA membership participated in our annual President's Day Dinner, with over 30 members in attendance. Following are photos from the event:





All participants had an enjoyable time and look forward to an even better event next year.

-- Lastly, GRCHA wants to thank Donna Ward for sewing new curtains and valances for the Gathering House and we want to thank Kris Shultz for working with Donna to put them up.



**Of Note:**

**Speaker Series -**

**6 April 2022 - Tubalcaine Forge Presentation**

**22 May 2022 - Sewing Club Speaker Series Event with Paul Brennan**

**Upcoming Events/Calendar**

*March 2022*

- 23:** Board/Trustee Meeting
- 27:** Sewing Day
- 29:** Liberty Dancers Practice

***April 2022***

- 2:** FMRLA Cannoneer Training/Certification - even if not signed up please come out to experience the firing of the cannon.
- 5:** Liberty Dancers Practice
- 6:** General Membership Meeting - \*\*Tubalcaine Forge Presentation
- 9 - 10:** School of the Soldier - Crabill House
- 19:** Liberty Dancers Practice
- 24:** Sewing Day
- 27:** Board/Trustee Meeting
- 30:** GRCHA Annual Plant Sale

***May 2022***

- 1:** GRCHA Annual Plant Sale
- 3:** Liberty Dancers Practice
- 4:** General Membership Meeting
- 17:** Liberty Dancers Practice
- 22:** Sewing Club Speaker Series Event
- 25:** Board/Trustee Meeting

***For Sale Section*** - Here you may list your period items from 1700-1850 (please contact Jack or Jami Waid with items you would like to sell...if you run a sutler store or crafts, etc. please let us know if you would like your contact info listed here.)

## **Notes from the Editor**

*"The Clark Messenger,"* is slated to go out as soon as possible, after each general membership meeting. If you have information you would like to have considered for publication in the

newsletter, please email [907Waid1@gmail.com](mailto:907Waid1@gmail.com) (this is a temporary Email as we are reestablishing the GRCHA newsletter account) by the end of day the Sunday following the general membership meeting. If you have information that needs to go out immediately, please send it through the Trustees at [grchatrustees@gmail.com](mailto:grchatrustees@gmail.com).

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