A Nutcracker Christmas!

Did you make it to Promont over the holidays? It was definitely an event to be remembered with this year’s theme of “A Nutcracker Christmas.”

A huge thank you to all who worked so hard to make Promont extra special this year. From the decorating team to the cookie bakers, it was truly amazing.

Here are a few statistics we’d like to share:

- We greeted 401 visitors during the two-day Open House over the December 15-16 weekend
- Two new members joined during the open house
- An additional 40 folks visited during extended hours, December 17-21
- Dozens of beautiful cookies were donated by our generous members to help make the event even more festive

What a great way to end the year!

NEW! Cemetery Studies Group

Rul Peck has begun the groundwork for the formation of a new Cemetery Studies Group, and you are invited to be part of this activity. For those of us that are fascinated with cemeteries and their history, this will be a great way to share experiences and learn from each other. We want to start the planning process over the winter, so please consider joining us! Hopefully we can have a number of great activities scheduled when nicer weather arrives this Spring. To learn more, please contact the office at 513-248-0324 or info@milfordhistory.net.

Once again, GMAHS will participate in Cincy Magazine’s Best of the East celebration that recognizes Cincinnati-area top establishments from east of I-71. The event will be held January 24, 2019 (5:30-8:30 PM) at Holiday Inn & Suites in Eastgate. Both Promont (Best Historical Site/Museum) and PromontEvents.com (Best Place to Have a Wedding) were chosen as finalists. We should all be very proud of this recognition.

For more information or to purchase tickets to attend, CLICK HERE (or visit http://cincymagazine.com/Main/Best-of-the-East.aspx).
Membership Matters
Sharon Reynolds

Please join me in welcoming five new members that have joined GMAHS this winter. They are Kimberly Flick, Tom & Pam Newhouse, Sandy Richmond and Mary Sue Vilardo.

Have you sent in your renewal or are you one of the 20 members who are delinquent with your dues? We realize the holidays can divert our attention, so now that we’re into January...please accept this reminder and send in your membership form and payment ASAP.

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the families of Ruth McCormick and Arthur Price, GMAHS members who passed away in 2018.

GMAHS Membership Meetings

As a reminder, there are NO GMAHS membership meetings in January or February due to unpredictable weather conditions and the number of snowbirds we have in our membership. The first meeting of 2019 will be held on Thursday, March 7. The featured speaker will be Ron Vance who carves biblical figures into canes.

All membership meetings are held at the Sibcy Cline Mulberry Square Office at 1077 St Rt. 28, Suite 11, Milford. A covered-dish dinner begins at 6:30 PM followed by a brief business meeting and special programming.

Beechtree Circle Update
Mary Ann Benoski

The Beechtree Circle was very busy over the past couple of months creating “The Nutcracker Christmas”—an outstanding spectacle throughout Promont. The decorating committee created scenes from the ballet in each room of the house. Congratulations to all!

I’m happy to report that the Beechtree Circle helped eight hostesses conduct fundraisers for the maintenance and preservation of Promont with the generation of $5,782 in revenue over the holiday season; bringing the total 2018 contribution to $12,512.

Dayton Woman’s Traveling Garden Club

A group that enjoyed Promont over the holidays

We are sad to report that our friend, Jennifer Johnson, passed away in November. Jennifer loved Promont, and we loved her.

Please thank these dedicated Beechtree Circle participants: Sue Bradford, Barb Burke, Marsha Buttermore, Kathy Camery, Nancy Chappelle, Sue Grone, Sharan Hinkle, Marti Kleinfelter, Carolyn Nicholson, Amy Pritts, Libby Rost, Jeanne Stevens and Linda Wasson for their unwavering service.

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Art Affaire 2019 Update
Donna Amann

This year the Art Affaire planning committee will say goodbye to Mary Ward after her many years of working with this event. Mary will be missed, but thankfully has promised to be available for questions and general support, as needed, during this transition year.

I guess it has taken three people to replace Mary on the planning committee with new members including Maria Keri, Susan Gates and Gigi Holsinger. Each of the new members has hit the ground running and bring much energy and enthusiasm to the meetings.

Maria will work with artists and manage overall event promotion. Susan has agreed to take over sponsorship coordination; and Gigi will facilitate the event program advertising and printing.

In addition, Amy Pritts has been active with Art Affaire for the past couple of years overseeing entertainment and is also part of the planning committee. Marti Kleinfelter, Tracy Lanham, Mary Ann Crowley, Lori Pegg, Suzette Albrecht, and Donna Amann round out this very productive group.

Work has already begun for Art Affaire 2019 with the Call to Artist to go out within the next few weeks. Poster Contest activities will also begin soon.

Please contact Marti or Donna if you have comments or suggestions for Art Affaire 2019.
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Donna—donna@milfordhistory.net

PromontEvents.com Update
Donna Amann

2018 was a good year for PromontEvents.com, which is the official name of the activity aimed at facilitating Promont venue rentals.

Kim Phipps, our venue coordinator, scheduled eight events including three beautiful weddings this past year. She added to our offerings by scheduling special-occasion photo shoots. And, due to Kim’s efforts, we now receive a small gratuity from outside vendors who provide event services.

This past spring, Kim hosted our first Bridal Boutique where she introduced local vendors to Promont and offered gently used bridal apparel for sale to the public. It was a great success, and she will be repeating this event on June 8 this year at Promont. As an interesting tidbit...one of the young ladies who purchased a gown at the 2018 Bridal Boutique was married at Promont.

PromontEvents.com is a finalist in the 2019 Best of the East celebration under the category – Best Place to Have a Wedding. This is a new category, and it is an honor to be one of three finalists. As noted earlier in this newsletter, Best of the East will be held January 24 at Holiday Inn & Suites in Eastgate.

Here is an image from our most recent wedding (December 2018 with Ken and Tiina Waeber), the perfect ending to a wonderful year for Kim and PromontEvents.com.

History Quote
“History will be kind to me; for I intend to write it.”
~ Winston Churchill
Correction!
The Valley Enterprise will NOT Gain a New Editor
As it turns out, Mary Ward will continue as our newsletter editor for 2019. GMAHS member Jeanne Stevens, who had offered to take over, had to change her plans due to family commitments. If you, or someone you know has Microsoft Publisher experience and a burning desire to take over the newsletter, please let Donna know (513/248-0324 or damann@milfordhistory.net).

House Tours & Volunteers
Marti Kleinfelter
GMAHS has been very fortunate to have Promont open every Sunday this past year, which was made possible by many dedicated volunteers. In March, we will have an updated volunteer book available that will provide a list of tasks and associated responsibility descriptions for each. The book will also provide background information on Promont and the families that occupied the house. This is a great resource for anyone interested in being a docent; or, in helping out with Sunday tours.

Extra help is always needed. Consider shadowing a volunteer on a Sunday afternoon (1-4 PM) to see if you might enjoy one of the jobs. Keep in mind that many of our visitors have never been to Promont before or heard of GMAHS. Tours not only provide nominal income for GMAHS; they also provide a way to introduce the public to Promont and the availability of the house for rental events—a greater revenue generating opportunity to help GMAHS continue its community programming and the on-going maintenance of Promont.

If you are interested or want more details, contact Marti Kleinfelter at 831-2997 or by email to: marthakleinfelter@gmail.com.
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