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Membership Matters! By Sharon Reynolds

Happy New Year! Please extend a warm welcome to our Newest Members!

Pam DeCourcy, Linda & Mark Krum, Valerie & Steve Birch, Heather & Dustin Lester, Amanda Kranias, Susan Vilardo, and Judy Keeney

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you around Promont and our events!

We want to say "Thank You!" to everyone who has renewed their membership in 2019, or will renew in 2020. Our Members — You! — are the backbone of GMAHS and make it possible for us to offer the programs we do & keep the museum at Promont open to our community.

Docent & Volunteer News

By Marti Kleinfelter

First, Thank You for everyone's help with our busy holiday season! For the first time, Promont was a stop for regional tour bus visitors hailing from Wisconsin & Minnesota! It was quite fun meeting these folks & showing off our Promont!

Thanks, also, to all who helped with the Open House &/or brought in holiday cookies to share with our guests. Your contributions are invaluable to the success of GMAHS!

As we ring in the New Year, join me in making a New Year's Res-

olution to GMAHS/Promont! As we begin a New Year we ask you to consider inviting a friend, family member, or neighbor to join us. Memberships start at \$25/YR for individuals and we have plenty of volunteer opportunities and exciting events coming in 2020!

You may renew or join online at MilfordHistory.net/about/membership or via the 'DONATE' button on the right side of the Homepage. Just type "membership" in the 'Note' line. This process is secure via PayPal with a credit card.

REMINDERS:

- > There are NO membership meetings in January & February. We will see everyone in March!
- > Promont is closed to Sunday tours in January & February.

Go Fund Me Update

Thank you to all who have donated to the Go Fund Me!

Our fund is still active and we are still in need! Please continue to donate and/or share our campaign if you have social media! Thank You!

www.gofundme.com/historic-promont



olution to GMAHS/Promont!

We commit to renew our GMAHS membership and be of service to GMAHS once a month. Here are some ideas where you can be of help to GMAHS:

- Sunday Tours - docent, greeters, gift shop
- Brown Bag Lunches - May, June, July, August
- May Maker's Market
- June Bridal Boutique
- August Quilt Show

- September Art Affaire
- Nov/Dec Decorate Promont for Holidays
- Attend monthly Member Meetings March-Dec
- Join the Promont Design group
- Join the Book Club
- Join the Cemetery Group
- Join the Beechtree Circle

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Thank You to Lovins
Insurance for your
ongoing support of
GMAHS & Art Affaire!

Administrator's Letter by Donna Amann

Happy New Year everyone!

As we close out 2019, I would like to express our gratitude to two long time GMAHS volunteers – Kathy McCurdy, Librarian, Historian and Author of our Milford Arcadia book; and Tracy Lanham, gift shop manager and founder of Art Affaire. Both of these ladies dedicated years of service to the Society. While Kathy will continue to be busy in Milford with her many community activities, Tracy has relocated in North Carolina to be closer to her family. Let's wish Kathy and Tracy the very best in

all they do!

In 2019, our crown jewel, Promont, gave us several challenges - but with the support of our membership and local community, we have been able to meet these challenges and even go beyond. We are now in a position to deal with current issues and have established a reserve to face future challenges. Thank you all for this bit of peace of mind.

2020 will begin with great improvements to Promont. Thanks to several very generous ladies,

the gift shop is undergoing a total make-over and the kitchen will have a new floor. Another generous donation has made it possible to have copper chimney caps placed on all four chimneys, which will no doubt help prolong the life of the chimneys and maybe even eliminate our bird problem. And the big Spring project will involve the replacement of the balconettes on the tower and other general repairs to the tower!

Thanks again for all you do for GMAHS and Promont.

Art Affaire

By the Art Affaire Committee

Mark your calendars because 2020 brings us the **15th Annual Art Affaire on September 26th!**

It's hard to believe that it was 15 years ago when Tracy Lanham offered the idea of inviting local artists to set up booths and offer their wares on the grounds of Promont as a fundraiser for GMAHS — and even harder to believe how much Art Affaire has grown over 15 years!

In 2005, about 40 artists set up on the grounds of Promont for our first Art Affaire and we got the word out by telling our friends and local businesses, and passing out handmade flyers. In 2019 we had over 100 artists, a full entertainment lineup, food offerings from local businesses, and need 3-blocks of Main St. to accommodate our nearly 10,000 visitors!!

Growing Art Affaire into the Premier fine art & fine craft show that it has become is one of our proudest achievements as an organization. Not only has it become GMAHS's primary annual fundraiser, but it has strengthened our connection with our community as a whole.

We remain humble with gratitude for all of the dedicated volunteers, both members & nonmembers, who make Art Affaire possible! Thank you to everyone who has worked on Art Affaire over the years. We are looking forward to making the 15th Art Affaire the best one yet!

If you would like to volunteer please email:

info@milfordhistory.net

**Coming Up**

The **Call to Artists** is going out at the end of January/beginning of February.

The **Poster Image Contest** will be open to submissions at the end of January.

If you know any artists who would be interested in entering the poster contest or Art Affaire, please direct them to inquire via email or the Facebook page at artaffaire@milfordhistory.net or [Facebook.com/ArtAffaire](https://www.facebook.com/ArtAffaire)

Current News

Welcome New Board of Trustees Members!

Please join us in welcoming Susan Vilar-do, Amanda Kranias, and Dick Nordloh to the GMAHS Board of Trustees! We thank you for your interest and commitment to the Historical Society and look forward to working with you!

In welcoming our new members, we must express our gratitude to those who have stepped down. Please join us in extending a sincere "Thank You!" to Trustees Scott Dunn, Suzette Albrecht, and Lori Pegg. We thank you for all your hard work on behalf of GMAHS as a Trustee and are glad you will all remain involved in the Society.

Gift Shop News

Our little gift shop is getting a BIG makeover! Thanks to the hard work and commitment of the wonderful ladies of the

Promont Design Group, led by Sharan Hinkle, and the Beechtree Circle, led by Mary Ann Benoski, our gift shop not only has a re-vamped inventory and organization, but will soon have fresh paint, new & re-furbished furniture and displays, and new hardwood floors! These ladies & their amazing volunteers independently procured all of the funds and materials for this project!! Wow! Kudos and Thank You!

The Gift Shop is expected to reopen on Sunday, March 1st, when Promont house tours resume. Be sure to stop by and see these exciting updates!

New Copper Chimney Caps For Promont

Exciting news from the end of 2019 is the installation of new copper chimney caps! Thanks to a generous donation from the Herschede Family Foundation all four of Promont's chimneys are now adorned with copper

chimney caps, matching our copper gutters, downspouts, and other adornments. These chimney caps are not only beautiful, but will prolong the life and maintenance needs of our chimneys, as well as, possibly helping with the prevention of birds sneaking into the house! Thank you so much for your generosity Herschede Family Foundation!



Coming Up in 2020

The year 2020 has been dubbed "The Year of the Woman". 2020 brings us the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment, allowing women to vote.

GMAHS plans to offer programming about, and to share the stories of, extraordinary women from the Milford/Miami Township area, as well as the Cincinnati area.

If you know of a local woman who attained any "firsts" for our area, or who made a meaningful impact in our area, and who deserves to be recognized for her efforts; or if you have photos and documentation to assist us in featuring our local women, please send an email to info@milfordhistory.net. Thank You!

Save The Date!

Here is a quick overview of some of our

special events being planned for 2020. If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of these events, please reach out to Donna Amann at 513/248-0324 or via email at info@milfordhistory.net

Brown Bag History Lunches— May 14, June 11, July 9, and August 13

Maker's Market at Main— May 9

Bridal Boutique at Promont— June 20

Quilt Show & Sale— August 22

Art Affaire— September 26

Cemetery Walk at Greenlawn Cemetery— October 25

Christmas at Promont (replacing the Open House, more details to come) — November 27

Reminders

We just wanted to take a moment to remind you there are ongoing activities and volunteer opportunities at GMAHS throughout the year. Activities such as the History Readers Book Club and the Cemetery Studies Group meet all year long and volunteer groups such as the Promont Design Group work on activities at Promont all year long. If you have been "thinking about" getting involved more with GMAHS there's no better time!

Thank You to everyone who provided cookies for our Holiday Open House and to all those who helped out with greeting guests, sharing our local history, set up, clean up, parking, and everything else. It was a wonderful weekend and we couldn't do it without you!

GMAHS Calendar of Events – January-March 2020

| Date & Time | Event | Details |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| JANUARY 2020 | | |
| January 2020 | NO regular GMAHS meeting | <i>Be safe – stay warm</i> |
| January 7 – 6:30PM | History Readers Book Club at Promont | <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i> by James and Jeanne Houston Open to Public - FREE |
| January 8 – 6:30PM | GMAHS Board of Trustees regular meeting | Promont |
| January 10, 10AM | Design Group – creative workshop | Meets at Promont |
| January 23, 10:30AM | Cemetery Studies Group | FREE – All welcomed – 2020 plans |
| January 23 5:30 to 8:30PM | <i>Best of the East</i> | Holiday Inn Eastgate |
| January 24, 10AM | Design Group - creative workshop | Meets at Promont |
| FEBRUARY 2020 | | |
| February 2020 | NO regular GMAHS meeting | <i>Be safe – stay warm</i> |
| February 4, 6:30PM | History Readers Book Club at Promont | <i>The Eulogist</i> by Terry Gamble |
| February 14, 11AM | Design Group – creative workshop | Meets at Promont |
| February 14, 6:30PM | Valentine's Day | Lots of hugs and kisses |
| February 27, 10:30AM | Cemetery Studies | At Promont – FREE Open to Public - Discussions, field trips, community projects |
| MARCH 2020 | | |
| March 3, 2020 | History Readers Book Club at Promont | <i>The Tattooist of Auschwitz</i> by Heather Morris |
| March 5, 6:30PM | Regular meeting of GMAHS | At Sibcy Cline office in Mulberry Square – speaker TBA |
| March 11, 6:30PM | GMAHS Board of Trustees regular meeting | Promont |
| March 13, 10AM | Design Group – creative workshop | Meets at Promont |
| March 26, 10:30AM | Cemetery Studies | At Promont – FREE Open to Public - Discussions, field trips, community projects |



REMINDER: Promont will be closed for tours in January and February. The office will maintain regular hours W-F 9-4 unless Milford Schools are closed and we will close also