

Massillon Heritage Foundation

Fall 2015 Newsletter

President's Update - Gary Martzolf

Restoration

Phase III of the restoration of Five Oaks is well underway with plaster repair and repainting of three First Floor rooms nearly complete and work started on the Second Floor hallway. By the time you read this, the project should be almost wrapped up. This interior restoration was funded in part by a grant from the Ohio History Fund that covered approximately 50% of the project cost. The remaining expense was covered by matching funds from members of the Massillon Heritage Foundation, the Massillon Woman's Club, local businesses and residents. Thank you to all for your support. The Woman's Club staff, Sharon, Michelle and Dave, deserves our gratitude for dealing with the inconvenience and doing constant clean-up. And, a special thank you to board member Ed Hare who managed our successful capital campaign.

New Board Member

We welcome Michael Jacobs as the newest member of the Massillon Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees. Mike lives in Lakewood and is a recent retiree from the Cleveland Public Library where he worked for 30 years. The last ten years of his career were spent in the Fine Arts/Special Collections Department that houses the Charles Schweinfurth collection. He became known as one of the "go-to" persons for anyone interested in Cleveland's historical architecture on Euclid Avenue and the work of Charles Schweinfurth. Participants in our 2013 Schweinfurth excursion to Cleveland will remember Mike as our host at the Cleveland Public Library exhibit. Mike attended the Ohio State University, Cuyahoga Community College and Berlitz School of Language. In his spare time, when he is not on the road between Lakewood and Massillon, he enjoys studying the French language/culture and playing the piano.

Endowment Management Change

The trustees recently selected the Stark Community Foundation to manage the Massillon Heritage endowment fund. The Stark Community Foundation, with assets of \$220 million, provides broadly diversified investment products for non-profits in our community. We believe Stark Community Foundation's management of the fund will provide enhanced investment opportunities along with better returns.

Open Houses

We are inviting the capital campaign matching fund donors to be among the first to view the restored rooms at an October 11 Open House from 2:00-4:00 PM. Invitations to this event will be in the mail shortly. An Open House for the general public will be held the following Sunday, October 18, 2:00-4:00 PM.



Tour Report

The 2015 summer tour season kicked-off on June 27 with "Massillon Millionaires Row" featuring a continental breakfast and 4th Street tour with Margy Vogt. Unfortunately, a forecast for heavy rain caused the 4th Street tour to be cancelled and attendance was very light. We experienced better results on July 12 when 20 visitors toured Five Oaks following Margy's tour. Tours for August were cancelled due to the interior restoration project; however, the October 18 public open house will provide the opportunity to view the restored rooms and self-tour the mansion. A total of 67 people visited Five Oaks during the shortened summer tour season and another 210 have visited with group tours the first nine months of 2015.

Thank you to all our faithful docents for your service during 2015.

Capital Campaign – Ed Hare

Thank you for your generous gifts in assisting us in matching the Ohio History Fund Grant. Your contributions have made it possible to do much required interior restoration of damaged plaster and paint in the mansion's parlor, library, music room and second floor hallway. Our capital campaign has received \$24,281 - - which goes into this fund. Thank you, again, for supporting restoration and preservation of our beloved Five Oaks Historic Home.

While it appears we have generated enough monies to raise 40% of the project cost, the exact total estimated will not be finalized until all of the work has been completed. It was vital we address these much needed interior restorations before we move forward on additional exterior work.

The Massillon Heritage Foundation, The Massillon Woman's Club, and Historic Fourth Street appreciates your support of Five Oaks.

Website: www.five-oaks.org

– Nancy Welch

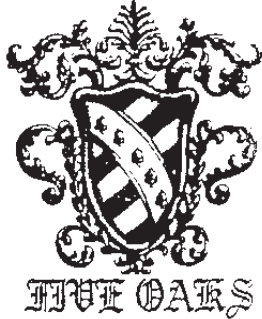
The Massillon Heritage Foundation has a great website. You can view it at five-oaks.org. It contains information on the McClymonds family and Schweinfurth, beautiful pictures of the interior and exterior of the building, news of upcoming events and access to the newsletters. It's an excellent resource and a good way to introduce people to our wonderful treasure. We would welcome any feedback or suggestions about the website.

Membership – Peggy Haunty

The membership appeal for 2015-2016 will be mailed in October. The Heritage Foundation depends on members for the base of support necessary to continue important restoration and preservation projects at Five Oaks.

We thank you for your past loyalty and ask that you continue your support in the future by sending your tax deductible membership contribution. It is impossible to meet our goals without you!!





Upcoming Events

Massillon Heritage Foundation

Sunday, October 11, 2015 2:00-4:00 PM
Capital Campaign Donor Open House

Sunday, October 18, 2015 2:00-4:00 PM
Community Open House

Thursday, December 3, 2015 6:30-8:30 PM
**Annual Wassail Bowl at Five Oaks
For Massillon Heritage Members & Guests**

Monday, February 8, 2016 6:00 PM
**Massillon Heritage Foundation
Annual Meeting & Dinner**

Upcoming Events Massillon Woman's Club

Please contact the Woman's Club (330) 833-4896
for further information & reservations

Thursday, October 8, 2015
Autumn Luncheon

Friday, October 23, 2015
Chili Supper

Thursday, October 29, 2015
**Combined Event with The National
First Ladies Library-Program and dinner**

Holidays at Five Oaks
Friday & Saturday, November 20 & 21, 2015
• **Candlelight/Champagne Dinners**

Sunday, November 22, 2015
• **Christmas Lunch**

Saturday, November 28, 2015
Christmas Café/Open House/Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 13, 2015
Christmas Café/Open House/Basket Raffle

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