



# Massillon Heritage Foundation

## November 2021 Newsletter

### President – David Darnell

The Massillon Heritage Foundation has focused on important exterior work at Five Oaks. All exterior windows have been painted. Some of the roofing projects have been completed, while others are set to begin. The roof is an important feature of the house and due to age and complexity, requires constant attention. It is sometimes a challenge to find trades workers that are skilled in historic preservation practices.

The foundation is examining various interior needs for future restoration projects. If there is a particular project that you would like to sponsor, or contribute to, let us know.

The past summer saw the resumption of Sunday tours in July and August. The reaction of first-time visitors to Five Oaks reminds us of the extraordinary treasure that we have been entrusted with. Your memberships and bequests enable the Massillon Heritage Foundation to continue the preservation and restoration of Five Oaks. Thank you for your support!

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### Welcome New Board Members

Kathleen A. Bachtel - has lived in Massillon all of her life and holds its history very close to her heart. Growing up just down the street from Springhill Historic Home sparked Kathleen's imagination as a youngster and her interest in volunteering with the home as a young adult. She was excited to be a part of the home's most recent Underground Railroad Experience. And one might say that her love of Five Oaks runs in the family. Her great-great-grandmother was a charter member of The Massillon Woman's Club, beginning a long line

of involvement that stemmed all the way to her mother, Jennifer, who served as the manager in the late 1990's. Now as a board member of Massillon Heritage, Kathleen is eager to show what her experience and ideas can do to inspire a lasting interest in Massillon's past, present, and future.

Kathleen is an apprentice director at Atkinson Feucht Hare Funeral Home and also works as a private vocal instructor. Kathleen trained for several years as an operatic soprano and has appeared with New Castle Lyric Opera of Pennsylvania, Opera Western Reserve of Youngstown, and as a chorister and featured soloist for Central Presbyterian Church of Massillon. She frequently combines her interests in theater and history by giving first-person interpretations as a WWI YMCA or Red Cross worker with The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. In addition, she is co-founder of a new theater company in Massillon: Roving Rogue Productions.

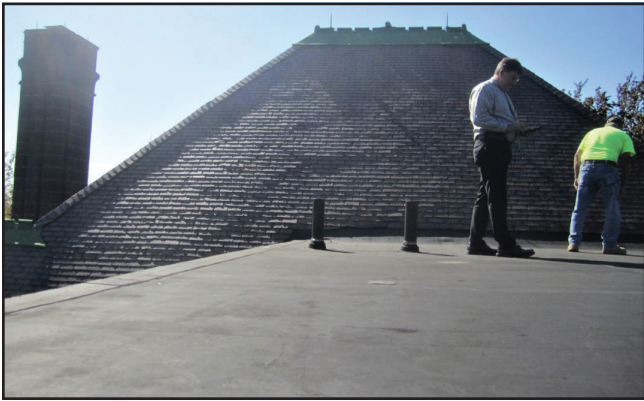
**Christine Bowman** - is the Local History and Genealogy Specialist at the Massillon Public Library where she develops and maintains a collection of reference materials for research and teaches classes on genealogy and local history. She has degrees in both English and history from Kent State University with her graduate work being in history. She spent the last ten years teaching both history and humanities courses at the Kent State University Stark Campus and the University of Akron and working for the Tuscarawas County Public Library in her spare time. She will be taking on the responsibility of maintaining the archives for the Massillon Heritage Foundation.

### House Report

Work on the roof is continuing. In May, a copper valley was replaced. An inspection at this time revealed additional portions of the roof that needed restoration. These locations were not a part of the restoration work done on the roof in 2019. Later in the summer, a built-in gutter was rebuilt, using copper lining. Numerous leaks were found in several other areas, mostly flat roof sections. The large flat roof around the skylight, the north balcony floor, and the perimeter of the tower roof, all originally metal, had previously been replaced with rubber roofing. This material is now in need

of replacement which should take place soon, weather permitting. When roofing work is complete interior plaster repairs can take place.

Painting of approximately 90 exterior windows was completed recently. In addition to the painting of the wood window frames, the iron grilles over the basement windows were removed, cleaned of rust, painted and re-installed. The steel fire escape on the north side of the building was also painted.



## The Frost Spirit

The approach of cold weather is a good time to examine the verse carved above the south parlor's fireplace. It is from the poem "The Frost Spirit" by John Greenleaf Whittier, 1830. The inscription on the mantle is below, followed by the entire poem.

"And gather closer the circle round when the firelight dances high, and laugh at the shriek of the baffled fiend as his sounding wing goes by"

**HE COMES,**—he comes,—the Frost Spirit comes, you may trace his footsteps now, On the naked woods and the blasted fields and the brown hill's withered brow. He has smitten the leaves of the gray old trees where their pleasant green came forth, And the winds, which follow wherever he goes, have shaken them down to earth.

He comes,—he comes,—the Frost Spirit comes! from the frozen Labrador, From the icy bridge of the Northern seas, which the white bear wanders o'er, Where the fisherman's sail is stiff with ice, and the luckless forms below In the sunless cold of the lingering night into marble statues grow

He comes,—he comes,—the Frost Spirit comes on the rushing Northern blast, And the dark Norwegian pines have bowed as his fearful breath went past. With an unscorched wing he has hurried on, where the fires of Hecla glow On the darkly beautiful sky above and the ancient ice below.

He comes,—he comes,—the Frost Spirit comes and the quiet lake shall feel The torpid touch of his glazing breath, and ring to the skater's heel; And the streams which danced on the broken rocks, or sang to the leaning grass, Shall bow again to their winter chain, and in mournful silence pass.

He comes,—he comes,—the Frost Spirit comes! Let us meet him as we may, And turn with the light of the parlor-fire his evil power away; And gather closer the circle round, when that fire-light dances high, And laugh at the shriek of the baffled Fiend as his sounding wing goes by!



### **Tour Chair** – Doug Scheetz

Look for changes and volunteer opportunities coming in 2022!

**Education and Community Outreach** – Massillon Woman’s Club, Patty Carmola and Massillon Heritage Foundation, Linda Tarle, co-chairs

This year the Massillon City Schools have requested that the third grade classes hold their field trip day to Five Oaks and Spring Hill until the Spring of 2022, due to State testing this Fall. We will again extend invitations to other school systems, private schools, and home school students. Our program is outstanding because it meets the State criteria for the “Community Component” for the third grade classes.

We need more volunteers to assist with the program presentation. If you are interested in training and helping with the program, please contact Linda Tarle at 330-312-2653 or Patty Carmola at 330-575-0898. We are once again working on developing a summer day camp for students that will involve making the learning of the community history interactive and fun. More to come on this adventure!

Are you interested in helping develop new ideas for Education and Outreach? We welcome any ideas or input from our members.

### **A Moment in History**



This photo shows Five Oaks at the time of completion, around 1894. At the right of the photo, behind Five Oaks, the North Street School is partly visible. This building was later replaced with Longfellow Jr. High School. Today, it is part of the Salvation Army property.



### **Memorial Donations Received**

**Dorothy A. Slagle** – 12/8/1926 – 7/29/2021

Massillon Heritage foundation received donations in memory Dorothy. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of our long time Heritage member and Past President of the Massillon Woman’s Club.

Any gift in memory of a loved one or as an estate bequest is deposited in the Endowment Fund of the foundation and allows us to continue our mission. Thank you!

## Membership Chair – Mary Ann Poling

Thank you to all who are supporting the Massillon Heritage Foundation and its mission through current memberships of 252, bringing in \$21,740 for the 2021 year. An additional \$2,450 received with membership for restoration. A list of all current members is included in this newsletter. Thank you so much for your support!

The 2022 Membership Drive will open in January. Memberships will now run from January through December.

We look forward to your continued support of our mission; to receive and administer funds for the purpose of acquiring, restoring, preserving, and maintaining properties of historical significance to Massillon and the surrounding area for use in scientific, educational, and charitable purposes.

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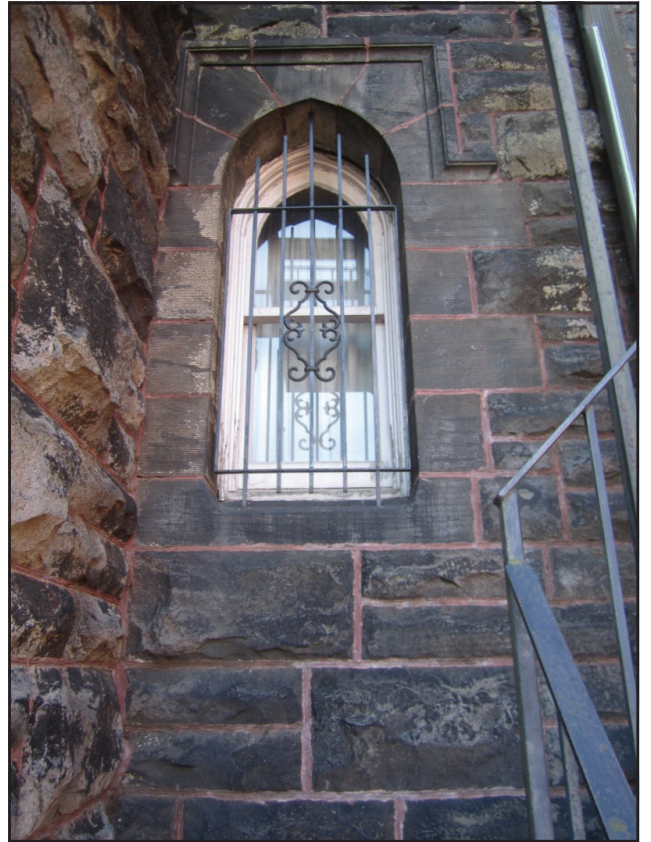
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When you donate to the Foundation, you are welcome and encouraged to specify how you would like your donation used. It can be applied to the general fund, the restoration and preservation fund, or the investment fund.

The Foundation has three financial accounts, two checking accounts and an investment account. One checking account is for general expenses, repairs, printing, postage, fees, etc. This account is funded with the membership income. The second checking account is used for restoration and preservation projects. This account is funded by donations, capital campaigns and grants. The third account is an investment account held by the Stark Community Foundation. Any memorials received are deposited in this account and the account's principle is not used. As the principle grows, it will help us to eventually become self-sustained. You can also donate a memorial directly to the Massillon Heritage Foundation investment account through the Stark Community Foundation. If you currently have a personal account with SCF, it is a simple funds transfer, or anyone can mail in a donation to SCF. SCF will notify us of the donation.

## WEBSITE

Be sure to visit the Massillon Heritage Foundation website, [five-oaks.org](http://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.



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### Upcoming Events –

Community Candlelight Walk – CANCELLED

**Wassail Bowl** – Thursday, December 16, 2021, 6 – 8 pm NOTE: Invitation Enclosed

**Annual Dinner Meeting** – Monday, February 14, 2022

Richard Haldi from the Canton Preservation Society will present a program on the interior of the Case Mansion.  
Invitations will be sent at a later date.

**Spring Gala** – Saturday, April 23, 2022

The MR. E MURDER PRODUCTION COMPANY will provide us with an interactive entertainment event during dinner. They say they are, “dying to entertain us!” Invitations will be sent at a later date.

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