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April 2019 Newsletter

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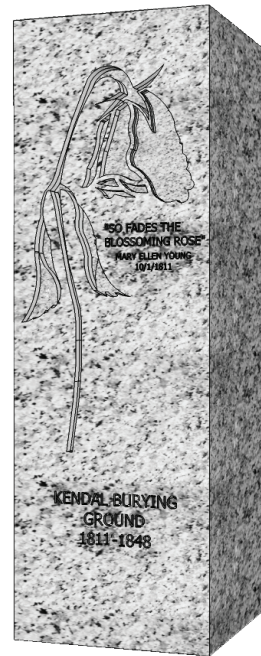
Improvements and restoration projects are underway at Five Oaks. The exterior restoration has taken far longer than we expected but is again moving along. Other projects are moving at a much faster pace. These are made possible through the memberships and additional gifts of members of the Massillon Heritage Foundation. Thank you for your generous support.

Please join us on May 11th for The Massillon Heritage Foundation Spring Gala. The evening will include dinner at Five Oaks, followed by a program by playwright Lee Lavery titled "Happy days are 'Beer' Again". Don't miss an enjoyable evening at Five Oaks. More information will appear later in this newsletter.

Exterior Lighting - The new exterior lighting has been installed. The new and much improved floodlights make Five Oaks look fantastic during the evening hours. Attractive new fixtures were also installed at the sidewalk entrances. The new lighting is far more effective and is more energy efficient than the old fixtures. There are still minor adjustments to be made to the floodlights that should further enhance the beauty of Five Oaks at night.

Exterior Restoration - The masonry and roof restoration project is slowly moving ahead. The project is largely funded by a \$350,000 grant from the State of Ohio. Construction is expected to begin in early May on the North and East elevations of the house, and beginning in late June, the South and West elevations and roof. We anticipate completion of this major work by the end of August. Efforts will be made to avoid, as much as possible, disruptions to Massillon Woman's Club events.

Elevator Replacement - We are in the beginning stages of replacement of the elevator, which is not an elevator but a "lift". A lift has limits on its usage that an actual elevator would not have. The current lift has been extremely disappointing over the years in terms of performance and reliability. A new elevator would be custom made to fit in the existing shaft. Among the many improvements would be automatic doors, eliminating the current trouble-prone folding "accordion doors". The present lift is nearly 20 years old and seems to be in constant need of expensive repairs. Drawings have been prepared and sent out to contractors. We should know the costs involved for the project by early May.



Kendal Burying Ground Monument - The Kendal Burying Ground monument will soon be in place. The site on the corner of Andrew Ave. and 9th St NE is being prepared for the installation of the marker. When The Massillon Heritage Foundation was organized over 40 years ago, it was established primarily for the preservation and restoration of Five Oaks. It was also intended to promote and preserve other historical sites in Massillon. We are taking a small step in that direction with the placement of a monument in the Kendal cemetery. The cemetery currently has no gravestones or other markings to indicate to anyone passing by of

the significance of this site. The new monument will be a fitting memorial to those early settlers who were buried long ago in this cemetery.

The granite monument was designed by Massillon Heritage Foundation board member John Patrick Picard, who has donated his architectural services for this project. A description and illustration of the monument was featured in the Fall 2018 newsletter. The installation is expected to take place in the latter part of May.

Tour Report – Nancy Thatcher & Doug Scheetz

We have survived the winter and it will soon be time for Five Oaks Summer tours. Heritage members need to remember they can tour Five Oaks anytime as a membership perk. For \$7 you can bring a friend or family member and share the Five Oaks experience with them.

Members who have received the Gold Tour Pass tickets with their membership are encouraged to share them with others that would enjoy visiting our beautiful home. The experience can lead to others becoming Heritage members who wish to preserve and restore our beloved 'jewel'!

Summer Tour Schedule:

The Summer tour season for Five Oaks begins on Saturday, June 22nd as part of the 100th Anniversary of the Massillon Woman's Club and 125 years of Five Oaks! Plan to attend Edna & Ruth's Lawn Sale from 11 am to 3 pm. No admission fee for the lawn sale.

A self-guided home tour of Five Oaks is only \$3 that day from noon – 2 pm.

In addition to lawn sale treasures, there will be live music by "4 Clicks and In", a bake sale, and ala carte sandwiches and beverages. Come join in the fun!

Sunday Afternoon Tours at 2:00 & 3:00 PM

Join us for GUIDED TOURS at 2:00 and 3:00 pm Sunday afternoons scheduled for the following dates:

JULY 7, 14, and 28 and AUGUST 4, 11, and 25. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

****Sunday, July 21, and August 18,** begin the day with the "Millionaires Row Tour" led by Massillon historian, Margy Vogt or Mandy Stahl. They will lead tours of Historic Fourth Street at 1 pm, ending about 3 pm. The tour fee is \$7 per person, payable at the beginning of the tour. Meet on sidewalk in front of Five Oaks, Home of the Massillon Woman's Club.

****On the two dates, Self-guided tours of Historic Five Oaks will be from 2 - 4 pm for a \$7 fee.**

CALL FOR DOCENTS – We need you! Five Oaks is on the National Register of Historic Places. We need to have tours open to the public to keep our designation. This designation makes us eligible for local, state, and national grants. Help us keep Five Oaks in good repair and open to the public by becoming a Docent. Volunteer a couple Sundays during the summer or a couple of days during the year for tours by appointment. We hope to have enough new volunteers to conduct a training session at night or daytime. Please call Nancy Thatcher at 330-833-0520 or Doug Scheetz at 330-737-1106 for more information. Current docents, please contact Nancy or Doug to schedule your summer tour dates. Schedule should be completed by June 1. We hope to hear from you and see you this summer!

Education and Community Outreach ~

Massillon Woman's Club and Massillon Heritage Foundation, Linda Tarle and Patty Carmola, co-chairs

Education ~

This past fall, we met with Stark County curriculum directors at the Stark County Educational Center and presented our third grade field trip to all curriculum directors.

We passed out our personalized student handbooks, designed

to fit the core curriculum at the third grade level in social studies focusing on the history of the MWC, and also a flyer that gives all the information needed to arrange a FREE field trip for third graders. Our hope was that they would relay the information back to their teachers. It has been difficult to get teachers to sign up, not because there is no interest, but instead because of no bussing and testing times.

A meeting was held with Massillon's new superintendent, Paul Salvino, and he was given the same information. He was very interested and said he would discuss it at his principal meetings and promote this as part of the curriculum.

Recently flyers and available tour dates at MWC were again given to the schools.

We received a response from Gorrell Elementary, the field trip is scheduled for May 23rd. We are anticipating hearing from the other schools.

We will meet with teachers from Perry, Tuslaw, and other schools before the end of the year to generate interest for the coming year (2019-20).

We feel very passionate about this program and feel it is relevant and important for students to learn about history and their community. We have an excellent program and welcome anyone with new and fresh ideas. We also want to create a program for the high school level focusing on building trades and architecture.

Community Outreach ~

Massillon Cemetery Clean-Up Day to Include the McClymonds/Russell Plot

Inspired by the recent storm damage at Massillon Cemetery, a community clean-up day has been scheduled. Under the auspices of the Massillon Area Clergy Association, volunteers are invited to bring gloves and tools on Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. to noon, rain or shine.



Wouldn't it be wonderful if representatives from the Woman's Club and Heritage Foundation would tackle the McClymonds/Russell area? It needs pruning, mowing, trimming, and perhaps some gentle brushing to remove grass clippings. Plantings are optional.

The small plot contains a beautiful statue of a woman holding an anchor—the symbol of hope—and a gnarly rhododendron bush that still blooms, along with the headstones of J. Walter and Flora McClymonds,

Annie Russell McClymonds, Nahum and Esther Russell, and several other Russell brothers and their wives.

Please join volunteers from St. Timothy's Church, the Massillon Museum staff, a geocaching organization, city administrators, and the many individuals and families who have already stepped forward to offer their time to dignify our community's 173-year-old cemetery in time for Memorial Day. Please contact Margy Vogt for more information: 330.844.1525 or vogt@sssnet.com.

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Retiring Board Members – Thank you!

Susan Keller and Gene Feller were present at our annual meeting in February 2019. Sue received the Mary Blanche Oberlin award and was thanked for her 22 years of service.



President Dave Darnell with retiring board members Susan Keller & Gene Feller.

Gene Feller who, after serving 26 years has resigned from the board. Gene served as a Board member since 1992. He was treasurer from 1993 through 2010. At the 2011 Annual Meeting he was presented the Mary Blanche Oberlin Award for his 17 years as Treasurer. Gene remained on the Board and shared his love for Five Oaks with us until this past year. You will still see him volunteering at the Community Candlelight Walk on December 8, 2019. Gene said he has so much fun being a host the last two years that he told us to be sure and call him this year!

We wish to also thank **Fred Homer** for the time he dedicated to serving on the board.

Spring Gala is back!

Members and the public are invited to join The Massillon Heritage Foundation at our 2019 Spring Gala at Five Oaks, Saturday, May 11, 2019, beginning at 6 pm.

“Happy Days Are Here Again!”

Time travel with us back to the end of December in 1933 when Massillonians were partying to celebrate a New Deal and a new hope for their city and country. These parties were truly ‘spirited’ because prohibition had just been repealed. Playwright, Lee Lavery, along with local actors, will present “Happy Days are ‘Beer’ Again” in the ballroom after dinner. Some of the characters will be represented by Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Eris Myers, Melissa Seibert, Duane Dodson, and Sammy Kay Smith to mention a few.

Get ready to have fun discovering the events, arts, sports, and special people that made 1933 a tough but remarkable year in Massillon!

Appetizers & Beverages 6:00 pm, Dinner served at 6:45 pm, Program follows dinner. Prepaid reservations are \$40 each. Check made out to Massillon Heritage Foundation and mailed by May 3rd to Five Oaks, 210 – 4th Street NE Massillon, OH 44646. Questions? Call Mary Ann at 330-837-9508. Hope to see you there!!!

Watch for upcoming events to be announced soon!

Dedication of Memorial at Kendal Cemetery

Dedication of new lighting at Five Oaks.

See articles on both in our October 2018 Newsletter at

five-oaks.org

Plan to attend these events scheduled celebrating 100 years of the Massillon Woman's Club and 125 years of Five Oaks!

Century of Women – Massillon Museum Exhibit – All are welcome to the opening reception on Friday, May 17th, at 6 pm. No reservations necessary and no fee to attend. Exhibit continues through June 23rd at your Massillon Museum.

MWC Rose Luncheon ~ 100 Years of Music and Fashion Thursday & Friday, June 6 & 7 at Five Oaks. Punch begins at 11 am, Program at 11:30, and lunch at 12:15. Hilary & Kevin DiSimone will sing songs from every decade of our 100 years. Fashions from each decade will also be featured during the program. Reservations open May 13th. \$25 per member, \$28 non-members. Call the Club at 330-833-4896.

Membership Chair ~ Mary Ann Poling

Thank you to all the members on the following list for supporting our Massillon Heritage Foundation. All levels of giving are much appreciated! We are still accepting memberships if you would like to join or renew!

As of April 9, 2019, we have received 276 memberships for the 2018-19 year.

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