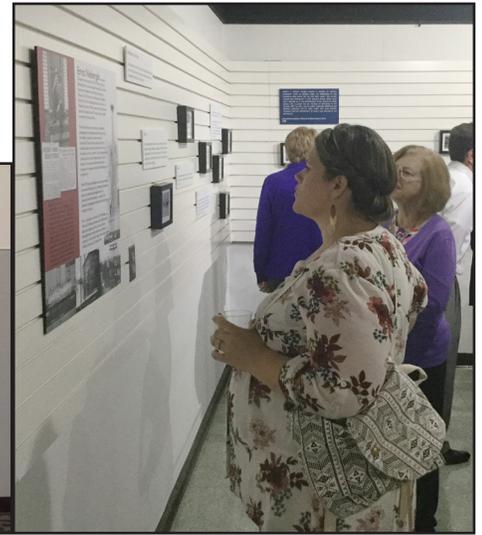




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Photos, from left: Spiegel Grove had beautiful fall color again this year; the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums received nine awards from the Ohio Travel Association in November for its marketing efforts; members enjoy the opening reception for the special exhibit “Ice for Everybody: Lake Erie and America’s Ice Harvesting Industry” on Nov. 2. The exhibit is open through Feb. 25.

‘Hayes Train Special’ open through Jan. 7

The “Hayes Train Special” is open and running through a holiday winter wonderland reminiscent of President Hayes’ day. This model train exhibit, a holiday tradition at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, is on display through Jan. 7.

This year, the display features six model trains and two trolleys. A new Christmas tree with a Victorian theme decorates the top of the display.

Members are admitted for free. Admission for non-members is included in the price of a regular museum ticket. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday with the exception of holiday hours and closings. **Sponsored by the Gordon W. Knight Family and Croghan Colonial Bank.**



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Knight Family**

Sleigh rides through Spiegel Grove Dec. 26-31

Ride through the grounds of Spiegel Grove in a horse-drawn sleigh, like President Hayes did when he lived here. In another holiday tradition at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, South Creek Clydesdales will offer the sleigh rides from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 26-31. Cost is \$3 per rider, ages 3 and older. Kids 2 and younger ride for free.

Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, and no reservations are taken. A horse-drawn trolley may be used in addition to or in place of the sleigh, depending on demand and South Creek Clydesdales’ staffing levels.

Snow is not needed for the rides to take place. The sleigh is equipped with wheels to make it usable without snow. To view a video of the 2016 sleigh rides, visit rbhayes.org and click on news.

Model Train Clinic is Jan. 6

Model train enthusiasts will help you fix your model trains and keep them in good shape for next holiday season at the annual Model Train Clinic on Jan. 6. The clinic is from 1 to 4 p.m. in the “Hayes Train Special” display area. Admission is \$2 per person or free with purchase of a regular museum admission ticket.

The model train enthusiasts will help with questions about the value of model trains, advice for repairs and more. Participants can see the “Hayes Train Special” interactive holiday train display and even try running their trains on the tracks. The display’s tracks fit trains with o-gauge, standard gauge or g-gauge.

In the event of inclement weather, the clinic will be canceled. For updates, visit rbhayes.org and the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ social media pages.

Holiday hours, closed Mondays January - March

All facilities at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Happy Holidays! All facilities also will be closed on Mondays in January, February and March. Monday hours will resume in April.

**Members and
volunteers, we
need your help!**

Staff would like to keep you connected through online correspondence. Please send your preferred email to Annual Giving and Membership Coordinator Meghan Wonderly at mwonderly@rbhayes.org.

Welcome, October new members!

Jim & Linda Balsizer of Gibsonburg, OH; Robin G. Behm of Upper Darby, PA; Dale (Rick) Bowlus of Havre De Grace, MD; Gene Dean of Bellevue, OH; Ann Diller of Toledo, OH; Donald & Carrie Forman of Bloomville, OH; Glenn & Jean Hathaway of Oregon, OH; Rodney Lieb & Josi Lieb of Findlay, OH; Dr. Bernard Musselman of Lanesville, IN; Dr. Clara Schermerhorn of Fremont, OH; Garry Sorrey of Bellevue, OH; Sandra Weiner of Port Clinton, OH

Volunteer Notes (Joan Eckermann, special events/volunteer coordinator, 419-332-2081, ext. 245; jeckermann@rbhayes.org)

Volunteer hours

As we draw closer to the year's end, please remember to record your volunteer hours for October, November and December in the binders in the museum, or email them to Joan by Dec. 31.

Volunteer Birthdays in December

Our best wishes go to our volunteers celebrating birthdays in December: Jon Brough, Larry Cook, Gianna Cullen, Joe Fick, Frances Fleet, Nancy Francis, Charlotte McCachren, Susan Miller, David Overmyer and Sally Zeller.

Happy Holidays!

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums Board of Trustees and staff wish all our volunteers a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!