

The Billet

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Photos, from left: The Spiegel Grove Squires played their first home vintage base ball game of the season on June 11. Associate Curator of Artifacts Kevin Moore talks to local students about preserving artifacts. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members check out quilt "hinten VII, orange" by Beatrice Lanter of Switzerland during the members-only opening for special exhibit "Quilt National." This exhibit is produced and circulated by the Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens, Ohio.

Symphony Concert Band to perform July 4 concert

Celebrate Independence Day with a patriotic concert by the Toledo Symphony Concert Band at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The concert is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. July 4. The band will perform on the verandah of the Hayes Home. Admission is free. Bring a chair or blanket for seating on the lawn. In a Fourth of July tradition at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Civil War reenactors will punctuate the performance of the "1812 Overture" with cannon fire. **Sponsored by Crown Battery.** *Additional funding by Mosser Construction.*



Verandah Concerts continue all summer

The annual Verandah Concert series at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums has begun. Concerts take place twice a month on Wednesdays throughout the summer. The evening begins with an old-fashioned ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. The concert follows at 7. Bring a chair or blanket for seating on the lawn. July concerts are July 12, featuring vocal jazz ensemble the CB Singers, and July 26, featuring the Rev. Robert Jones and Matt Watroba. Jones and Watroba will play American Roots music, which reflects history, social change and hopes and dreams. For the full concert schedule, visit rbhayes.org. **Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union.** *Additional funding provided by Mosser Construction.*



Come see Spiegel Grove's 'Boys of Summer'

The Spiegel Grove Squires, the vintage base ball team at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, have a full schedule this summer. Their next home game is at 2 p.m. July 9 on the lawn behind the Hayes Home against the Stemtown Stinkers. Admission is free. The Squires are base ball devotees who bring to life the sport in its early days, when base ball was spelled with two words, players were called ballists and games were called matches. It was in the 1860s that base ball became an organized sport with rules of play and standards for clubs. For the full 2017 Squires schedule, visit rbhayes.org. **The Squires are sponsored by Wright Leather Works, LLC.**



Living history presentation of John Dillinger

Meet Depression-era gangster John Dillinger during a living history presentation at 2 p.m. July 30 at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Dillinger faced the media several times during his February 1934 incarceration. His subsequent jail break from Crown Point, Indiana, thrust Americans into a frenzy of speculation on his whereabouts, plans and thoughts. What if Dillinger would have had an opportunity to face the public in this time as a free man? What would people ask? What might he have said? Living History presenter Jeremy Meier attempts to answer these questions in his portrayal of Dillinger.

Meier is an associate professor of theater at Owens Community College, where he has directed 17 main stage student productions, including "Romeo and Juliet," "Next to Normal" and "Tartuffe." Recently, through a grant from Ohio Humanities, he developed the Chautauqua Training Program in Northwest Ohio, which aims to train performers to be the Chautauquans of the future. Meier has been contracted by Ohio Humanities in previous summers to create original one-man performances as Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and Dillinger, which have been seen throughout the state.

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, May new members!

Joyce Anderson of Indianapolis, IN; Bill & Sue Barbour of Fremont, OH; Paul & Brenda Branco of West Chester, OH; Terri Cline of Lexington, KY; Karen David of Sandusky, OH; Ed & Katie Farrell of Bay Village, OH; M/M Noble Hollis of Fremont, OH; Chad Huffman & Jenny Steinmentz of Tiffin, OH; Robert W. Lauver of North Ridgeville, OH; Robert Linville of Oregon, OH; Carol Lundy of Livonia, MI; Sandra McCartney of Leipsic, OH; Patricia McGee of Naples, FL; Thomas Meyers & Linda Volkman of Culver City, CA; Mindy Mink of Northwood, OH; Tom Neel of Bellville, OH; James L. & Lonita R. Price of Fremont, OH; Lori Proctor & Eliza Proctor of Toledo, OH; Renee Proctor of Pleasant Prairie, WI; Kenneth A. Ramsey of Powell, OH; Kathryn A. Rollins of Fremont, OH; Wally & Carol Ronski of Fremont, OH; Christine Sheldon of Genoa, OH; Dickie Stone of Fremont, OH; Patricia Thome of Fremont, OH; Margaret L. Ward of Canton, MI; Pamela Welton of Elyria, OH; Miss Sally Zeller of Gibsonburg, OH

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

Volunteer opportunities

Mailing Volunteers - We need 25 to 30 volunteers to help with our next mailing of The Statesman from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 13. Most of the work is done while seated, but we'll also need help with moving the filled mail trays. Beverages and snacks will be provided! Please contact Joan if you can help.

HPLM Volunteer Celebration

If you're an active, rostered volunteer you should have received your invitation to the July 11 Volunteer Celebration by now. If not, please contact Joan.

Your Hours Count!

July 3 is the deadline for recording your April, May and June volunteer hours in the binders located throughout the museum. You can also email them directly to Joan. Thank you!

July birthdays

Warmest wishes (no pun intended!) go to our volunteers celebrating July birthdays: Richard Bollinger, Joanne Gerber, Kevin Horn, Ruth Ann May, Kathy Oliver, Marie Paulson, Irene Rimelspach, Grace Sidell and Camden Sondergeld.