

Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums 2017 Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2017

Now – Thursday, Oct. 15, 2017 – *Special exhibit of “Quilt National.”* Now – Oct. 15, 2017 - *Special exhibit of “Quilt National.”* See an array of art quilts made for Quilt National, a biennial juried competition dedicated to the promotion of the contemporary art quilt. It focuses on visual presentation of innovative trends in quilting and promotes quilt-making as an art form. The Quilt National competition takes place at The Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio, and the quilts shown in this exhibit were part of the 2015 competition. This exhibit is produced and circulated by The Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens, Ohio. The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on opening day and then will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday with the exception of special holiday hours. The exhibit is on display through Oct. 15, 2017. **Sponsored by the City of Fremont and Walmart – Fremont, Port Clinton and Tiffin.**

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 - *Second Saturdays R 4 Kids.* 11 a.m. to noon. An interactive educational series for children. This month, Civil War reenactors will help kids experience what life was like in a Civil War camp. Activities include learning how to make camp food and military drills. Cost is \$1 for kids ages 1-12. There is no cost for adults to bring children to this program. Children and grandchildren of Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members at the family level and higher are admitted for free. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Dustin McLochlin at 419-332-2081, ext. 230, or emailing dmclochlin@rbhayes.org. **Title sponsor is Impact Credit Union.**

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert.* 10-11:30 a.m. Educator and local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss the 72nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry of the Civil War. The beginning of the war was a tumultuous time for the men and women

of Sandusky County. Discover how the 72nd brought a sense of pride to their hometown as they fought their way through Shiloh and Vicksburg. Relive their agony at Brice’s Crossroads and Andersonville Prison as they made the long march back home. Gilbert will lead six History Roundtable sessions each Saturday through Oct. 28 with the exception of Oct. 7. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. Pre-register to Nan Card 419-332-2081, ext. 239 or ncard@rbhayes.org. **History Roundtable is sponsored by Dr. Mary Wonderly.**

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017 – *Music in the Parlor.* 4-5 p.m. Enjoy a live musical performance by acoustic guitarist Chris Buzzelli in the parlor where President Rutherford B. Hayes and First Lady Lucy Hayes entertained guests at the Hayes Home. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Tickets are \$12. For reservations, call 419-332-2081. **Sponsored by Mosser Construction.**

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert.* 10-11:30 a.m. Educator and local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss Native Americans. Sandusky County has a rich tradition concerning Native Americans in the area. Learn about the history of the tribes in our area and the shaping of the community we live in today. Hear the stories of Chief Tarhe, Peggy Fleming, James Whittaker and others. Gilbert will lead six History Roundtable sessions each Saturday through Oct. 28 with the exception of Oct. 7. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. Pre-register to Nan Card 419-332-2081, ext. 239 or ncard@rbhayes.org. **History Roundtable is sponsored by Dr. Mary Wonderly.**

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 - *Presidential History Book Club.* Noon. Free. All are invited to read and discuss books about the presidency at this book club. Members can bring their lunch. This month, the club is reading “Team of Rivals” by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 – History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert. 10-11:30 a.m. Educator and local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss local ghost stories. Gilbert brings back one of his most popular presentations. He will share local, state and national hauntings, just in time for Halloween. Gilbert will lead six History Roundtable sessions each Saturday through Oct. 28 with the exception of Oct. 7. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. Pre-register to Nan Card 419-332-2081, ext. 239 or ncard@rbhayes.org. **History Roundtable is sponsored by Dr. Mary Wonderly.**

NOVEMBER 2017

Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 – Opening of special exhibit “Ice for Everybody: Lake Erie and America’s Ice Harvesting Industry” - For the modern American, an ice cold drink on a hot day is as simple as opening the refrigerator door. This hasn’t always been the case. Cold beverages, frozen treats and refrigerated perishables were once the exclusive luxury of the affluent. Beginning in the early 19th century, the ice harvesting industry revolutionized the lives of common people by providing them with cheap, abundant ice. As the New York Times wrote in 1881, there was “plenty of ice for everybody.” The annual onset of winter turned every sizeable body of freshwater into a major commodity. Sandusky Bay and Lake Erie were at the center of a century-long story that saw the rise and fall of a mammoth business and changed the way Americans lived their lives. This exhibit highlights the role that Northwest Ohio and the icemen who worked its ice fields played in satisfying the nation’s demand for plentiful ice. The exhibit is open through Feb. 25, 2018. Admission is included with the price of regular museum ticket.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 – Ancestry.com and Paid Genealogy Websites. 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Head Librarian Becky Hill will teach attendees how to make the most of the paid subscription sites available at the Hayes Presidential Library – Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest, Fold3; FindMyPast.com, MyHeritage.com, NewspaperArchives.com, NewEnglandAncestors.org and Archives.com. Please register before class by calling Hill at 419-332-2081 or emailing her at bhill@rbhayes.org. Cost is \$10 and can be paid the day of the class. **Sponsored by RootsMagic.**

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 - Author talk and book signing.

2 p.m. Free. World War II Veteran Harold Brown, a Tuskegee Airman and author of “Keep Your Airspeed Up: The Life of a Tuskegee Airman,” will discuss and sign copies of his book.

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 – Veterans Day. Home and Museum open noon to 5 p.m. Library is closed.

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 - Second Saturdays R 4 Kids. An interactive educational series for children through age 12. A scavenger hunt will be available from noon to 5 p.m. in the museum. Cost – admission to the museum is included – is \$1 for kids ages 1-12 and \$7.50 for adults. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members at the family level and higher and their children and grandchildren are admitted for free. **Title sponsor is Impact Credit Union.**

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 – Viewing of the video “The Maiden Voyage of ‘Onward’” followed by Q & A with Bob Reynolds, of Port Clinton. 2 p.m. Free. The film uses family photos and archives to chronicle a 9,000 mile trip made of “The Great Loop” made in 1906 by Scott J. Matthews, founder of the Matthews Boat Company. Scott Matthews was Mr. Reynolds’ grandfather.

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017 - Membership 411. 9 to 10 a.m. or 5 to 6 p.m. Free. This session is for Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums MEMBERS ONLY to learn more about the benefits of their membership. The session will cover different topics and museum galleries. Refreshments will be served. Members can choose either session. Please RSVP to the annual giving and membership coordinator at 419-332-2081, ext. 237.

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Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 – Author talk and book signing. 2 p.m. Free. Meghan Wonderly, annual giving and membership coordinator at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, will discuss her book “A Son’s Dream.” Her book shares fascinating details of the

founding of HPLM and the numerous challenges Col. Webb C. Hayes, son of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes, faced when starting HPLM. Wonderly will sign copies of her book.

Friday, Nov. 24, 2017 - *Opening of the Hayes Train Special, model train display.* This operating model train display runs through an intricate Victorian holiday scene. Interactive buttons allow visitors to control aspects of the trains' movements along the winding, multi-tiered, 12x24-foot layout. Admission is included in the Hayes Museum ticket price of \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors and \$3 for children ages 6–12. (All facilities are closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.) The exhibit is on display through Jan. 7, 2018. **Sponsored by the Gordon W. Knight Family and Croghan Colonial Bank.**

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017 - *Presidential History Book Club.* Noon. Free. All are invited to read and discuss books about the presidency at this book club. Members can bring their lunch. This month, the club is reading "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

DECEMBER 2017

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Thursday, Dec. 7, Friday, Dec. 8, and Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 – *Christmas Dinners at Spiegel Grove.* Enjoy a multi-course holiday meal in the dining room of the historic Hayes Home, where the Hayes family had its Christmas dinners. Costumed living history presenters provide an evening of 19th century fun. The evening begins with a carriage ride to the home, followed by the meal and after-dinner entertainment. Tickets are \$250 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 419-332-2081, ext. 238. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members receive first opportunity for reservations.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 – *Second Saturdays R 4 Kids.* An interactive educational series for kids. There will be a scavenger hunt available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the museum. Participants can stop by any time during those hours to do the scavenger hunt and can also tour the museum. Cost is \$1 for kids and \$7.50 for adults. This includes admission to the museum. **Title sponsor is Impact Credit Union.**

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017 - *Presidential History Book Club.* Noon. Free. All are invited to read and discuss books about the presidency at this book club. Members can bring their lunch. This month, the club is reading "Grover Cleveland" by Henry F. Graff.

Tuesday, Dec. 26- Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017 – *Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides in Spiegel Grove.* 1-4 p.m. Ride through the grounds of Spiegel Grove in a horse-drawn sleigh, as President Hayes did when he lived here. A horse-drawn trolley may be used in addition to our in place of the sleigh depending on demand and staffing levels. Cost is \$3 per rider ages 3 and older. Kids age 2 and younger ride for free.

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 - *Christmas Eve.* All facilities closed.

Monday, Dec. 25, 2017 - *Christmas Day.* All facilities closed.

JANUARY 2018

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Jan. 1, 2018 – New Year's Day – All facilities closed.

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 - *Model Train Clinic.* 1-4 p.m. As the holiday season nears its end, your cherished model train deserves a little special attention. The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums can help ensure that your train is in tip-top shape for next year and beyond. Veteran model train hobbyists lead the clinic. They'll assist you with advice related to model train maintenance and repair, as well as estimating the value of older model trains. Admission to the Hayes Train Clinic is \$2 per person, or free with the purchase of a Hayes Museum ticket. In the event of inclement weather, the clinic will be canceled.

NOTE: Events are subject to change. For updates, call 419-332-2081 or visit rbhayes.org.

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