



The Billet

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Photos, from left: Guests enjoy dinner during the Lecture on the Presidency, combined with the American Presidents Film & Literary Festival this year, on Saturday, Oct. 6, at The Strand Concert Theater in downtown Fremont. Kirk Ellis, screenwriter for the HBO miniseries “John Adams,” was the keynote speaker. Veteran Marvin Hohman and his wife hold copies of artwork featured in the upcoming exhibit “Experiencing Veterans and Artists Collaborations.” Creators of the film “Teddy Roosevelt and Fracking” Pam Faulkenberg, (left), and Jack Cochran, a Fremont native, (right), receive the People’s Choice Award from Kirk Ellis, keynote speaker, during the American Presidents Film & Literary Festival on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Family fall event, lantern tours with ghost stories Nov. 2

Paint pumpkins, take a horse-drawn trolley ride and more during a family fun event on Friday, Nov. 2, which is All Souls Day, at Spiegel Grove, the grounds of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

During the family portion of the evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m., celebrate autumn with face painting, games for kids and s’mores by the campfire. Visitors are welcome to wear costumes but should also remember to dress for the weather.

Admission to events from 5:30 to 7 p.m. is free. Horse-drawn trolley rides by South Creek Clydesdales will be available for a cash fee of \$3 per rider ages 3 and older. Children 2 and younger ride for free.

Then from 8 to 10 p.m., visitors with paid tickets will have a frightful night with a lantern walk through Spiegel Grove while local historian Mike Gilbert shares Ohio and regional ghost stories. They can come and face their fears as frightening tales will be told beneath the nighttime sky while walking through the wooded grounds.

On this night only, a special outdoor exhibit will feature 19th-century spiritualism artifacts with discussion by a Hayes Presidential Library & Museums staff member, horse-drawn trolley rides and a camp fire with s’mores.

Tickets for this event are \$10. Refreshments, including popcorn and s’mores, are included. Horse-drawn hayrides by South Creek Clydesdales will be offered for an additional \$3 cash fee during the event.

The evening will conclude with one last scary story by the camp fire.

Horse-drawn trolley rides and a camp fire will be available from 8 to 10 p.m. Lantern tours with Gilbert will depart at 8 p.m., 8:30 and 9 p.m. and last about 25 minutes.

Advance tickets are strongly recommended and can be purchased online at www.rbhayes.org/events or by calling Jacque Baker at 419-332-2081, ext. 238. Tickets will be sold on-site the night of the event subject to availability.

In the event of inclement weather, some events will be moved into the museum.

Exhibit features artwork based on veterans’ experiences

See local veterans’ stories of serving in wars dating back to World War II through original artwork to be featured in the special exhibit “Experiencing Veterans and Artists Collaborations,” opening Sunday, Nov. 11, in the Hayes Museum.

EVAC is a national project that pairs artists with veterans to create an original piece of art based on their experiences. The goal is to bridge the gap between civilians and veterans by educating the public about military life.

For this special exhibit at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, EVAC partnered with HPLM’s Northwest Ohio Veterans Oral History Project. Through the oral history project, Associate Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle meets with local veterans and records their stories, scans their photos and important documents and preserves them in the local history collections at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The veterans also receive a digital copy of their interview and records.

The artwork in the EVAC exhibit features 12 to 15 pieces created using stories of veterans Mayle interviewed. Artists use a variety of printmaking techniques, including etching, serigraphy, relief print and lithography to create unique and original artwork. Veterans also receive a copy of the art created based on their experiences.

“They’re all different,” Mayle said of the pieces. “They’re all up for interpretation.”

The exhibit will be in the museum rotunda and opens to the public at noon on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11. An exhibit opening reception for HPLM members and veterans’ whose stories are featured in the artwork will take place on Saturday, Nov. 10. Members and veterans will receive an invitation through U.S. mail or email.

The exhibit will be on display through Thursday, Jan. 31. **It is sponsored by Beck Suppliers/Friendship Food Stores.** Some of the pieces in this exhibit will eventually be displayed at other locations throughout the country.



Welcome, September new members!

Wes Baker & Candy Carr of Chagrin Falls, OH; Rene Bishop of Port Charlotte, FL; Niki Buhser of Elyria, OH; Kevin & Mary Ann Druckenmiller of Fremont, OH; Juan Garza of Fremont, OH; Marie C. Held of Huntsville, AL; Norma Hoffman of Fremont, OH; Roger & Rebecca Howard of Fostoria, OH; Valerie Jambeau of Southgate, MI; Natalie McNamara of Tiffin, OH; Ann Marie Muehlhauser of Huron, OH; Becky Schmidlin of Delta, OH; Randall Speer of Austin, TX; Janet Stephenson of Lakeside Marblehead, OH; Patricia Thome of Fremont, OH; Gary & Jacqueline Yambert of Fremont, OH

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

Volunteer opportunities

Hayes Home Holidays - This is a new event scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20 - Sunday, Dec. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. We need lots of volunteers for a variety of tasks in the home and museum, including door greeters (in costume), guides/storytellers, costumed maids to serve wassail, lantern escorts to guide guests from the museum to home, supervisors for children's crafts/games and kitchen help (pour wassail, fill trays, wash cups). Please contact Joan for more information.

Museum Docents - Docents are needed to help give school groups tours of the museum. Training is provided. If interested, please contact Curator Dustin McLochlin at 419-332-2081, ext. 230, or dmclochlin@rbhayes.org.

Thanks For Your Time!

Our volunteers contributed 1,579 hours of service in July, August and September. We appreciate all you do for us!

Volunteer birthdays in November

Warmest birthday wishes go to Wanda Eberly, Richard Geyman, Kathleen Haubert, Cate Knipp and Kay Miranda.