Lecture on the Presidency combines with film festival

This year, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums has combined its annual Lecture on the Presidency with the inaugural American Presidents Film & Literary Festival, an event HPLM has organized with community partners. Kirk Ellis, screenwriter for the 2008 HBO miniseries “John Adams,” will give the lecture on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Strand Concert Theater, 220 S. Front St., Fremont. Ellis will discuss “Who Will Write Our History? - The Importance and Dangers of Memory, Legacy and Posterity in John Adams’ World - and Ours.”

The event is from 5 to 7:15 p.m. A wine tasting is from 5 to 5:30, followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the lecture from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Tickets are $30 per person for this event only and include the wine tasting, dinner and the lecture. Lecture on the Presidency also is included in a $65 all-access film festival pass. Tickets are available at americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org.

The film festival takes place Thursday, Sept. 27, through Sunday, Oct. 7. It includes free and ticketed events. Most events take place Thursday, Oct. 5 - Sunday, Oct. 7. Children’s author Connie Trounstine, who wrote “Fingerprints on the Table,” a children’s book about the White House Treaty Table, will meet with kids in Fremont City Schools and also be the featured speaker during a free family night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at Fremont Middle School.

Presenters throughout the festival include noted historian Eric Foner (who will give a talk via video), graphic novelist Jonathan Hennessey and James A. Garfield National Historic Site Manager Todd Arrington, who will lead a discussion after the viewing of the PBS documentary “Murder of President.”

HPLM staff members are among the presenters. Curator Dustin McLochlin will discuss ranking the presidents, and Annual Giving and Membership Coordinator Meghan Wonderly will give a talk and tour of the Hayes Museum featuring places that were important to HPLM founder Col. Webb Cook Hayes. Wonderly’s talk/tour will include a look at the marble staircase that was part of the original library but no longer open to the public. Former Executive Director Tom Culbertson will discuss Abraham Lincoln political cartoons.

Independent films that will be shown include short films, feature films and documentaries. Topics range from President Teddy Roosevelt and fracking to sending American astronauts to the moon.

Lantern tours with living history presenters portraying Gen. Ulysses Grant, Robert Kennedy and First Ladies Dolley Madison and Abigail Adams will take place from 9 to 11 p.m. (last tour at 10:20 p.m.) Friday, Oct. 5, at Spiegel Grove.

A full schedule of film festival events and tickets are available at americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org.

Seats available for Music in the Parlor on Oct. 21

Enjoy a brass quintet’s performance of jazz, ragtime, patriotic, classical and Civil War era music during Music in the Parlor on Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The Terra Brass Quintet will perform from 4 to 5 p.m. in the large parlor of the Hayes Home. Seats are $12.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 419-332-2081, ext. 238.

The Terra Brass Quintet is made up of members from the Terra Brass Choir at Terra State Community College in Fremont and musicians from the Fremont area. Under the direction of Jeff Blanchard, adjunct professor of music, this ensemble plays a variety of musical styles. Music in the Parlor will offer an enjoyable evening of favorites by well-known composers like George Cohan, John Philip Sousa, Aaron Copland and Karl King.

Music in the Parlor takes place in the same parlor where President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes entertained guests. It is sponsored by Mosser Construction.
Welcome, August new members!

Jerry & Lori Ameling of Elmore, OH; Scott & Lauri Armstrong of Harpster, OH; Vaughn Billow of Fremont, OH; Stephen & Rebecca Bintz of Saline, MI; Alan & Pat Bowe of Bowling Green, OH; Larry & Freida Brown of Fremont, OH; Terrence & Tonya Dixon of North Canton, OH; Mark & Julie Gies of La Grange Park, IL; Janet Goduto of Bradner, OH; Susan Habusta of Lakeland, FL; Dennis Hasslebach, Jr. of Lindsey, OH; Frank Haubert of Tiffin, OH; Barry Hawk of Fremont, OH; Kim Henderson of Fremont, OH; Tom & Phyllis Kiser of Fremont, OH; M/M Larry Knapp of Marion, OH; M/M Thomas R. Lundy of Maumee, OH; Darlene & Connie Lynch of Fostoria, OH; Brian J. Meade of Fairborn, OH; Vince & Karla Militello of Fremont, OH; Josh & Kathy Mitchell of New London, OH; Logan & Sarah Moore of Vermilion, OH; Peggy O’Shea & Susan Unger of Troy, NY; Jim & Kathy Oliver of Republic, OH; Dr. Ralph Oxley of Fremont, OH; Eilene Perry of Clyde, OH; Ronald & Joyce Purk of Oak Harbor, OH; Kristine Stephens of Clyde, OH; M/M Robert E. Tyner of Toledo, OH; Scott & Melinda Weaver of Charleston, WV; Kavin L. Welch of Rawson, OH; Warren & Rita Williams of Westlake, 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 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9. 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.

Film Festival volunteers - We are organizing the inaugural American Presidents Film & Literary Festival with other community organizations. Volunteers are needed to guide lantern tours of Spiegel Grove, usher for film seating, film techs and help with setup and tear down. Please contact Joan if you can help.

Record your hours

Please remember to record your volunteer hours for July, August and September in the binders found in the museum or email them to Joan. Tuesday, Oct. 2, is the deadline!

Volunteer birthdays in October

We wish a very happy birthday to Kathy Brough, Martha Camden, Ruth Hill, Sara Kaltenbach, Jim Miranda, Pamela Smith, Rose Swaisgood and David Thompson.