

# The Billet

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Photos, from left: Vietnam veteran Ernie Hopkins views the original artwork created based on his experiences during the opening of special exhibit “Experiencing Veterans and Artists Collaboration” on Saturday, Nov. 10. Executive Director Christie Weininger presents gifts to Villa Hayes Mayor Esteban Rios Ayala (left), Fremont Mayor Danny Sanchez, (center), and Ambassador German Rojas, (right), after Villa Hayes in Paraguay and Fremont officially became sister cities on Monday, Nov. 12. The “Hayes Train Special” is open through Sunday, Jan. 6.

## ‘Hayes Train Special’ open, train clinic Jan. 5

See the “Hayes Train Special” model train display and experience a Christmas tradition at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The three-tiered model train exhibit is open through Sunday, Jan. 6.

The display features nine trains running through a winter wonderland and holiday village. Staff members Kevin Moore, Lisa Stuart and Jacque Baker designed the 12-foot by 24-foot layout this year and gave the decor a more modern twist. The display includes interactive buttons for the visitors, including opportunities to blow the train whistle.

This year, snowflake art by Mary Gaynier, of Toledo, lines the walls of the exhibit area. Gaynier, who has a bachelor’s degree of fine arts in drawing, creates intricate paper snowflakes with whimsical patterns, from space ships to dinosaurs.

Admission to the “Hayes Train Special” is included with regular museum admission or a site pass. Members are admitted for free. **The “Hayes Train Special” is sponsored by Croghan Colonial Bank and the Gordon W. Knight Family.**

As the holidays wind down, bring your model train to the annual Model Train Clinic for advice on cleaning, repair and value estimates on Saturday, Jan. 5. Model train enthusiasts lead the clinic from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 or included with regular admission.



**Gordon W.  
Knight Family**

## Tickets available for new holiday tours of the Hayes Home

Tour the historic Hayes Home in the evening and discover the holiday traditions of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes during a unique new holiday event at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

Hayes Home Holidays is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, through Sunday, Dec. 23 in the Hayes Home and museum.

Costumed greeters will welcome guests into the home in the evening, a time the house is not usually open for tours. Visitors will tour the home and learn about the Hayes family’s Christmas and New Year’s traditions, as well as celebrations for President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes’ wedding anniversary, which was Dec. 30.

Guests will enjoy wassail, a non-alcoholic drink that was served during the Hayeses’ day. The home will be modestly decorated with some decorations to be historically accurate as to how the Hayes family would have kept the house at the holidays. This interactive experience includes live music.

Included in the ticket price is viewing of the “Hayes Train Special” model train display in the museum. Also in the museum, hands-on activities for kids and light refreshments will be available.

Tours will be offered at 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guests can come early before their tour and see the “Hayes Train Special” and participate in activities in the museum. Those who take earlier house tours can see the train display and participate in the museum activities after their tour.

Tickets are available online at [rbhayes.org/events/hayes-home-holidays/](http://rbhayes.org/events/hayes-home-holidays/) or by calling Jacque Baker, reservations coordinator, at 419-332-2081, ext. 238. Advance tickets are strongly recommended. Tickets will be sold the days of the event subject to availability.

Tickets are \$20 for adult Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members, \$25 for adult non-members, \$8 for members ages 6-18, \$10 for non-members ages 6-18 and free for kids 5 and younger (members and non-members).

## Sleigh rides through Spiegel Grove offered Dec. 26 - 31

South Creek Clydesdales is again offering horse-drawn sleigh rides through Spiegel Grove from Wednesday, Dec. 26, through Monday, Dec. 31. Rides are from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3 per rider ages 3 and older. Kids 2 and younger ride for free. A horse-drawn trolley may be used in addition to or in place of the sleigh, depending on demand and South Creek’s staffing levels. Rides are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and no reservations are taken.

# Welcome, October new members!

Kathie A. Bickers of Sylmar, CA; Dorothy Borden of Port Clinton, OH; Douglas A. Crigger of Fremont, OH; Wilferd Foss of Oak Harbor, OH; Gary & Joan Godfred of Fremont, OH; Charles Hall of Bettsville, OH; Steven Hester of Toledo, OH; Mary Johnson of Fremont, OH; Marsha Lang & Elaine Mercer of Sacramento, CA; Theresa Mills of Fremont, OH; Gloria Nitschke of Fremont, OH; Ronald Oswald of Findlay, OH; Pam Shammo of Gibsonburg, OH; Gayla Sholey of Pemberville, OH; Stephen & Margaret Snavely of Defiance, OH; Don & Lynda Stewar of Columbus, OH

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

## Volunteer opportunities

**Hayes Home Holidays** - We still need volunteers on Thursday, Dec. 20; Friday, Dec. 21; Saturday, Dec. 22; and Sunday, Dec. 23; from 5 to 8 p.m. for a variety of tasks in the home and museum, to include door greeters (in costume), guides/storytellers, costumed maids to serve wassail, lantern escorts to guide guests from the museum to home, assist with children's activities and kitchen help (pour wassail, fill trays, wash cups). Please contact Joan if you'd like to help.

## Volunteer Hours

Please remember to record your volunteer hours for October, November and December in the binders in the museum or email them to Joan by Monday, Dec. 31.

## December Birthdays

Our best wishes go to our volunteers celebrating birthdays in December: Jon Brough, Brooke Coan, Larry Cook, Joe Fick, Frances Fleet, Nancy Francis, David Overmyer and Sally Zeller.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year to all our dedicated volunteers!