

# The Billet

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Photos, from left: This photo by Gil Gonzalez of an artifact in the Hayes Home is featured in “The Art of Photography” show and print sale in the museum auditorium. Snow has made some beautiful scenes at Spiegel Grove this winter. South Creek Clydesdales will offer horse-drawn sleigh and/or trolley rides during Presidents’ Day weekend, Feb. 17-19.

## Celebrate Presidents’ Day with special events, sleigh rides

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums will offer free and paid activities in celebration of Presidents’ Day on Monday, Feb. 19. Members are admitted for free to all activities. The museum and home are open from noon to 5 p.m. The library is closed.

Free activities for kids and adults will be offered throughout the day in the museum auditorium. Presidents’ favorite snacks also will be served. Elected officials and HPLM staff members will read books to kids.

From 1 to 2 p.m., Congressman Jim Jordan will purchase horse-drawn sleigh or trolley ride tickets for kids who answer presidential trivia questions, which are posted at [rbhayes.org/news](http://rbhayes.org/news).

In the museum Presidents Gallery, visitors will have a chance to hold presidential artifacts in HPLM’s collections while wearing the same white gloves HPLM’s curators wear. (The white glove event is free for members and a paid event for non-members.)

From 2 to 2:30 p.m., Jordan will participate in the white glove activity and with an artifact belonging to his favorite president, Ronald Reagan. Other legislative representatives also have been invited to participate in the events.

***The full schedule of events will be posted at [rbhayes.org/news](http://rbhayes.org/news) as details are confirmed.***

South Creek Clydesdales will offer horse-drawn sleigh and/or trolley rides from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3 per rider ages 3 and older and free for riders ages 2 and younger. Rides are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and no reservations are taken. The trolley could be used in addition to or in place of the sleigh depending on demand and South Creek’s staffing levels.

## “Bhutanese-Nepali Neighbors” open through May 25

The special exhibit “Bhutanese-Nepali Neighbors: Photographs by Tariq Tarey” shares the stories of Bhutanese-Nepali refugees who have settled in Columbus and Central Ohio. An estimated 30,000 Bhutanese-Nepali people, who were forced from their native Bhutan into a refugee camp in Nepal because of their religion and culture, live in Ohio. The exhibit showcases 30 photographs of members of this community. Each photograph was taken by award-winning photographer Tariq Tarey and is accompanied by a narrative, which details each individual’s history, written by Doug Rutledge.

The photographs emphasize the historic sequence of the Bhutanese-Nepali refugee experience; from living and working in Bhutan, to being forced to leave, the experience of living in refugee camps in Nepal, to resettlement in Columbus, finding jobs, buying homes and finally becoming American citizens.

“Bhutanese-Nepali Neighbors” is open from Feb. 2 – May 25 in the lower level of the Hayes Museum. This exhibit was created through the Ohio History Connection and will travel throughout Ohio. The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is its first stop.

Members are admitted for free. Admission for non-members is included with a regular museum ticket. **“Bhutanese-Nepali Neighbors” is sponsored by William Rutherford and Nancy Gaines Platt.**

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and  
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## “The Art of Photography” features staff members’ work

The photography of Gil Gonzalez, head of photographic resources at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, is featured in the “The Art of Photography” show and print sale, which opened Feb. 2 in the museum auditorium.

Gonzalez’s photos include some of his early work, photos of Spiegel Grove and other personal works that do not involve the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. He chose some of his favorite photos and images that teach something about the craft of photography.

Then on May 1, Lake Erie nature photos by Kristina Smith, HPLM marketing/communications manager, will be added to the exhibit. These photos will feature migratory birds and other wildlife at Lake Erie marshes.

Prints of the photographers’ work will be for sale in the Museum Store. Gonzalez’s work is immediately available. Smith’s will be available May 1. Admission to the exhibit, located in the museum auditorium, is free. The exhibit is open through July 1. **“The Art of Photography” is sponsored by The Fremont Company and Walmart - Fremont.**



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# Welcome, December new members!

Annabell Buczkowski of Toledo, OH; Matt & Beth Burket of Clyde, OH; Eric Ebinger of Collins, OH; Josh & Pam Kensler of Fremont, OH; Virginia Law Manning of Newtown, PA; Sharon Lynch of Oak Harbor, OH; Timothy Mielke of Plymouth, MI; M/M Tyler Missig of Clyde, OH; Virginia Prusik of Port Clinton, OH; Michael & Marilyn Shay of Wilton, CT; M/M Jon G. Stawowy of Fremont, OH; J. VanScoyoc of Deshler, OH; Tim Wadsworth of Fremont, OH; Anne Warner of Fremont, OH; Brant Kolbe of Fremont, OH; Andrew & Sarah Zatik of Sandusky, OH

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

### **We Love our Volunteers!**

Your volunteer hours for October, November and December totaled 1,626. The grand total for 2017 is 6,063 hours from 140 rostered active volunteers. A heartfelt thank you goes to each of our dedicated volunteers for all you do for us!

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Mailing Volunteers** - We need 20 to 25 volunteers to assemble our annual report bulk mailing from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the auditorium. Most of the work is done while seated, but we'll also need "muscle help" to move the filled mail trays. Beverages and snacks will be provided to keep you fortified! Please contact Joan if you can help.

**History Day Judges and Room Monitors** – We're still looking for judges and room monitors at this year's National History Day in Ohio for District 2 schools on Saturday, March 3. It's held at Terra State Community College, but is organized by the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Please contact Maggie Wilson at 419-332-2081, ext. 246, or mwilson@rbhayes.org if you would like to help with this exciting educational event. To learn more about History Day in Ohio, go to [www.ohiohistory.org/historyday](http://www.ohiohistory.org/historyday).

### **Volunteer Birthdays in February**

Warmest wishes for a happy birthday go to Michael Arnold, Leslie Brewer, John Hoffman, Sharon Mader, Barbara Stout and Dorothy Wagner.