

The Billet

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Photos, from left: Adrian Miller, author of “The President’s Kitchen Cabinet” gives the keynote talk during the Red Carpet Event on Saturday, Oct. 5, at The Strand Concert Theater during the American Presidents Film & Literary Festival. The Hayes Presidential helped to organize the festival. Former First Lady Laura Bush visits the Hayes Home and museum on Wednesday, Oct. 2. She is pictured with Executive Director Christie Weininger and Curator Dustin McLochlin. Pumpkin decorating will be offered at the Fall Family Fun Night on Friday, Nov. 1.

Fall Family Fun Night, Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove

Celebrate fall with free family activities, a campfire with s’mores, paid lantern walks with frightening ghostly tales and more during two different events on Friday, Nov. 1, at Spiegel Grove.

A free family fun night is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Spiegel Grove, the grounds of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Pumpkin decorating, face-painting, games for kids and a camp fire with s’mores and other refreshments will be available. Eschleman Fruit Farm of Clyde will sell apples and cider. Donations can be made for other refreshments provided by the Hayes Presidential. South Creek Clydesdales also will offer horse-drawn trolley rides for \$3 per rider, ages 3 and older, and free for riders 2 and younger. Cash only is accepted for trolley rides.



Then at 7:30 p.m., Spirit Stories of Spiegel Grove begins. Those with paid tickets will have a frightful night with a lantern walk through Spiegel Grove while guides share Ohio and regional ghost stories. Before or after your tour, enjoy s’mores and refreshments by the camp fire, take a trolley ride and visit two tents featuring Hayes Presidential staff members discussing spooky stories and traditions.

In one tent, a staff member will discuss the macabre traditions of the Victorian era, which was the time period when President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes were in the White House and later lived at Spiegel Grove. In other tent, another staff member will discuss stories of monsters and beasts that come from myths and legends.

Tickets for Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove are \$10 for Hayes Presidential members and \$15 for non-members. Refreshments, including popcorn and s’mores, are included. Horse-drawn trolley rides by South Creek Clydesdales also will be offered for an additional \$3 cash fee during the event. Horse-drawn trolley rides and a camp fire will be available from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lantern tours depart at 7:30, 8, 8:30 and 9 p.m. The evening will conclude with one last scary story by local historian Mike Gilbert at the camp fire.

Advance tickets are strongly recommended and can be purchased online at 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. **The family fun night and Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove are sponsored by KF Construction.**

‘Hayes Train Special’ chugs into the holidays

A holiday tradition at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, the “Hayes Train Special” model train display opens to delight visitors with its interactive buttons and Victorian style on Friday, Nov. 29.

This operating model train display runs through an intricate holiday scene. Interactive buttons allow visitors to control aspects of the trains’ movements along the winding, multi-tiered, 12x24-foot layout. Access to the Hayes Train Special is included with regular admission. Hayes Presidential members are admitted for free.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday with the exception of holiday hours and closings. This exhibit is open through Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020. **The “Hayes Train Special” is sponsored by Croghan Colonial Bank and the Gordon W. Knight Family.**



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Hayes Home Holidays features new stories

Hayes Home Holidays, the popular Christmas-themed evening tours of the Hayes Home, return this year and will include stories from later generations of the Hayes family, who lived in the home until 1965. Hayes Home Holidays is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 – Sunday, Dec. 22, in the Hayes Home and museum. The tour includes selected areas of the home that highlight the Hayes family’s holiday experiences. This event will also include viewing of the Hayes Train Special model train display in the museum, activities and light refreshments. For details, ticket prices and to buy tickets, visit rbhayes.org.

Welcome, September new members!

Anthony & Donna Buxsel of Fremont, OH; Connie Carnicom of Helena, OH; Gary Click of Vickery, OH; Judith Kehrle of Toledo, OH; Larry Perrault & Susan Stevenson of Port Clinton, OH; Rebecca Solomon of Millbury, OH; Carol Wasserman-Farizel of Fremont, OH; Richard & Evelyn Wilkins of Oberlin, OH; Margaret Wolf of Fremont, OH

Holiday hours and closings

All facilities at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving; Wednesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas Day; and Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. The research library will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, for Christmas Eve. The Hayes Home and museum will close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24, for Christmas Eve. The last tour of the Hayes Home will be at 2 p.m. that day.

Veterans receive free admission on Veterans Day

Veterans will receive free admission to the Hayes Home and museum on Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. The home and museum will be open noon to 5 p.m. The first tour of the home is at 1 p.m., and the last tour is at 4 p.m. The research library will be closed for the holiday.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Hayes Home Holidays – We're looking for volunteers on Friday, Dec. 20, Saturday, Dec. 21, and Sunday, Dec. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. to be costumed host/hostesses, storytellers in the home, costumed maids to serve wassail, lantern escorts to guide guests from the museum to the home, activity workers in the auditorium and dishwashers. Please let Joan know if you can help with this festive event!

Thanks to our volunteers!

Our dedicated volunteers contributed 1,350 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.