

# The Billet

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**Photos, from left:** Visitors participate in a hands-on artifact activity featuring items that belonged to First Lady Lucy Hayes during her birthday party on Saturday, Aug. 24. Kids paint butterflies during Lucy's birthday party. Amber Gabel participates in a discussion about the book "The Fly Girls" during the first "Finding Her Voice" Book Club meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

## Music in the Parlor has women's history theme

In celebration of women's history and the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, Music in the Parlor will feature two female singers performing songs from significant eras in women's history on Sunday, Oct. 20, in the historic Hayes Home.

Kyleigh Lash, program and events coordinator at the Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County, and Joan Eckermann, professional singer and the special events and volunteer coordinator at the Hayes Presidential, will sing songs from the late 19th century through the 1940s to coincide with the eras of the women featured in the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' "Women of Spiegel Grove" exhibit and "Finding Her Voice" program. They will be accompanied by Dennis Pita, director of choral music at Fremont Ross High School.

The concert is from 4 to 5 p.m. in the large parlor of the Hayes Home, which is the same area where President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes entertained guests. Reservations are required and cost \$12. Reservations can be made by calling Jacque Baker, reservations coordinator, at 419-332-2081, ext. 238.

## Best-selling author to visit HPLM, speak at BGSU

A best-selling author of books about American history and culture will have a book-signing reception at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums and then speak at Bowling Green State University on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Sarah Vowell is author of "Lafayette and the Somewhat United States," "Assassination Vacation" and other non-fiction books that offer personal and often humorous examinations of the connections between the American past and present.

Hayes Presidential is bringing her to Fremont and BGSU as part of its "Finding Her Voice" program, which offers exhibits and events focusing on women's history throughout 2019 and 2020.

Vowell will sign copies of her books during a reception at noon at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Light refreshments will be served. The reception is limited to 50 people. Reservations are free but required. They can be made online at [rbhayes.org/events](http://rbhayes.org/events). Some of Vowell's titles will be available for purchase in the Museum Store.

Then at 4 p.m., Vowell will have a public conversation at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater at BGSU with Christie Weininger, Hayes Presidential executive director, followed by a question-and-answer-session with attendees. Students receive free admission to the event. Tickets are required for non-students and cost \$15. Tickets are available at [rbhayes.org/events](http://rbhayes.org/events). After the discussion, Vowell will sign copies of her books at 5:30 p.m. The book-signing is open to the public.

"Finding Her Voice" is sponsored by title sponsor the Reed Fund of The Toledo Community Foundation and major sponsors The Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation and ProMedica Memorial Hospital. "Finding Her Voice" is made possible in part by Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Civil War Winter Camp includes 3 events Oct. 26

Experience what life was like for President Rutherford B. Hayes' Civil War regiment while it camped for the winter with events taking place Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

During Kids Days @ Hayes, kids can participate in Civil War camp life and learn to march with reenactors. Those with advance tickets will receive a diary to write down their experiences, just as President Rutherford B. Hayes did when he was in the war. Tickets cost \$3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential members at the major level and higher and \$5 for non-member kids. **Title sponsor is Impact Credit Union. Event sponsor is Mosser Construction.**

In the afternoon, Civil War reenactors will give free infantry demonstrations at 12:30 and 4 p.m. on the grounds. They also will offer tours of a Civil War winter camp based on the winter camps of the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Tickets are required and cost \$8 for Hayes Presidential members and \$10 for non-members. Also in the evening, a Civil War themed escape room will be offered. Tickets are required and cost \$20 for Hayes Presidential members and \$25 for non-members. **The schedule and tickets for each event can be found at [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).**

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# Welcome, August new members!

James & Elizabeth Ball of Fremont, OH; Jeff & Sue Berryman of Fremont, OH; Ray Dymond of Fremont, OH; Ronald D. Flick of Elmore, OH; Robert & Joan Gamble of Fremont, OH; Barbara Gray of Fremont, OH; Dr./Ms. Dennis Laub of Oak Harbor, OH; Betty Moyer of Bellevue, OH; Ed & Beth Muffler of Fremont, OH; Linda Otermat of Lakeside Marblehead, OH; Bill & Cheryl Schell of Fremont, OH; Jackson Stults of Fremont, OH

## Fall Family Fun Night and 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. From 7:30 to 10 p.m., those with paid tickets will have a frightful night with a lantern walk while guides share Ohio and regional ghost stories during Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove. Tickets for Spirit Stories are \$10 for Hayes Presidential members and \$15 for non-members. Horse-drawn trolley rides by South Creek Clydesdales also will be offered for an additional \$3 cash fee during the family event and Spirit Stories. Details and tickets are available at [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org). **Fall Family Fun Night and Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove are sponsored by KF Construction.**



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

### Volunteer Opportunities - Let Joan Eckermann know if you'd like to help with these activities!

**Mailing Volunteers** - We need 20 to 24 volunteers to help with our next mailing of The Statesman from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Oct. 10. 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.

**Family Fun Night/Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove** - Volunteers are needed for this fun outdoor event on Friday, Nov. 1. We need help with face painting, pumpkin decorating, children's activities and serving refreshments from 5 to 6:30 p.m. We also need help with refreshments and lantern walking tours from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

**Hayes Home Holidays** - We're looking for volunteers from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 20, 21 and 22 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.

### Volunteer Birthdays in October

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