Spruce up your model train at annual train clinic

Do you have questions about model trains? Does your model train need repair? Veteran model train hobbyists can help at the annual Model Train Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 4, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

The hobbyists can give expert advice about train repair and help estimate the value of some trains. The clinic is from 1 to 4 p.m. The clinic is included with discounted adult museum-only admission of $10 on Saturday, Jan. 4, or with a site pass that includes the museum and Hayes Home. The discounted adult museum-only admission is available all day on Jan. 4. Kids 6-12 are admitted for $5, which includes access to the museum and to tour the home. Kids 5 and younger are admitted for free. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members are admitted for free.

Train clinic participants can try running their model trains on the “Hayes Train Special” tracks. The display fits O-gauge, standard and G-gauge trains. They also can see the “Hayes Train Special” model train display, which is open through Sunday, Jan. 5.

In this display, model trains wind through a Victorian winter wonderland reminiscent of President Rutherford B. Hayes’ day. “The Hayes Train Special” has been a Christmas tradition at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums since 1994. If there is inclement weather, the train clinic will be canceled. For updates, visit rbhayes.org and the Hayes Presidential’s social media pages.

Historian to give talk about Ohio congressman

Ohio Congressman John A. Bingham has been called the Second Madison or American Founding Son for his role in drafting the critical 14th Amendment, which granted U.S. citizenship to anyone, including former slaves, born or naturalized in the United States. A friend and political supporter of President Rutherford B. Hayes, Bingham’s role during the years immediately after the Civil War is attracting more and more attention from historians. A trusted advisor to President Lincoln, Bingham served as the lone civilian prosecutor in the trial of the assassins of Lincoln and delivered the articles of impeachment from the House to the Senate in the trial of President Andrew Johnson. Sam Kidder, who served three years at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and studied East Asian history at Harvard University and the University of Washington, will discuss Bingham’s work and accomplishments during a talk at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, in the museum auditorium. Admission is free.

Book clubs combine to read women’s history book

During their January meetings, the Presidential History and “Finding Her Voice” book clubs will combine and read the same book. The clubs will meet at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 29, to discuss “The Women’s Suffrage Movement” by Sally Roesch Wagner. This anthology includes writings of the most well-known suffragists, such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, and accounts of those often overlooked because of their race, from Native American women to African American suffragists, including Ida B. Wells and the Forten sisters. Dustin McLochlin, curator, leads this discussion.

The Presidential History Book Club is sponsored by The Fremont Co. The “Finding Her Voice” book club is part of the Hayes Presidential’s “Finding Her Voice” program. This special program runs in conjunction with the centennial of women’s suffrage and includes special exhibits in the museum, the book club and other programs being planned to celebrate and learn about women’s history.

“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.
Welcome, November new members!
Michael & Dinah Dwyer of Bellevue, OH; Brad & Connie Johnson of Findlay, OH; Karen Jordan of Delaware, OH; Stephen Kupka of Lusby, MD; John & Lori Madison of Port Clinton, OH; Susan & Rachel Whitmore of Colorado Springs, CO.

Hayes Presidential closed on winter Mondays
All facilities at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums will be closed on Mondays in January, February and March. Monday hours will resume in April.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

History Day Judges and Room Monitors - The National History Day in Ohio for Region 2 schools will take place on Saturday, March 7, at Terra State Community College. Students in grades 6 through 12 present projects that are evaluated by judging teams who select entries to compete at the state History Day event in Columbus. Judges and room monitors are needed, so please contact Joan Eardly, education coordinator, at 419-332-2081, ext. 246, or jeardly@rbhayes.org if you would like to help with this exciting educational event. For the event schedule and other information, go to the Region 2 website at www.oh-rthplm.nhd.org.

Volunteer Mileage
Did you know that volunteers can claim mileage for traveling to and from our site when they perform volunteer tasks? Go to www.irs.gov for more details.

Volunteer Birthdays in January
Best wishes to our volunteers that are celebrating birthdays in January - John Heminger, Lynn Wright-Hiser and LuAnne Yeager!