

# The Billet

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*Photos, from left:* Spiegel Grove flowers, trees and shrubs have been in bloom this spring. At left are some blooms from the Magnolia tree by the house. At center the dogwood tree and yellow blooms are shown. #LilHayes bakes one of Lucy's recipes while physical distancing in April at the home of house guide Cathey Harpster.

## Spiegel Grove grounds reopen, facilities remain closed

Spiegel Grove, the 25-acre grounds of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, reopened to the public on Friday, May 1. Hayes Presidential facilities remain closed. Hayes Presidential asks visitors to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance at Spiegel Grove and to stay home if they are feeling sick or have symptoms of COVID-19. Wearing masks is also recommended.

Spiegel Grove is reopening in conjunction with some of the city of Fremont's parks again being accessible to the public. Hayes Presidential staff have been working with the city and Sandusky County Health Department on coordinating efforts to minimize spread of the virus.

The Grove had been closed to the public since March 28. Its reopening is the first in a series of steps to begin Hayes Presidential's full reopening to the public. Hayes Presidential is closely monitoring the situation and following the governor's orders and directives. Updates on reopening facilities and the rescheduling or cancellation of events and programs will be posted at [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org) and on Hayes Presidential's social media pages.

## Things to do from home

While the Hayes Presidential remains temporarily closed, staff continue to create and post numerous online activities that can be done from home. There are also school activities that teachers and parents can use for education. They can be found at <https://www.rbhayes.org/news/2020/03/25/general/hayes-presidential-to-be-closed-indefinitely-virtual-activities-you-can-do-from-home-offered/>. Things to do include crafts and games for kids, videos about special exhibits, virtual tours, videos about permanent museum exhibits, the Hayes Home and Spiegel Grove grounds and access to local history and photo collections.

## Students can enter political cartoon contest

Kids in two categories, grades 6-8 and 9-12, can enter Hayes Presidential's political cartoon contest. A political cartoon is a type of editorial cartoon that artists use to express their opinions about politics, public figures or events. The illustrations are often caricatures and feature hyperbole and satire to draw attention to issues faced by the world today. Students are invited to voice their opinions through their own political cartoon illustrations. The deadline is end of day Monday, May 31. Winners will be featured in the upcoming special exhibit "The Press and the Presidency." Contest rules and entry details are available at [rbhayes.org/schooltours/political-cartoon-contest/](http://rbhayes.org/schooltours/political-cartoon-contest/).

## #GivingTuesdayNow is May 5

Hayes Presidential says a huge thank you to everyone who made a gift to help the site get through this difficult time. This generous support has helped Hayes Presidential continue to maintain Spiegel Grove and work on new digital programming, as well as continue other programs that were already in the works. Staff members can't wait until the facilities reopen and they can welcome everyone back. Hayes Presidential relies on revenue from visitors to maintain and run the library and museums, to fund exhibits and other programs. It is an independent presidential site and not part of the federal system of presidential libraries; therefore, it does not receive federal funding.

To help places like Hayes Presidential, an early #GivingTuesday date has been set for May 5 and being called #GivingTuesdayNow. (Normally, #GivingTuesday is in November after Black Friday and Cyber Monday.) If you are making a donation for #GivingTuesdayNow, please consider making a gift to Hayes Presidential to offset the financial impact of the temporary closure. You can donate online at <https://www.rbhayes.org/forms/make-a-gift/>.

## **Welcome, February members!**

Christine Antel of Sandusky, OH; Ronald J. Campbell of Mount Clemens, MI; Clyde Museum/Gene Smith m of Clyde, OH; Nancy Dunlap of Fremont, OH; Judy Emrich of Fremont, OH; Matt & Brittini Faist of Fremont, OH; Betty Faver of Sweetwater, TX; Joe Gfoeller of Fremont, OH; James & Lucinda Hoffman of New Albany, OH; Trina Houser of Swanton, OH; Sandra Folk Lowery of Terrace Park, OH; Carol Ann Mantel Miller of Toledo, OH; Scott & Tamara Miller of Fremont, OH; Brian Oliver & Kathleen Torres of Wakeman, OH; John & Marie Paulson of Monroe, OH; Fawn Savage of Fremont, OH; Christopher Varner of Wadsworth, OH; Kavin L. Welch of Rawson, OH; Rachel Wynkoop of Fremont, OH

## **Welcome, March members!**

Dr. Matthew Bloom of Cedar Park, TX; Donna Burke of Perrysburg, OH; Jeff & Janet Campbell of Marietta, OH; Melissa Gaskin of Tiffin, OH; Chris & Christine Hayes of Toledo, OH; Thomas & Sharon Hayes of Portland, OR; Doug & Sue Heasley of Lambertville, MI; Robert & Joy James of Fremont, OH; Miranda Magers of Bellevue, OH; LaDonna Michael of Fremont, OH; Tom & Anne Renz of Fremont, OH; Rex & Helen Ritchie of Winchester, VA; Jack & Linda Schell of Bowling Green, OH; M/M Fred Schwier of Perrysburg, OH; Janice Serwin of Fremont, OH; Charles & Pat Shanfelt of Findlay, OH; Bunny C. Steiger of Reynoldsburg, OH; Jim & Dana Waddell of Caledonia, OH; Scott Welty & Vanessa Whitt of Fremont, OH; J. Craig and Cheryl Wendt of Elmore, OH; Joan Wensinger of Fremont, OH; Jim & Jan Yeckley of Fremont, OH

## **Tell Hayes Presidential how you're doing**

How are you spending your physical distancing time? Are you using any of our activities online, such as drawing your own mythical creature or taking a virtual tour of the museum and first floor of the home? Teachers, are you using any of our activities for your students while they are distance learning? Share with us! You can take a photo, video or just post some information and tag us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at @rbhayespres. We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this time.

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

## **Volunteer Birthdays in May**

Our best wishes for a happy birthday go to Scott Smith and Marilu Waleryszak.

## **We miss you!**

We love our volunteers and miss having you here! Please take care of yourselves and stay well!