

Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums 2020 Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2020

Now – Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 – *Special exhibit*

“Ohio: An Unnatural History.” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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This exhibit is included with regular admission.

Members are admitted for free. It will be open through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2021. **Partial funding provided by Decker Roofing and Gutter Solutions; Hanneman-Chudzinski-Keller Funeral Home; Walmart-Port Clinton; and an anonymous donor.**

Saturday, Aug. 15 – Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 –

Display of First Lady Lucy Hayes’ dresses. First Lady

Lucy Hayes would have been 189 years old on Aug.

28. To celebrate, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is bringing some of her dresses not normally on exhibit out of storage and putting them on display.

Access to see the dresses is included with a regular museum ticket. Members are admitted for free. Hayes Presidential is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020 – *Presidential History*

Book Club. Noon to 1 p.m. All are invited to read

and discuss books about the American presidency at

this free book club. This month, the club is reading

“Eisenhower in War and Peace” by Jean Edward

Smith. Participants can bring their lunch. **Sponsored**

by Richard and Kathy Smith.

Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 – *First Lady Lucy Hayes’*

Birthday Party. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate the life of

first Lady Lucy Hayes, who would have turned 189

today. Schedule of events and admission prices:

- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Hayes Presidential open, complimentary lemonade. Lucy Hayes’ dresses will be on display. Tours of the Hayes Home are every hour on the hour, starting at 10 a.m. The last tour is at 4 p.m. Complimentary lemonade will be available in the lobby. Tours of the Hayes Home and access to

the museum are included with regular admission, and Hayes Presidential members are admitted for free.

- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Butterfly scavenger hunt on grounds. Lucy Hayes loved nature and butterflies. Enjoy a butterfly-scavenger hunt on the grounds. Free. Pick up the scavenger hunt at the museum front desk.

- 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Kids Days @ Hayes Tea and Picnic. This program will have a tea and outdoor picnic in honor of Lucy Hayes’ birthday. The event will begin in the museum auditorium, and then kids will go outside. RSVPs are required and must be made by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27. RSVPs can be made online at rbhayes.org/events/2020/08/29/events/kids-days-hayes-victorian-tea/. The tea/picnic sponsor is Pamela & Joy at Billy’s Restaurant. Cost is \$3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential members at the major level and higher and \$5 for non-member kids. There is no charge for adults who bring kids to this program.

- 1 p.m. - Hands-on artifact activity featuring artifacts that belonged to Lucy Hayes. Put on protective gloves and hold items that belonged to Lucy. Learn about how she acquired them and what they meant to her. This event is included with regular admission, and members are admitted for free. Included with regular admission, members admitted for free.

- 2 p.m. - Gallery talk: Fashion of the Victorian era - See Lucy’s intricate gowns. What sort of undergarments did women wear under these large dresses? Were they comfortable? Did women need help getting dressed? Find out during this talk by Joan Eardly, Hayes Presidential education coordinator. Included with regular admission, members admitted for free.

Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 – *Kids Days @ Hayes.* 11

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids can enjoy a Victorian tea party in honor of First Lady Lucy Hayes’ birthday. This is an interactive, educational series for kids through age 12.

Cost is \$3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential members at the major level and higher and \$5 for non-member kids. There is no charge for adults who bring kids to this program. RSVPs are required and

must be made by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 7. They can be made at <https://www.rbhayes.org/events/2020/05/09/events/kids-days-hayes-victorian-tea/> or by contacting Education Coordinator Joan Eardly at jeardly@rbhayes.org or 419-332-2081. **Event sponsor is Pamela & Joy at Billy's Restaurant.**

Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 – Craft Beers, Cocktails and Creatures. 5 - 8 p.m. The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is bringing back its craft beer and cocktail event for a second year. This year, the event will incorporate mythical creatures featured in the special exhibit "Ohio: An Unnatural History." Sample craft brews from regional brewers, enjoy themed cocktail samples, listen to live music and more on the scenic lawn of the Hayes Home at Spiegel Grove, the wooded estate of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes. Admission includes viewing of the exhibit "Ohio: An Unnatural History," which focuses on Ohio folklore and legendary creatures - such as Dogman, Grassman (also known as bigfoot) and South Bay Bess - and beer and cocktail samples. A food truck will also be on-site. Must be 21 or older to attend. Participating breweries include Wild Side Brewing Company of Grand Rapids, Findlay Brewing Company, Twin Oast Brewing of Catawba Island, Aistear Brewing of Bowling Green and Maumee Bay Brewing Company. Seating is limited, so attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs in the event that tables are full.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hayes Presidential has several safety protocols in place for this event:

- Attendees must wear face coverings unless seated in the designated drinking area.
- Attendees are asked to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between their group and other household groups. Tables will also be spaced accordingly.
- Hand sanitizer will be placed in various places around the event area.
- There will be one entrance into the event itself after visitors park on arrival. This entrance will be at the front of the museum.

Tickets purchased in advance of the event are \$25 for Hayes Presidential members and \$30 for non-members. Tickets purchased the day of the event are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. A designated driver ticket that includes soda and water – but no alcohol – is \$10. Tickets will be available at rbhayes.org and the museum front desk. **Sponsored by Wright Leather Works.**

SEPTEMBER 2020

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Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 – Labor Day. Hayes Home and museum open noon to 5 p.m. The library is closed.

Friday, Sept. 11, 2020 – Opening of the special exhibit "The Press & The Presidency." It is not just a modern occurrence that the press has played a role in American politics. Since George Washington, presidents have had to respond to negative press and use some media to their advantage. This exhibit will investigate how the press and presidency have coexisted throughout American history. This exhibit is included with regular admission. Members are admitted for free. It will be open through Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021. **Title sponsor: Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation.** *Partial funding by the City of Fremont.* **This program is made possible in part by Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed by this exhibition do not necessarily reflect those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.**

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 – History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: Return of the Great Black Swamp. 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. This week, he will talk about the Great Black Swamp. As a result of the swamp, Northwest Ohio was the last section to be settled in Ohio. Experience the hardships faced by the early settlers and their attempts to control the environment. This segment will discuss how visible reminders of the swamp exist today and their connection to the past. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org. Payment can be made to Mayle with cash, check or credit card. Other sessions are Sept. 19 and 26 and Oct. 10, 17 and 24.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 – Kids Days @ Hayes: Grounds of Spiegel Grove. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Kids will explore the grounds of Spiegel Grove with a scavenger hunt and complete a craft in the museum auditorium.

Cost is \$3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential members at the major level and higher and \$5 for non-member kids. There is no charge for adults who bring kids to this program. RSVPs are required and must be made by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. They can be made online at <https://www.rbhayes.org/events/2020/09/12/events/kids-days-hayes-grounds-of-spiegel-grove/> or by contacting Education Coordinator Joan Eardly at jeardly@rbhayes.org or 419-332-2081.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: Lost Towns of Northwest Ohio.* 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. This week, walk back in time as Gilbert explores the lost towns of Northwest Ohio. The rise and fall of many of these localities were based on transportation, employment and location. Discover the circumstances surrounding the success and failure of various locations throughout the area. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org. Payment can be made to Mayle with cash, check or credit card. Other sessions are Sept. 12 and 26 and Oct. 10, 17 and 24.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 – *Verandah Concert.* 7-8 p.m. Free. This concert series highlights a variety of genres performed by musicians from around the region. This week, Bridge County Bluegrass Band will play bluegrass music. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets and choose their favorite spot on the expansive and shady lawn in front of the home. If there are thunderstorms on concert night, the event will be canceled. Updates will be available at 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org and on Facebook and Twitter at [@rbhayespres](https://twitter.com/rbhayespres). **Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union.** *Additional funding by Mosser Construction and ProMedica Memorial Hospital.*

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: News media and the American Presidency.* 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. This week, he discusses the influence of news media on the American Presidency. The news media has the potential to influence the American presidency in a variety of ways. Through the use of T.V., newspaper, social networks and radio, the media can shape our perception of presidential hopefuls – both winners and losers. This session will

focus on some of the more memorable presidential moments in our nation's history. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org. Payment can be made to Mayle with cash, check or credit card. Other sessions are Sept. 12, 19 and Oct. 10, 17 and 24.

OCTOBER 2020

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Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 – *Wreath-laying at President Hayes' tomb.* 1 p.m. Free. In honor of President Rutherford B. Hayes' birthday, which is Oct. 4, the president will send U.S. military representatives to lay a wreath at his tomb at Spiegel Grove. The ceremony includes comments by military representatives, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' executive director, the playing of "Taps" and a salute with rifles.

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: Native American Burial Grounds*

& Township Cemeteries. 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. This week, investigate the known and unknown graveyards of our area. Native American and township cemeteries take center stage in this presentation as the unveiling of hidden burial grounds uncover the rich history buried beneath us. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org. Payment can be made to Mayle with cash, check or credit card. Other sessions are Sept. 12, 19 and 26 and Oct. 17 and 24.

Monday, Oct. 12, 2020 – Columbus Day. Hayes Home and museum open noon to 5 p.m. The library is closed.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020 – History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: A History of Fremont City Schools. 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. This week, he will discuss Fremont schools. Growth of a school system reflects the evolution of a settlement into a successful community, village, town or city. In 2020, Sandusky County celebrates two-hundred years of education and growth. Celebrate the anniversary with a look at how education has progressed in our community. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org. Payment can be made to Mayle with cash, check or credit card. Other sessions are Sept. 12, 19 and 26 and Oct. 10 and 24.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 – History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: A Roadmap of Ohio Ghost Stories. 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. In a continuation of one of the most popular presentations, Gilbert delivers a road map of Ohio's myths, legend and folklore. New stories concerning Ohio's ghostly past will both enthrall and thrill those brave enough to appear. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext.

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Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 – Kids Days @ Hayes: Civil War Camp. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids will experience what life was like in a Civil War camp. They will interact with and witness historical demonstrations by Civil War reenactors. Cost is \$3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential members at the major level and higher and \$5 for non-member kids. There is no charge for adults who bring kids to this program. RSVPs are required and must be made by 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. They can be made online at <https://www.rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/24/events/kids-days-hayes-civil-war-camp/> or by contacting Education Coordinator Joan Eardly at jeardly@rbhayes.org or 419-332-2081. **Event sponsor is Mosser Construction.**

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 – Civil War Winter Camp. Times and price TBA. Experience what life was like for President Rutherford B. Hayes' Civil War regiment while it camped for the winter. Civil War reenactors will give free infantry demonstrations on the Hayes Presidential grounds, called Spiegel Grove. They also will offer afternoon and evening tours of a Civil War winter camp based on the winter camps of President Hayes' regiment, the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The experience will include female reenactors portraying women's involvement in the effort on the home front. Tours require purchasing tickets. Between battles, troops often spent time marching and preparing to fight. During the winter months, they would make a semi-permanent camp to await warmer weather and combat. Hayes' regiment spent its winters camping in what is today West Virginia. First Lady Lucy Hayes and the Hayes children often visited the camps, where Lucy would tend to soldiers, mend their uniforms and provide needed support. Hayes Presidential has constructed huts like those used in winter camp at the back of the Spiegel Grove for this event. **Sponsored by Dr. Carlos A. DeCarvalho and Mrs. Carol L. Greenberg.** *Additional funding by The Andersons and VFW, Fremont Post 2947.*

Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 – Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove. 7 – 10 p.m. Visitors with paid tickets will have a frightful night with a lantern walk through Spiegel Grove while guides share regional ghost stories. Guests can come and face their fears as frightening tales will be told beneath the nighttime sky while walking through the wooded grounds. Take your picture with "spirits," enjoy s'mores at the campfire and more. Tickets will be sold at rbhayes.org/events.

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Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 – Veterans Day. The Hayes Home and museum are open noon to 5 p.m. The library is closed. Veterans receive free admission.

Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020 – Thanksgiving. All facilities closed.

Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 – *Opening of Hayes Train Special model train display.* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This operating model train display runs through an intricate Victorian 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. 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. 4, 2021.

DECEMBER 2020

Now through Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 – *Hayes Train*

Special model train display. This operating model train display runs through an intricate Victorian 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. 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.

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Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 – *A Presidential Christmas at Spiegel Grove: Tree Lighting, sleigh rides and “Hayes Train Special.”* 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. New this year, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums will decorate one of its large pine trees in a nod to the White House Christmas tree. The tree lighting is at 5:30 p.m. on the grounds. Refreshments will be served in the museum auditorium. The tree lighting and refreshments are free. Horse-drawn sleigh rides will be offered from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Rides are \$5.50 per person ages 3 and older and free for riders 2 and younger. Rides are by South Creek Clydesdales. The museum and “Hayes Train Special” model train display will be open to visitors until 8 p.m. Admission

to the museum, which includes access to the “Hayes Train Special,” is \$13 for adults, \$10 for teens 13-18, \$5 for kids 6-12 and free for kids 5 and younger. An admission coupon will be posted at rbhayes.org. Hayes Presidential members are admitted for free.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020 – Christmas Eve. The Hayes Home and museum are open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library is closed.

Friday, Dec. 25, 2020 – Christmas. All facilities closed.

JANUARY 2021

REMINDER: We are closed on Mondays in January, February and March with the exception of Presidents’ Day. We will resume Monday hours in April.

Now through Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 – Hayes Train Special model train display. This operating model train display runs through an intricate Victorian 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. 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.

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Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 – New Year’s Day. All facilities closed.

Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 – Model Train Clinic. 1-4 p.m. To wrap up the holiday season, bring your model train for some attention from train hobbyists to the Model Train Clinic. They’ll assist you with advice related to model train maintenance and repair, as well as estimate the value of older model trains. The clinic is included with discounted adult museum-only admission of \$10 on Saturday, Jan. 2, or with a site pass that includes the museum and Hayes Home. The discounted adult museum-only admission is available all day on Jan. 2. Hayes Presidential members are admitted for free. 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. Those who bring trains also can run their trains on the “Hayes Train Special” track. The track fits standard, O-gauge and G-gauge trains. In the event of inclement weather, the clinic will be canceled.

NOTE: Events are subject to change. For updates, call 419-332-2081 or visit rbhayes.org.

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