

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

## APRIL 2020

**Now – Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 – *Special exhibit “Ohio: An Unnatural History.”*** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Myths and legends are how people have tried to understand the unknown. This exhibit will profile legendary creatures and spooky tales from across Ohio and look at the role of folklore in our culture. This exhibit is included with regular admission. Members are admitted for free. It will be open through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. **Partial funding provided by Decker Roofing and Gutter Solutions, Hanneman-Chudzinski-Keller Funeral Home and an anonymous donor.**

**Saturday, April 4, 2020 – *Retro Roundtable.*** 9:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Bring an artifact, such as a family heirloom, item of clothing or letter, and share its story with the group. Each participant will have 10 minutes to discuss their item. Observers who do not bring items are welcome to attend and hear the fascinating stories behind these items. If presenting, preregistration is required. To register, contact Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto:jmayle@rbhayes.org).

**Saturday, April 11, 2020 – *Retro Roundtable.*** 9:30 to 11 a.m. Free. This session will focus on photos. Head of Photographic Resources Gilbert Gonzalez will open the session by discussing five significant images from the prints and photographs collections at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Attendees are invited to bring their own photographs and share the unique stories behind them. Each participant will have 10 minutes to discuss their photos. Observers who do not bring photos are welcome to attend and hear the fascinating stories behind these pictures. If presenting, preregistration is required. To register, contact Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto:jmayle@rbhayes.org).

**Saturday, April 11, 2020 – *Hayes Easter Egg Roll.*** 2 - 3:30 p.m. Free. Kids ages 3-10 are invited to participate in a variety of egg games that replicate

the famous White House Easter Egg Roll started by President Rutherford B. Hayes. Prizes are awarded in six age categories, and each child receives a balloon and treats. Admission is three hard-boiled colored eggs for use in the egg games. Kids are also invited to participate in face painting, corn-hole games, craft activities and visits with the Easter Bunny. If there is inclement weather, the event will be moved inside.

**Sunday, April 12, 2020 – *Easter.*** All facilities closed.

**Wednesday, April 29, 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 “Truman” by David McCullough. Participants can bring their lunch. **Sponsored by Richard and Kathy Smith.**

## MAY 2020

**Now – Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 – *Special exhibit “Ohio: An Unnatural History.”*** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Myths and legends are how people have tried to understand the unknown. This exhibit will profile legendary creatures and spooky tales from across Ohio and look at the role of folklore in our culture. This exhibit is included with regular admission. Members are admitted for free. It will be open through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. **Partial funding provided by Decker Roofing and Gutter Solutions, Hanneman-Chudzinski-Keller Funeral Home and an anonymous donor.**

**Saturday, May 9, 2020 – *Kids Days @ Hayes.*** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids can enjoy a Victorian tea party. 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](mailto:jeardly@rbhayes.org) or 419-332-2081. **Event sponsor is Pamela & Joy at Billy's Restaurant.**

**Monday, May 25, 2020 – Memorial Day.** Hayes Home and museum open noon to 5 p.m. The library is closed.

**Wednesday, May 27, 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 "Assassination Vacation" by Sarah Vowell. Participants can bring their lunch. **Sponsored by Richard and Kathy Smith.**

## JUNE 2020

**Now – Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 – Special exhibit "Ohio: An Unnatural History."** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Myths and legends are how people have tried to understand the unknown. This exhibit will profile legendary creatures and spooky tales from across Ohio and look at the role of folklore in our culture. This exhibit is included with regular admission. Members are admitted for free. It will be open through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. **Partial funding provided by Decker Roofing and Gutter Solutions, Hanneman-Chudzinski-Keller Funeral Home and an anonymous donor.**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – Verandah Concert.** 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Old-fashioned ice cream social is at 6:30 p.m.; concert begins at 7 p.m. This concert series highlights a variety of genres performed by musicians from around the region. This week, Fostoria Community Band will perform concert band 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. Donations are accepted for ice cream. If there are thunderstorms on concert night, the event will be canceled. Updates will be available at 419-332-2081, [rbhayes.org](http://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.**

**Thursday, June 11, 2020 – Frohman Summer Series: Hands-on History, Roller Coaster Session.** Pick one of the two sessions offered from 10 a.m. to noon. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free. This program is a three-part series for kids ages 6 through 11. They will use historic photos from the Charles E. Frohman Collection at the Hayes Presidential Library

& Museums to gain firsthand knowledge in history through STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) initiatives. During the roller coaster session, students can learn about speed, strength, gravity and other principles of physics and engineering by building a roller coaster using a variety of materials. From 1892 to the present day, coasters have been a top attraction of Cedar Point amusement park for generations. Using the Frohman Collection photos, drawings and documents, students will analyze and build models of the 19th and 20th century coasters, comparing them to today's coasters. Parents are welcome to attend with their kids. Registration is limited to 10 kids per session. Kids can register for one, two or all three of the sessions in this series. Sessions are June 11, July 9 and Aug. 13. Registration is required. Register by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto:jmayle@rbhayes.org). **Session sponsor is Sierra Lobo, Inc.**

**Wednesday, June 24, 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.**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – Verandah Concert.** 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Old-fashioned ice cream social is at 6:30 p.m.; concert begins at 7 p.m. 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. Donations are accepted for ice cream. If there are thunderstorms on concert night, the event will be canceled. Updates will be available at 419-332-2081, [rbhayes.org](http://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, June 27, 2020 – GroveFest.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Nature vendors will have booths with crafts and games for kids, and some will have live animals. Back to the Wild Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and other organizations will give live animal demonstrations. Food will be available on the grounds for purchase or donation. **Title sponsor: ProMedica Memorial Hospital. Activity sponsor: Unique Fabrications, Inc.; U.S. Bank Foundation.**

## JULY 2020

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**Friday, July 3, 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. **Partial funding provided by the City of Fremont.**

**Saturday, July 4, 2019 – Independence Day.** The Hayes Home and museum are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed.

**Saturday, July 4, 2019 – *Independence Day Concert.*** 2 – 3:30 p.m. Free. Bring your own chair or blanket for this patriotic concert, performed by the Toledo Symphony Concert Band on the verandah of the historic Hayes Home. Civil War reenactors will punctuate the performance of the “1812 Overture” with cannon fire. Food trucks will be on-site during the day. Parking is on-site, weather-permitting. Overflow parking will be available on the street and at ProMedica Memorial Hospital’s parking lots at Buildings A and B, located at 605 Third Ave. HPLM is a short walk to the east of the hospital parking lots. For updates, visit [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org), or call 800-998-7737. **Sponsored by Hal & Diane Hawk/Crown Battery.**

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – *Verandah Concert.*** 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Old-fashioned ice cream social is at 6:30 p.m.; concert begins at 7 p.m. This concert series highlights a variety of genres performed by musicians from around the region. This week, the performer is Cottonwood Jam String Band, a traditional acoustic string band. 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. Donations are accepted for the ice cream. If there are thunderstorms on concert night, the event will be canceled. Updates will be available at 419-332-2081, [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org) and on Facebook and Twitter at [@rbhayespres](https://www.facebook.com/rbhayespres). **Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union. Additional funding by Mosser Construction and ProMedica Memorial Hospital.**

**Thursday, July 9, 2020 – *Frohman Summer Series: Hands-on History, All Hands on Deck! Ships and Boats of the Great Lakes Session.*** Pick one of the two sessions from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Kids will learn about buoyancy, flotation, displacement and other principles of physics and engineering by building different types of boats with a variety of materials. Using the Charles E. Frohman Collection photographs, drawings and documents, students will learn about the Great Lakes commercial shipping industry, as well as the passenger vessels that occupied the area during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This program is a three-part series for kids ages 6 through 11. They will use historic photos from the Charles E. Frohman Collection, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums to gain firsthand knowledge in history through STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) initiatives. Parents are welcome to attend with their kids. Registration is limited to 10 kids per session. Kids can register for one, two or all three of the sessions in this series. Sessions are June 11, July 9 and Aug. 13. Registration is required. Register by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto:jmayle@rbhayes.org).

**Saturday, July 11, 2020 – *Kids Days @ Hayes Farm Day.*** Time TBA. Learn about farm life and the animals the Hayes family raised here at Spiegel Grove. 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. **Event sponsors are Decker Roofing and Gutter Solutions and Westview Veterinary Hospital.**

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020 – *Verandah Concert.*** 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Old-fashioned ice cream social is at 6:30 p.m.; concert begins at 7 p.m. This concert series highlights a variety of genres performed by musicians from around the region. This week, Nostalgia, a vocal ensemble, will perform music of the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s. 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. **Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union. Additional funding by Mosser Construction and ProMedica Memorial Hospital.**

**Wednesday, July 29, 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.**

## AUGUST 2020

**Now – Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 – Special exhibit “Ohio: An Unnatural History.”** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Myths and legends are how people have tried to understand the unknown. This exhibit will profile legendary creatures and spooky tales from across Ohio and look at the role of folklore in our culture. This exhibit is included with regular admission. Members are admitted for free. It will be open through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. **Partial funding provided by Decker Roofing and Gutter Solutions, Hanneman-Chudzinski-Keller Funeral Home and an anonymous donor.**

**Now- Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 – 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. **Partial funding provided by the City of Fremont.**

**Saturday, Aug. 1, and Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020 – State of Eight Vintage Base Ball Tournament.** Times TBA. Free. Sandusky County is turning 200 this year! To celebrate, vintage base ball teams from across the state are playing in the State of Eight Vintage Base Ball Tournament at Spiegel Grove and another location to be determined in the Fremont area. The Spiegel Grove Squires, the vintage team at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, are the host team. Other vintage teams participating represent the regions associated with the eight Ohio presidents. **Sponsored by Wright Leather Works.**

**Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020 – Verandah Concert.** 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Old-fashioned ice cream social is at 6:30 p.m.; concert begins at 7 p.m. This concert series highlights a variety of genres performed by musicians from around the region. This week, Matthew Ball, aka “The Boogie Woogie Kid,” will perform boogie, blues and swing piano 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. **Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union. Additional funding by Mosser Construction and ProMedica Memorial Hospital.**

**Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020 – Frohman Summer Series: Hands-on History, Thinking Outside The Box: Engineering and Creative Construction Session.** Pick one of the two sessions from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Kids will use historic photos from the Charles E. Frohman Collection at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums to gain firsthand knowledge in history through STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) initiatives. Using the Frohman historic photographs and documents, students will learn about the innovative cardboard box manufacturer, Hinde & Dauch Paper Company. The business successfully operated out of Sandusky, Ohio, from 1880 – 1981. Students will gain an understanding of basic engineering principles and use that knowledge to construct functional bridges, containers and towers. Parents are welcome to attend with their kids. Registration is limited to 10 kids per session. Kids can register for one, two or all three of the sessions in this series. Sessions are June 11, July 9 and Aug. 13. Registration is required. Register by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org.

**Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 – Celebration of the 100th anniversary of 19th Amendment being ratified and voter registration drive.** 6 p.m. The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums and the League of Women Voters are teaming up to offering a celebration of the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage. The 19th amendment was ratified on Aug. 18, 1920. There will be a suffrage march at 6:15 p.m., followed by a play about women’s suffrage at 6:30 p.m. Then at 7 p.m., Hayes Presidential’s Verandah Concert will begin on the verandah of the Hayes Home. There will also be a voter registration drive. Further details to be announced.

**Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 – Verandah Concert.**

6:30-8 p.m. Free. Old-fashioned ice cream social is at 6:30 p.m.; concert begins at 7 p.m. This concert series highlights a variety of genres performed by musicians from around the region. During this last concert of the season, North Coast Big Band will perform toe-tapping tunes of the World War II era. 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. Donations are accepted for ice cream. 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. **Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union. Additional funding by Mosser Construction and ProMedica Memorial Hospital.**

**Friday, Aug. 21 – Sunday, Aug. 30, 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.

**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.**

**Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 – First Lady Lucy Hayes' birthday.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate the life of first Lady Lucy Hayes, who would have turned 188 today. Enjoy complimentary lemonade and treats in the museum. Anyone with an Aug. 28 birthday is admitted for free.

**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 188 today. Enjoy complimentary lemonade and treats in the museum. Additional celebration details to be announced.

**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. 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.

## **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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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.

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**Thursday, Oct. 1 – Saturday, Sept. 26 - Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 – American Presidents Film & Literary Festival.** See original films, enjoy a Red Carpet Event with keynote speaker and dinner and more. This festival takes place at various locations in Fremont, including the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Hayes Presidential is one of the entities that helps to organize this festival. For details, ticket packages and more, visit [americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org](http://americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org).

**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.

**Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 – Beginning Genealogy Class.** 9:30 – 11 a.m. Learn how to get started on tracing your family history. Head Librarian John Ransom and Librarian Pat Breno will highlight available resources, including those at the Hayes Presidential Library, for finding ancestry. Cost is \$10 and can be paid online at rbhayes.org or in person the day of class. **Sponsored by RootsMagic, Inc.**

**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](mailto: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.

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**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. 239, or [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto: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 17.

**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](mailto: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 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](http://rbhayes.org/events).

## **NOVEMBER 2020**

**Now- Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 – 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. **Partial funding provided by the City of Fremont.**

**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. 3, Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 – A Presidential Christmas at Spiegel Grove: Christmas Dinners.** Enjoy a multi-course holiday meal in the dining room of the historic Hayes Home. Costumed living history presenters provide an evening of 19th century fun. The evening begins with a carriage ride to the home, followed by the meal. Tickets are \$250 per person for Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members and \$300 for non-members. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 419-332-2081, ext. 238. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members receive first opportunity for reservations.

**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](http://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.***

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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](http://rbhayes.org).***

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