Experience nature through hands-on activities, live animal presentations and more during GroveFest: Nature at the Grove on June 24 at Spiegel Grove, the grounds of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. This free annual nature event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It highlights Spiegel Grove, a 25-acre state park and the estate of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes, who loved nature and the outdoors. The couple had chickens, cows and gardens on the property.

Nature-related organizations will have crafts and activities for kids, and there will be live animal presentations from the Toledo Zoo and Back to the Wild Rehabilitation Center of Castalia. Food will be available on the grounds for a donation or purchase.

South Creek Clydesdales will offer horse-drawn wagon rides through Spiegel Grove with guides sharing points of interest on the property. Wagon rides are $3 for adults, $1 for kids ages 6-12 and free for kids age 5 and younger.

Tentative schedule of events:
• 10 a.m. – Booths with activities and food open. Wagon rides will be available until 2 p.m.
• 11 a.m. – Back to the Wild will give a live animal presentation.
• Noon – Rimelspach Farms will give a corn-grilling demonstration.
• 1 p.m. – Toledo Zoo will give a live animal presentation.
• 2 p.m. – Booths close.

Visitor parking is off-site only. For parking information, visit rbhayes.org or call 800-998-7737.

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Lorie McCown of Fredericksburg, Virginia, created this quilt, titled “The Story Cloth Vol. 1-4”, which is featured in the “Quilt National” exhibit.

‘Quilt National’ exhibit features array of art quilts

Birds flourishing next to oil rigs, the moon, summer flowers and earthquakes are among the inspiration for a variety of art quilts that will be featured in the next special exhibit at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. “Quilt National” will feature 20 contemporary art quilts that were entered in the 2015 Quilt National competition, a biennial juried competition of the contemporary art quilt, that takes place at The Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio.

The exhibit opens June 3 in the lower level of the Hayes Museum. It will be on display through Oct. 15. quilts displayed in this exhibit were made in 2012 or 2014 by artists in the United States and around the world. They feature a variety of fabrics, colors and innovative techniques used to
McLochlin, will fill our long-vacant curator position. Dustin has a Ph.D. in policy history from Bowling Green State University and will head up a newly formed curatorial and education department that will take the lead in providing more history to our public in different and exciting ways.

We are also pleased to announce that Kevin Moore will be joining the new department as associate curator of artifacts. This position was created after the announced retirement of Collections Manager Mary Lou Rendon. While Kevin will be taking on the core duties of the collections manager, the position has been expanded to include historical research and educational outreach components as well.

Kevin has worked at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums as a house guide and receptionist for two years. He was also part of the centennial weekend programming committee. Kevin is an adjunct instructor at several area colleges and universities, and his teaching experience covers virtually all of American history as well as subjects such as African history, world civilization, art history, government, English and sociology.

The strategic plan will be under development throughout the summer and released to the public later this fall. We believe you will be enthusiastic about our future plans, and we are looking forward to sharing them with you!

While we are excited with these staffing changes, we are sad to say goodbye to one of our “sparkliest” staff members, Mary Lou Rendon, who retired this month after 37 years of tireless dedication to the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

In addition to being an outstanding museum professional, Mary Lou is also an amazing coworker, always sharing cheerful words of encouragement and a beaming smile with fellow staff members and visitors. We will miss her.

Recently, we recognized former staff member Ralph Billow at a special ceremony during which we planted two American Chestnut trees at Spiegel Grove and named one of them in Ralph’s honor. Naming trees at Spiegel Grove was a practice started by President Hayes. Ralph began working at Spiegel Grove when he was a teenager. He was a chauffeur and handyman for the Hayes family when they still lived in the Hayes Home. Ralph later became the superintendent of buildings and grounds.

Ralph and his wife, Juanita, have spent decades working and volunteering for the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Ralph is still an active member of our Buildings and Grounds Committee. In that role, he took initiative to acquire for us two sapling Chestnut trees. A blight in the early 20th century wiped out most of the Chestnut trees in the United States, including two that once stood in Spiegel Grove. Ralph, a true lover of trees, wanted to see Chestnuts again gracing the grounds of the Grove. It was our pleasure to recognize Ralph in this way and thank him for the tremendous impact he has had on our organization.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums would not be the amazing institution it is today without such wonderful and remarkable staff as these.
Collections manager retires after 37 years

In the 37 years Mary Lou Rendon worked at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, there are two things that haven’t changed.

One is her love of the museum’s 20,999 artifacts, for which she lovingly cared, cataloged, organized and put in a searchable online index.

“It’s the experience of actually being able to touch something that is a piece of history,” said Rendon, who retired from her position as the museum’s collections manager May 3. “To think that an item I’m holding was on a Civil War battlefield or used by a soldier is mind-boggling. It’s been preserved and lasted.”

The other thing that hasn’t changed is the positive and helpful attitude of the staff. Although Rendon has seen many staff members come and go in her nearly four decades at the museum, she consistently remembers them working as a team.

She worked for six executive directors.

“The people I worked with always went out of their way to help each other,” she said. “We pulled together.”

Rendon began working at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in 1980 in the Museum Store and front desk on holidays and weekends. After a few months, the curator at the time, Jay Snider, asked her to help him index the artifacts. She matched a card describing the artifact to the item and carefully packaged it. Later, she became assistant to the curator and then was promoted to collections manager when Snider retired in the early 2000s.

At the turn of the 21st century, the Internet was still fairly new, and she began indexing and cataloging all of the artifacts, information about them and photographs of them into an online database. That database, called Past Perfect, can be found on the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ website and is searchable.

“Mary Lou has done a fabulous job over the years,” Executive Director Christie Weininger said. “It’s not easy caring for and keeping track of 20,000 priceless, irreplaceable items that could be on exhibit, in storage or on loan to another organization at any given time. She has an encyclopedic knowledge of our collections and will be difficult to replace.”

Rendon will miss working with the staff and the artifacts, especially her two favorite items, the pencil believed to be used by Gen. Ulysses Grant to write the surrender terms for the Confederacy at the end of the Civil War at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, and First Lady Lucy Hayes’ brooch that features a cameo of President Hayes.

Rendon plans to spend time with her husband, Ray, and do volunteer work.

“This place will always be special to me,” she said.

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convey each artist’s message.

“Each of these quilts is a demonstration of the creativity and artistic talent of its maker,” said Nan Card, curator of manuscripts at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. “Infused with vivid colors, a myriad of fabrics and unusual techniques, each quilt holds special meaning for its creator and often provokes thoughtful responses from the viewers.”

This exhibit is produced and distributed by The Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens, Ohio.

The Dairy Barn Arts Center started in the late 1970s when quilters dedicated to making art quilts found few venues that would accept their work into exhibits and competitions. Traditional quilt shows wanted bedcovers with recognizable quilt patterns and were not interested in these unique quilts.

A group of volunteers in Athens started the Quilt National competition to show the transformation that was happening in the quilting world and to promote quilting as an art form. They began the competition at The Dairy Barn Arts Center, which is a refurbished historic barn.

Some of the quilts featured in the “Quilt National” exhibit use traditional techniques of piecing and patching fabric, but they also use new materials and technology.

Artists strive to make an individual statement while provoking an emotional response for the viewers of their work.

“Quilt National” is sponsored by the City of Fremont and Walmart – Fremont, Port Clinton and Tiffin.
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Travel back to the Civil War era and the early days of base ball — spelled with two words back then — this summer with the Spiegel Grove Squires, the vintage base ball team at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

The Spiegel Grove Squires are base ball devotees who bring to life the sport during its early years. It was in the 1860s that base ball became an organized sport with rules of play and standards for base ball clubs.

Members of the Spiegel Grove Squires are volunteers. They have studied and learned the methods of play used in the 1860s, including playing bare-handed and using a bat that looks more like a broom handle. Players are called ballists, and they wear period-style uniforms and adopt the language of 19th-century base ball during their matches, the term at the time for games.

Admission to home games is free. Home games take place on the lawn behind the Hayes Home. The Squires are sponsored by Wright Leather Works, LLC. The schedule is as follows:

- **May 21** - 1 p.m. at Elmwood at the Springs in Green Springs vs. the Stemtown Stinkers.
- **June 4** - 1 pm. at home vs. the Rochester Grangers.
- **June 11** - 2 p.m. at home, celebrity all-star game. Local celebrities will suit up with the Squires.
- **June 25** – 11 a.m. at the Western Reserve Cup, hosted by the Cleveland Blues Base Ball Club at Lakewood Park in Lakewood, Ohio.
- **July 9** - 2 p.m. at home vs. the Stemtown Stinkers from Green Springs.
- **July 22** – 11 a.m. at the Sauder Village Cup at Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio.
- **Aug. 6** - 2 p.m. at home vs. the Mohican Rivermen.
- **Aug. 13** - 1 p.m. at the Carnation Cup Tournament, hosted by the Alliance Crossing Rails Base Ball Club in Alliance, Ohio.
- **Aug. 27** - 2 p.m. at home vs. the Columbus Buckeyes.
- **Sept. 17** – 10 a.m. at the Tiffin-Seneca County Heritage Festival at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin.
- **Sept. 24** – 2 p.m. at home vs. the Alliance Crossing Rails Base Ball Club.
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**Interested in learning more?**
Please contact me at 419-332-2081, ext. 226, or kboukissen@rbhayes.org.

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**Tickets available for Music in the Parlor**

Enjoy a live musical performance in the large parlor of the Hayes Home, just as guests of the president and first lady did when they visited in the late 1800s, at Music in the Parlor.

Twice a year, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums opens the large parlor, which includes the life-sized portrait of President Rutherford B. Hayes, to feature a musical performance.

This year, Music in the Parlor takes place May 21 and Oct. 15.

The concerts are from 4 to 5 p.m. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Cost is $12. For reservations, call 419-332-2081.

Harpists Karen Svano Westgate and Sirka Westgate Schreck are the performers at the May 21 event. The performer for Oct. 21 has not yet been determined. For updates, visit rbhayes.org.

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**Correction**

In the 2016 annual report edition of the Statesman, total figures for annual income and expenses were incorrect. Total income was $2,650,827, and total expenses were $2,873,403.
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Hands-on fun at Second Saturdays R 4 Kids

Kids can learn to play vintage base ball, experience life in a Civil War camp and more at Second Saturdays R 4 Kids, a monthly educational program at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

The program takes place on the second Saturday of each month. Some months feature a hands-on event, and others will feature a scavenger hunt in the museum.

Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members at the family/household level or higher and their kids and grandkids are admitted for free.

The Second Saturdays R 4 Kids title sponsor is Impact Credit Union.

The schedule is as follows:
- **June 10** - 11 a.m. to noon. The Spiegel Grove Squires, the vintage base ball team at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, will demonstrate vintage base ball and teach kids to play. Cost is $1 for kids. There is no fee for adults to bring children to this program. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 419-332-2081.
- **July 8** - There will be a scavenger hunt available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the museum. Participants can stop by any time during those hours to do the scavenger hunt and can also tour the museum. Cost is $1 for kids and $7.50 for adults. This includes admission to the museum.
- **Aug. 12** - There will be a scavenger hunt available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the museum. Participants can stop by any time during those hours to do the scavenger hunt and can also tour the museum. Cost is $1 for kids and $7.50 for adults. This includes admission to the museum.
- **Sept. 9** - 11 a.m. Kids can experience what life was like in a Civil War camp. Civil War reenactors will teach kids how to make camp food and learn military drills. Cost is $1 for kids. There is no charge for adults to bring children to this program. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 419-332-2081.

For the full 2017 schedule, visit rbhayes.org.