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Learning from the past to solve today’s problems

Last year, during the development of the education portion of our strategic plan, we met with a few local school teachers. As we were offhandedly talking about how President Hayes was praised by his contemporaries for his conflict resolution skills, a teacher blurted out “Now THAT’s the type of education program I need in my classroom! Imagine what our world would be like if our kids learned conflict resolution skills early on in life.”

This concept became a key objective of the strategic plan: To create programs that examine Rutherford and Lucy’s thoughts about the world and public service in order to provoke conversations about and solutions for modern issues.

We realized we could teach good history AND help people develop skills and ideas for dealing with real life problems, such as racism, bullying and drug addiction.

We have been hard at work evolving a number of new concepts. Here’s a sneak peek at our vision board:

“Creating Presidential Problem Solvers: Applying Lessons from the Past to Issues of Today,” is the working title for a program with multiple components — “Ruddy to Go,” “Ruddy on the Road,” and “Ruddy on the Web,” (playing off Rutherford Hayes’ nickname!).

It is designed to inspire students to look at their current world and consider how they can improve their communities through examples from the past.

By studying Hayes’ thoughts and decisions, some of which he is criticized for, we can learn how our nation has handled problems and gain some wisdom necessary for solutions.

Christie Weininger
Executive Director
Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums

For example, by the 1830s, Americans were drinking three times as much alcohol than is consumed today. After the Civil War, many veterans became addicted to opioids because they received the medication on the battlefield.

This caused problems in personal lives and families, which Rutherford and Lucy Hayes witnessed, wrote about and acted upon.

History is also motivational. All visionaries need inspiration. Why not find it in the past?

Our manuscript collection is full of stories of curious and ambitious people. Photographs and drawings show Cedar Point roller coasters being built and individuals tinkering with the design and construction of airplanes in Sandusky’s Battery Park.

This summer, we will launch a program series designed to encourage our next generation of inventors. Using manuscript materials to percolate ideas, youngsters will have a chance to build and test their own roller coaster and airplane models.

For adults, there will be programs on the meaning of patriotism and the right to protest, a thought-provoking look at immigration in Ohio and the United States, and the causes of poverty on local and national levels.

Through honest conversation, we hope to save many from drug addiction, reduce hatred that leads to racism and increase understanding and tolerance of others who are different.

If you would like to see more details or help fund some of these programs and bring them to fruition, please visit rbhayes.org/presidentialproblemsolvers.

For updates on when these programs might take place, check out the upcoming events calendar on our website, rbhayes.org, follow us on social media, or call us at 419-332-2081.
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As we head into a new year, we are still in the starting stages of an exciting new chapter at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Moving forward from our extremely exciting Centennial Celebration in 2016, we continue to define our identity and highlight our unique opportunities as the country’s first presidential library!

Working with trusted community partners, board members, HPLM staff and volunteers, we completed our next strategic plan, “A New Path Forward,” in 2017. This plan sets us on the road to expand and develop our educational programming, our curatorial presence both in the community and in the media and our place on the national stage.

The addition of a curator position, filled by our own Dustin McLochlin, Ph.D., and a dedicated educational staff along with a focus on professional staff development, coordination with entities like the League of Women Voters and SHGAPE, and the creation of programs around political affairs will push HPLM into the spotlight as a driver of dynamic national museum standards.

History remains the best lesson for examining and discussing today’s problems and educating future generations to deal with what might come. By teaching President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes’ view of the world, service and conflict resolution, HPLM will be a leader in the future of how museums can shape our national conversation.

2017 also saw the reaccreditation of HPLM by the American Alliances of Museums, which stated that we have proven to be a “good steward of its resources held in the public trust and committed to a philosophy of continual institutional growth.”

This accreditation lasts for 10 years. It is a tremendous honor to be recognized for holding ourselves to the highest standards possible.

And, if reaccreditation wasn’t enough, HPLM was also awarded a prestigious national award by the American Association of State and Local History for our centennial events.

The award represents recognition of HPLM as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of history from our centennial celebration. HPLM’s revitalization has inspired other institutions to reconsider their mission, audience and relevance in the modern world. This award reflects the success of the vision set out in our last strategic plan and sets us on our new path forward – setting the highest standards for a historical museum that aims to illuminate, preserve and educate.

Again, nothing would be possible without our wonderful staff, leaders, volunteers, members and friends. As we continue to live our mission, I’m constantly re-energized by their commitment to making the life and legacy of President and First Lady Hayes a modern beacon for new ideas! I’m so excited to see the next success and feel our impact.

“I really enjoyed my internship here. I researched the docent manual for the home. I was excited to have the opportunity to give my own tours. I like the culture here and the people.”

-Evan Engelhart, former intern and current receptionist, Hayes Home guide
The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums received several prestigious awards in 2017, including a national honor and recognition of excellence in its marketing efforts.

In September, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums received a national Leadership in History Award from the American Association for State and Local History during the AASLH conference in Austin, Texas. This award was given for HPLM’s preservation and interpretation of state and local history during its centennial in 2016. The centennial included the grand Centennial Celebration during Memorial Day weekend 2016 and the Hayes Family Reunion, the museum’s $1.8 million renovation with all-new exhibits and other programs HPLM offered in celebration of its centennial.

“The organization’s centennial in 2016 was the catalyst for transformational change, providing the opportunity to redesign 8,000 square feet of exhibit space, make repairs, add accessibility features and increase the museum’s presence in their town,” according to AASLH. “This comprehensive revitalization and rebranding of the nation’s first presidential library sets an important precedent for relevance and continual re-evaluation of mission and audience.”

In November, HPLM won nine awards from the Ohio Travel Association for its marketing efforts. The RUBY Awards, sponsored by Ohio Magazine, are the Ohio Travel Association’s way of honoring organizations that have found the most innovative ways to market their destination, experiences or services.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums won RUBY awards in the following categories:

- Newsletter - for its quarterly Statesman newsletter
- Annual Report
- Print Advertising
- Social Media Campaign - for Rutherford and Lucy’s Centennial Goodwill Tour where cutouts of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes traveled to presidential and first ladies’ sites around the country and were featured on the sites’ and HPLM’s social media
- Website – for its new website unveiled in fall 2016 and designed and hosted by Thrive Internet Marketing
- TV Commercial – for a commercial produced by WTOL Toledo for its ME TV channel last summer

HPLM received the Citation of Excellence in the following categories:

- Newsletter – for its monthly Billet newsletter
- Direct Mail/Free Standing Insert – for its Gateway to the Future mailer

HPLM also received a Certificate of Achievement in the Direct Mail/Free Standing Insert category for its “Presidential Pop Culture” exhibit opening invitation. The RUBY Awards are equivalent to first place, with the Citation of Excellence being equivalent to second place and the Certificate of Achievement being equivalent to third place. The winners were announced Nov. 1 during the Ohio Travel Association’s Ohio Conference on Travel in Akron. HPLM’s awards were judged with other entries in the annual marketing budget of $0-$50,000.
In retirement, President Hayes found himself lamenting changes in American society after his presidency. He recorded in his journal thoughts such as: “Lincoln was for a government of the people. The new tendency is ‘a government of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich.’” He saw himself as “‘a radical in thought (and principle) and a conservative in method’ (and conduct).” In that Gilded Age era, he noticed the increased economic growth, but also a greater disparity between the rich and the poor combined with a steady flow of immigration.

The Hayes Museum is excited to bring two exhibits in early 2018 attracting attention to issues of immigration and poverty in our nation today and in history. On Feb. 2, we opened a rotating exhibit from the Ohio History Connection showcasing the Bhutanese-Nepali community in Columbus. This group of refugees fled their homes in Bhutan and settled in camps in Nepal during the 1990s. Because there has been no official agreement between Bhutan and Nepal on repatriation, many of these refugees have been settled in other regions. Columbus has settled a vast number (roughly 30,000). Tariq Tarey, a documentary photographer who specializes in refugee affairs, captured images of these Bhutanese-Nepali refugees and worked with script writer Doug Rutledge to produce the visually striking display. This exhibit is open through May 25. It is sponsored by William Rutherford and Nancy Gaines Platt.

We will then be hosting an exhibit from the National Endowment for the Humanities featuring photography from Jacob Riis. Riis was a Danish immigrant who compiled pictures and research on the immigrant poor in New York’s tenement housing during the Gilded Age. His book, “How the Other Half Lives,” was so well received that it reached the attention of a New York politician, Theodore Roosevelt, who went on to champion legislation to help the working poor. This traveling exhibition will be here from April 6 to May 25. This exhibit is sponsored by Decker Roofing & Gutter Solutions.

In addition to these exhibits we are excited to highlight the photography of two of our staff members in the special exhibit “The Art of Photography” show and print sale. Gil Gonzalez, head of photographic resources for more than 30 years, has accumulated a vast portfolio. We are excited to display his artwork in the Hayes auditorium. His exhibit opened Feb. 2.

Starting May 1, we will be adding more photographs from Communications/Marketing Manager Kristina Smith, who is an avid nature photographer. She will be displaying her many photographs, including her excellent collection of birding pictures.

Gonzalez and Smith will give a free talk about their exhibits from 4 to 6 p.m. May 1 in the auditorium. Refreshments will be served. “The Art of Photography” is sponsored by the Fremont Company and Walmart-Fremont.

Stay tuned this summer; we will be unveiling plans for exhibits on medicine in the 1800s and World War I!

Variety of exhibits coming in 2018

“In Retrospect: The Hayes Years” exhibit will be open from May 1 to July 15.

“Presidential Pop Culture: The Art of Influencing Perception” gave insight into how popular culture shaped and influenced the public perception of presidential hopefuls – winners and losers.

“100 Moments: Celebrating a Century of the Nation’s First Presidential Library” opened in 2016 and was on display into 2017. This exhibit featured memorable moments in the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ first century.

In 2017, the museum featured several special exhibits:

- “Ice for Everybody: Lake Erie and America’s Ice Harvesting Industry” explained the story of how the Sandusky area became the center of a century-long mammoth industry that changed the way Americans lived.

- “Presidential Pop Culture: The Art of Influencing Perception” gave insight into how popular culture shaped and influenced the public perception of presidential hopefuls – winners and losers.

- “Quilt National” featured 20 contemporary art quilts that were entered in the 2015 Quilt National competition, a biennial juried competition of the contemporary art quilt, which takes place at The Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio.
After years of working as a guide in the Hayes Home, Jean Blechschmidt knew the story of Sarah Jane Grant, housekeeper to President Rutherford B. Hayes' uncle, Sardis Birchard, who built the Hayes Home.

Grant, a white woman with good social status, took care of Sardis at the end of his life and helped raise two of the president's elder boys, Birchard and Webb, while they lived with Sardis for several years at Spiegel Grove. She cultivated a close relationship with the family and even sent Birchard a care package of her homemade ginger snaps while he was away at college.

“She was a remarkable person,” Blechschmidt said. Blechschmidt knew the Hayeses had other servants and wondered about these women and their stories.

Were the African-American women former slaves? How did they come to work for the Hayeses? What kind of relationship did they have with the Hayeses?

Blechschmidt began searching through Hayes family letters and journals, U.S. Census and other public records to learn more about the servants in the home.

Her research has taken her to First Lady Lucy Hayes’ hometown of Chillicothe, Ohio, the Quaker town of Harveysburg, Ohio, and Lebanon, Ohio. She is planning a trip to Lexington, Kentucky, to review public records that could be connected to the servants.

Fellow guides Dick Van Ness and Cathey Harpster are helping her with research.

What the trio have learned is that the Hayeses had many servants over the years, whether at their home at Spiegel Grove, in Cincinnati or the White House. Some were immigrants from Germany and Ireland, and a few barely spoke English. Others were African-Americans, most of whom Blechschmidt, Van Ness and Harpster believe were former slaves from Kentucky.

“It’s amazing,” Blechschmidt said. “We’ve learned a lot about the experiences of freed and enslaved blacks.”

Van Ness searched online library catalogs for books that might help Blechschmidt and researched Ohio’s “Black Codes,” which were rules African-Americans who moved to Ohio had to follow. For example, they had to register with their county clerk of courts and pay a $500 bond.

“The striking part about it is you don’t realize there were these codes in Ohio,” Van Ness said. “That sounds like something you’d find in the Deep South at that time. There were lots of gray areas.”

Harpster has completed extensive ancestry research and transcribed letters.

Winnie Monroe was the Hayeses’ cook and nanny for their youngest children, Scott and Fanny. She lived with the Hayeses at Spiegel Grove and went with them to Washington, D.C. She later returned to Washington and started her own catering business and a company that sold her homemade jams and jellies. Unfortunately, Winnie didn’t charge enough money for her work, and both ventures failed.

When she died, her daughter, Mary, who also had worked for the Hayeses, wrote to President Hayes for help with her funeral expenses. He paid for the funeral and wrote letters of recommendation to help Mary find work in Washington, D.C.

Another servant believed to be a former slave, Eliza Jane Burrell, was frequently ill. At times, she was unable to work, which put her family into a situation of poverty. President Hayes helped pay for her care.

“That showed me he was so compassionate,” Blechschmidt said. “The Hayeses really cared for their servants.”

Piecing together which servants are related and how they came to be in the Hayeses’ service has been difficult. For example, there were two women named Winnie who worked for the Hayeses. How some of the former slaves from Kentucky came to work for them also is not clear.

Blechschmidt, Van Ness and Harpster are continuing to dig through documents of the past to learn the stories of these people. They would like to put together a special tour of the Hayes Home highlighting the experience of the servants there.
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From rare books to new microfilm machines, several donations allowed the Hayes Presidential Library to enhance its collections and equipment in 2017. The family of Dr. Earl R. McLoney donated McLoney’s collection of about 550 Civil War books to the library last summer. Some of the titles are rare, and many focused on Civil War surgery, medicine, and artifacts.

McLoney was a family doctor in Norwalk, Ohio, and had a great interest in the Civil War and medical practices of that time. In September, the Toledo Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Ohio donated six “Silver Books” to the library. These books each detail a different pilgrim who traveled on the Mayflower, the English ship that brought pilgrims to America, and several generations of that pilgrim’s descendants.

“Silver Books” help library patrons with genealogy research. Through the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ annual Gateway to the Future appeal and a monetary donation in memory of Elizabeth Hampsher Yaw, the library bought two new microfilm scanner printers. These machines have the latest technology, including flat screens that are twice as wide as the library’s older models, and offer a clearer picture. Researchers heavily use the library’s microfilm machines.

The library also received some new furniture from the local newspaper in Fremont, The News-Messenger, when it downsized its office.

Online, the library created a digital newsletter for its patrons, updated President Hayes’ diary and letters section with three options for viewing these records on HPLM’s website and updated the Hayes Family online genealogy with thousands of new names from the “George Hayes of Windsor” book.

Pat Breno also joined the staff as a part-time library technician.

“The Toledo Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Ohio donated six Silver Books to the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library in September.”

“To do this in a facility of this stature was an honor. Everyone was so kind and encouraging.”

-Lynn Wright, volunteer who designed and set up the 2017 “Hayes Train Special” layout
2017 big year for Manuscripts Division: New associate curator, exhibits, more

By Nan Card
Curator of Manuscripts

Much gratitude goes to the Sidney Frohman Foundation for its exceptional support, making it possible for Julie Mayle to serve full time as the new associate curator of manuscripts.

Through the continuing partnership with the foundation and OhioLINK, the Lake Erie’s Yesterdays website now hosts more than 4,000 historic photographs originally collected and donated by the late Charles E. Frohman.

The most utilized of HPLM’s holdings, the Frohman materials have become one of the pillars of the institution’s manuscript collections.

The exhibit “Ice for Everybody” featured the Lake Erie ice harvesting photographs and materials of Sandusky photographer Ernst Niebergall. Earlier in the year, Mayle led the exhibit team in creating “Presidential Pop Culture: The Art of Influencing Perception.” The exhibit provided insights into how popular culture shapes the public perceptions of presidential hopefuls.

Through the support of loyal donors, the Manuscripts Division has acquired additional Civil War letters of local soldiers; a Confederate officer’s autograph book kept while imprisoned at Lake Erie’s Johnson’s Island; more than 800 historic Sandusky County photographs; some Toledo State Hospital records; and Hayes-era political cartoons and election memorabilia.

The Manuscripts Division continues to scan and digitize its collections on HPLM’s website and through social media, including the Ohio’s Yesterdays blog, Facebook, Historypin, YouTube and Twitter. World War I collections have been scanned and will soon be added to other HPLM collections on Ohio History Connection’s Ohio Memory.

Scholars and students traveled from universities throughout Ohio, Vermont, New York, Virginia, Florida, New Hampshire, Indiana and as far away as New Mexico and Singapore. A few of the research topics include prison reform, Supreme Court decisions, the Chinese Exclusion Act, Philippine Insurrection, Freedmen’s Bureau and Hayes’ stance on Mormonism.

Now in its fourth year, History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert, sponsored by Dr. Mary Wonderly, attracted more than 450 participants during its six sessions.

For the first time ever, the program included a tour of Fremont’s Oakwood Cemetery conducted by Gilbert. Sponsored by attorney George Schrader, the tour featured stops at the resting places of some of the county’s prominent pioneer citizens. Participants also received a complimentary copy of Gilbert’s cemetery research, “Final Farewell.”

The Northwest Ohio Veterans Oral History Project, conducted by Mayle, has formed a partnership with Professors Lee Fearnside and Joe Van Kerkhove of Tiffin University. Experiencing Veterans and Artists Collaborations (EVAC Project) is a joint effort between artists and veterans.

Using only audio recordings, the artists visually interpret veterans’ experiences into artwork. The project will use many of the oral histories recorded by Mayle.
‘An experience that I will never forget’

When Julie Mayle was an intern in the Manuscripts Division at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums several years ago, she processed and archived her father’s Vietnam War collection.

Among the items was a voice recording her dad made during his time in Vietnam when he was 18 years old.

On that tape, he talked about how long he had been in Vietnam and how much letters from home meant to him. For Mayle, that was the beginning of her special interest in veterans and their stories.

Today, Mayle is HPLM’s associate curator of manuscripts, and she leads the Northwest Ohio Veterans Oral History project. Through this project, she records veterans’ stories, scans important documents and photos and more. Her work preserves veterans’ important service and allows them to share their experiences.

At 4:14 p.m. on Nov. 10, Julie read the names of those listed on Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., in honor of Veterans Day, which was Nov. 11, and the 35th anniversary of the wall.

“I tend to get a little nervous when speaking in public, but for some reason I was very calm,” Mayle said. “I just had this overwhelming feeling that this was something I had to do…because it was the right thing to do. “It was an experience that I will never forget and one that I struggle to find the right words to describe.”

Among the names she read was Lance Cpl. Miguel Keith, who was a member of her father’s Marine Corps unit. Keith was killed in action on May 8, 1970, and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Congressional Medal of Honor.

“My dad rarely spoke of his war experiences during my childhood, but I know that Miguel’s name and memory are never far from his thoughts,” Mayle said. She arrived at the wall early to leave a picture of praying hands next to Keith’s name.

“Somehow, knowing that in a few hours I was going to read his name aloud, gave that quiet moment special meaning.”

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund selected Mayle and other readers from across the country to read the names of more than 58,000 service members listed on the wall.

New in 2017: Membership 411 videos online

In 2017, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums added a new benefit to its memberships: Online videos of its quarterly Membership 411 session topics.

The videos are posted online at rbhayes.org/membership411. This allows members who cannot attend to see the sessions and all members to watch the sessions as many times as they wish.

Members will need to log in to view the videos because Membership 411 is a members-only benefit.

Each session features a different aspect of the museum or home, the Spiegel Grove grounds and the library and genealogy and manuscript collections.

Topics have included talks about various museum galleries, genealogy benefits, the Rutherford B. Hayes manuscript collection and the history of the White House Gates at each entrance to Spiegel Grove.

The Membership 411 video concept was so innovative that Hayes staff members Kathy Boukissen, Meghan Wonderly and Gil Gonzalez presented a session regarding them last summer at the Association of Midwest Museums Conference in Iowa. They also will present a session at the Ohio Museums Association Conference on April 16 in Dayton.

2018 Membership 411 dates:

- March 14 at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- March 17 at 9 a.m.
- June 13 at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- June 16 at 9 a.m.
- Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Sept. 15 at 9 a.m.
- Nov. 14 at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Nov. 17 at 9 a.m.

RSVP to Meghan Wonderly, annual giving and membership coordinator at 419-332-2081, ext. 237, or mwonderly@rbhayes.org.
Museum Store expanding U.S., Ohio-made inventory

Throughout 2017, the Museum Store added more merchandise made by local and other Ohio artists. In the coming year, the store will continue to stock more merchandise made in Ohio and the United States, said Lisa Stuart, visitor services manager. “We’re a presidential site, and I feel like we should support the local economy and Ohio businesses,” Stuart said. “Our visitors are most likely looking for something unique to here.”

Local residents also like to stop by the store in search of special gifts and unusual items.

Local and Ohio-made items include Cleveland Candle Co. candles with scents specific to Spiegel Grove, locally made jewelry, books by local and Ohio authors and ornaments made by Hawkes Crystal in Tiffin.

An estimated 60 percent of the items in the store are made in Ohio or elsewhere in the United States. In the past year, the store switched all of its children’s toys over to items made in the United States.

The store also is accessible online at http://www.rbhayes.org/store.

HPLM staff working on film, literary fest

Hayes Presidential Library & Museums staff have been working with community partners on an exciting new event, the American Presidents Film & Literary Festival, that will take place Oct. 4-7 at various locations in Fremont.

This will be the first film festival to focus on the American Presidency and issues related to it. The festival also will have a literary component.

The Liberty and Learning Foundation, Birchard Public Library and Fremont City Schools are among the partners working to organize this festival.

Kirk Ellis, the screenwriter for the 2008 HBO miniseries “John Adams,” will give the keynote address, which will also serve as the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ Lecture on the Presidency this year. Lecture on the Presidency is sponsored by National Machinery Foundation and ProMedica Memorial Hospital.

“John Adams” starred Paul Giamatti and Laura Linney and chronicled the life of Adams, a founding father and the second U.S. president. The miniseries won four Golden Globe awards.

On the literary side, children’s book author Connie Remlinger Trounstine will speak to student groups at Fremont City Schools and have a public event during the festival. Trounstine wrote “Fingerprints on the Table: The Story of the White House Treaty Table.” There also will be essay and poetry contests for kids, teens and adults.

The film festival is accepting submissions on topics related to the American Presidency through the themes of people, places, politics and power. All filmmakers, whether emerging or experienced, are invited to submit a film to the festival.

Submissions can be made at the Film Freeway: filmfreeway.com/AmericanPresidentsFilmandLiteraryFestival.

For updates, like the film festival on Facebook at fb.me/ampresfilmlit, and visit its website at americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org.
New! Membership in a box: Add a special present to gift memberships

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Membership includes a full year of unlimited admission to the home and museum, including all special exhibits; invitations to exhibit openings and other special events; Membership 411 sessions in person or available online; and more. Membership levels begin at $35. For details, visit rbhayes.org/membership.

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- $5 – Hayes Presidential Library & Museums keychain or pin
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- $15 – Book “A Son’s Dream: Colonel Webb C. Hayes and the Founding of the Nation’s First Presidential Library” autographed by author Meghan Wonderly
- $20 - Book “A Son’s Dream: Colonel Webb C. Hayes and the Founding of the Nation’s First Presidential Library” autographed by author Meghan Wonderly, plus a keychain or pin
- $25 – Locally made glass ornament etched with Hayes Presidential Library & Museums logo
- $30 – Locally made glass globe ornament etched with sleigh scene and the words “Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove”

Add $3 for shipping.

For information, contact Meghan Wonderly, annual giving and membership coordinator, at 419-332-2081, ext. 237, or mwonderly@rbhayes.org.

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4. The museum: UV storm windows
5. The Hayes Home: Painting exterior of cupola windows

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2017 by the numbers

Attendance: 36,433
Visitors came from 45 states and 23 countries to visit the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

School Tours
Total school groups: 52
Total number of students: 2,317
Number of tours given through Curriculum Connections program: 25
Number of students on Curriculum Connections tours: 1,627
Counties participating in Curriculum Connections: Lucas, Wood, Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, Erie, Huron, Belmont, Lorain, Hancock, Allen in Ohio and Monroe County in Michigan
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Group tours: 80
Auditorium business rentals: 18
Weddings: 5
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Total income: $2,314,645

Total expenses: $1,929,397
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**HAYES EASTER EGG ROLL**
Saturday, March 31 • 2:30 p.m.
Kids ages 3-10 are invited to this FREE Easter event that replicates the famous White House Easter Egg Roll started by President Hayes. Kids are asked to bring three hard-boiled, colored eggs for use in the egg games. Prizes are awarded in six age categories, and each child receives a balloon, a pass to the Hayes Home or museum and treats. There will also be face painting, cornhole, crafts, story time and a visit by the Easter Bunny.

**SPECIAL EXHIBIT “JACOB RIIS: HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES”**
Friday, April 6 - Friday, May 25
The turn of the 20th century is best remembered as having two sides. On one, the close of the 1800s birthed modern America as we know it today. Industrialists like Andrew Carnegie and John Rockefeller built the first large corporations. Inventors like Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell remade the American lifestyle through their innovation.

On the other side, extreme poverty made life difficult for immigrants and the lower classes. Rather than call this period the nation’s “Golden Age,” Mark Twain sarcastically dubbed it “The Gilded Age,” noting the era’s unnecessary opulence for too few and excessive want for too many.

Jacob Riis was a Danish-born American photographer who decided to use his talent with a camera to peer behind the gilded veneer of high society to expose the harsh realities of living in New York City at the turn of the century. A social reformer and early muckraker in the tradition of Upton Sinclair and Ida Tarbell, Riis traveled into tenements, factories and sweatshops to document the day-to-day lives of the city’s many poor immigrants and laborers.

This is a traveling exhibit created by the National Endowment for the Humanities’ touring program, NEH on the Road. It contains several of Riis’ life-size photographs and personal artifacts, as well as multimedia features and interactive stations.

Admission is included with the price of a regular museum ticket. Members are admitted for free. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday with the exception of holiday hours and closings.

**RETRO ROUNDTABLE: TELLING STORIES THROUGH ARTIFACTS**
Saturday, April 21 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Bring a photograph, letter, family heirloom, clothing, game/toy or other artifact that has a story to tell and share it with the group. Or, just come and see what artifacts participants bring, and hear their stories. Participants will have a 10-minute time limit to discuss their item. Preregistration is required for those bringing artifacts.

Hayes Presidential Library & Museums staff members will start the event by presenting their favorite items from HPLM’s collections. Admission and participation is free. To register, contact Julie Mayle, associate curator of manuscripts, at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org.