Experience nature with hands-on activities, live animal presentations, wagon rides and more during the annual GroveFest: Nature at the Grove on June 23 at Spiegel Grove, the estate of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes.

This event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

It highlights Spiegel Grove, which is a 25-acre wooded state park and the grounds of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The Hayeses loved the outdoors. At Spiegel Grove, they tended to their gardens and raised cows and chickens.

Nature-related organizations will have crafts and other activities for kids, and the Toledo Zoo and Back to the Wild Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Castalia will give live animal presentations.

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 5 and younger.

A schedule of events will be posted at rbhayes.org. Visitor parking is off-site only with parking available on the street and in ProMedica Memorial Hospital’s parking lots at Buildings A and B, located at 605 Third Ave. Spiegel Grove is a short walk to the east of the hospital parking lots. Visitors with handicap tags for their vehicle will be able to park on-site.

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**Exhibit focuses on medicine in President Hayes’ day**

President Rutherford B. Hayes never knew his father. He died three months before Hayes was born.

First Lady Lucy Hayes was just 2 when her father died in a cholera epidemic.

The couple lost three children before each of their second birthdays to dysentery, scarlet fever and an unidentified illness.

“Medically speaking, the 19th century was a pretty scary place,” said Kevin Moore, associate curator of artifacts. “Few conditions were well understood, contagious diseases spread unchecked, and many medical treatments did more harm than good.”

But in less than a century, researchers would understand that the spread of cholera could be prevented through water sanitation. The discovery of penicillin would slash the mortality rate of scarlet fever, and soldiers bound to fight in Europe during World War II would be vaccinated against typhus.

The next special exhibit at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, “In Search of Healing: Medical Practices of the 19th Century,” will explain the procedures and conventional medical wisdom that prevailed during President Hayes’ lifetime.

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By Christie Weininger
Executive Director

I have written previously about the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ philosophical shift regarding programming. We want to teach history in a way that stimulates positive community development.

A healthy museum is able to adapt to society’s dynamic nature. If a museum is nimble enough, perhaps it can even be at the forefront of that evolution.

But patterns and trends in the cultural, political and economic landscape can be difficult to monitor. What is a meaningful trend and what is a temporary fad?

A number of years ago, the American Alliance of Museums established the Center for the Future of Museums to do just that, help museums navigate the future.

I subscribe to the CFM’s email newsletter and am often forwarding the projects featured there to my co-workers. I also use CFM’s resources in the public history courses I teach.

Imagine, then, how excited and honored we were to discover in a recent edition that we were listed in the Museum Innovator section for programming we developed related to the Jacob Riis exhibit we are hosting.

‘Jacob Riis: How the Other Half Lives’ is a traveling exhibit that features the photography work of Jacob Riis, who captured the plight of the poor in New York City as the Gilded Age (President Hayes’ time) shifted into the Progressive Era.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums worked with WSOS and the Sandusky County Department of Job and Family Services to develop a companion exhibit entitled “The Other Half is Us: Ohio, Then and Now,” which looks at historic and present day poverty in our community.

The exhibits close on May 25.

In the spirit of Riis’ work, we are leading a donation drive to help those in poverty in Sandusky County.

Throughout 2018, HPLM will collect items for the homeless shelter in Fremont, called the Liberty Center, and the Sandusky County Department of Job and Family Services.

Those who donate to this drive receive $1 off of admission. Items needed and being collected are:

- **Personal care items:** Full-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand and body lotion (No sample or travel sizes, please.)
- **Paper products:** Paper towels, paper napkins, paper plates, toilet paper
- **Baby items:** Disposable diapers and baby wipes

Please drop by to tour the exhibits, learn about a poignant time in our nation’s history, and make a difference in your modern community!

Business manager joins staff, focuses on finances

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums has hired a local resident with experience running a non-profit organization as its new business manager.

Pam Babione, of Fremont, will handle the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ finances. Her duties range from managing credit card payments and the system that runs the facility’s ticket sales to payroll and preparing for the annual audit.

Babione replaces Merry May, who retired March 31.

“The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums has such a great reputation, and I really felt like it would be an honor to work here,” she said.

Before coming to HPLM, Babione spent 12 years as the executive director of Camp Fire of Sandusky County, a non-profit organization that offers programs for youth. There she managed finances, ran programming and camps, handled fundraising and oversaw volunteers, among other duties.

Her background gives her knowledge of how non-profits raise money and manage their finances.

HPLM is a larger operation than Babione’s last non-profit, and she is excited to work with the various department heads in the organization.

“There are a lot more behind-the-scenes activities than I realized,” she said. “There are different departments that manage different aspects of the organization and offer different types of programming. I think it’s wonderful for the community.”
Head librarian retires after 34 years

When Becky Hill began working at the Hayes Presidential Library in 1984, it had a reputation of being limited to researchers working on academic publications. Yet the library had a large collection of genealogy and local history records that would be helpful to anyone curious about their ancestry, history of a building or other historical interest.

“Those people wouldn’t come upstairs,” Hill said. “They were too intimidated.” Hill, the head librarian, felt strongly that the general public should know about the facility’s collections and feel comfortable using them for research.

Thirty-four years later, the Hayes Presidential Library helps thousands of people from around the country and the world study their family history, research material for books, gather information about their homes, historic buildings and more.

“We wanted to make the library as friendly and open as possible,” Hill said. “I gave lots of talks at genealogy societies to make them aware that we were a resource they could use. We worked hard to get the word out that we were an open, helpful library.”

Hill retired May 19 having realized this and other goals she had for the library. She continues to work one day a week in the library.

“Becky will be missed,” Hayes Presidential Library & Museums Executive Director Christie Weininger said. “She was one of the key members of our Strategic Planning Steering Committee, where she had a tremendous, positive impact on our future. Not only is she an outstanding librarian, but all the institutional knowledge she has is very valuable.”

Through the years, Hill worked to make records more accessible to the public. An experienced genealogist, she has taught genealogy classes that help the public use various resources available to trace their family history and the history of their home.

“Genealogy is a personal view of history,” Hill said. “Where do your ancestors fit in the timeline of America?” She created HPLM’s Ohio Obituary Index, which went online in 2000 and has been updated several times.

The index allows researchers to look for obituaries across Ohio. Libraries across the state participate and share records there. A researcher can find an obituary listing and determine which library has the record. The researcher then can order a copy of the obit from that library.

“Family Tree Magazine” has named the index to its 75 Best Websites for U.S. State Genealogy Research list. “That’s always been my baby,” Hill said of the index. “Because of that, I’ve been heavily involved in the website.”

Hill led HPLM’s effort to redesign its new website that launched in 2016 and was very involved in its 2005 website redesign.

Although she likes to keep up with technology, Hill never tires of the rows of books that belonged to President Hayes. They are kept in secure storage at the library and can be used for research, and she loves to look through them.

“Hayes’ books are just full of gems,” she said. “Eighty percent probably relate to American History. It’s Americana.”

The books include descriptions of what America looked like over the years, including books with maps from the 1500s and 1600s.

Her favorite book is one that relates to her family history, to President Hayes and to Abraham Lincoln. “Last Men of the Revolution” is a small blue book printed in 1864 that features Revolutionary War veterans who were still living at the time.

A picture of her great-great-great-great grandfather, Lemuel Cook, is included in the book. The book first belonged to Lincoln. Later, it belonged to Hayes.

In retirement, Hill plans to do more research on her own genealogy, scan and digitize her family photos and records, spend time with her children and grandchildren and go birding. She is excited to stay on as a part-time employee.

“The reference work is always fun,” she said. “That’s where you’re helping people find things. That’s why I’ve stayed so long.”

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The exhibit opens to the public on June 8 and will remain on display through Oct. 21. A special exhibit opening for members will be June 7, and members will receive an invitation through regular mail or email.

The exhibit is sponsored by ProMedica Memorial Hospital and Paramount Advantage.

It will include medical instruments of the time period from HPLM’s collections and President James A. Garfield’s death mask, on loan from the Western Reserve Historical Society and normally on display at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

Although an assassin shot Garfield at a Washington, D.C., train station, an infection given to him by his doctors during treatment was the actual cause of Garfield’s death in 1881. Garfield was Hayes’ successor and the 20th U.S. president.

“Visitors to ‘In Search of Healing’ will hopefully leave with a better understanding of the ‘grisly world of Victorian medicine’ and a better appreciation for the progress of modern healthcare,” Moore said.
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See how baseball was played in its early days with the Spiegel Grove Squires, the vintage team at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

The Squires bring to life the sport in the 1860s, when it first became organized with standard rules of play for clubs.

Members of the Squires are volunteers who have studied and learned the methods of play used in the 1860s, including playing bare-handed.

Players are called ballists, and they wear period-style uniforms and adopt the language of 19th-century base ball (spelled with two words back then) during their matches, as games were called at the time.

The team has a full schedule, including several home games at Spiegel Grove, the grounds of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

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 2018 schedule:

- **Sunday, May 27** - 2 p.m. at the Walleye Festival at Water Works Park in Port Clinton vs. the Stemtown Stinkers.
- **Sunday, June 3** - 2 p.m. at home vs. the Rochester Grangers of Rochester Hills, Michigan.
- **Sunday, June 10** - 2 p.m. at home, celebrity all-star game. Local celebrities will suit up with the Squires.
- **Sunday, July 1** - 11:30 a.m. at the Western Reserve Cup, hosted by the Cleveland Blues Base Ball Club at Lakewood Park in Lakewood.
- **Sunday, July 8** - 2 p.m. at home vs. the Akron Black Stockings.
- **Sunday, July 15** - 1 p.m. at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park in Columbus vs. the Columbus Buckeyes.
- **Sunday, July 29** - 1 p.m. at the Carnation Cup Tournament hosted by the Alliance Crossing Rails BBC. The tournament will take place at Glamorgan Castle in Alliance.
- **Sunday, Aug. 5** - 2 p.m. at home vs. the Ohio Village Muffins.
- **Sunday, Aug. 19** - 1 p.m. at Stan Hywet Hall in Akron vs. the Akron Black Stockings.
- **Sunday, Sept. 9** - 2 p.m. at home vs. the Canton Cornshuckers.
- **Sunday, Sept. 16** - 10 a.m. at the Tiffin-Seneca County Heritage Festival at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin.
- **Saturday, Sept. 29** - 10 a.m. at the Sauder Village Cup hosted by Sauder Village in Archbold.

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That is our motto for retaining our membership. We never want to be complacent with what experiences and benefits we can give our members, which are many of you.

We have members throughout the United States and internationally, so finding a way to make every one of you feel we can touch you in some way is very important to us. That is why we created our new member program called “Membership 411.”

This program is so unique that no other museum that we are aware of is doing an outreach membership program like ours.

Because of its uniqueness, this past year Gil Gonzalez, our head of photographic resources; Meghan Wonderly, our annual giving and membership coordinator, and I were asked to present this program to other museums at the Ohio Museum Association Conference in Dayton, Ohio, and the Association of Midwest Museums in Iowa.

Membership 411 sessions are different each quarter, AND you can attend them on-site on or online at the convenience of your computer, phone or other device.

Membership 411 acquaints you with my fellow coworkers and their areas of expertise. Hear them, in their own words, explain everything from exhibits (What issues did President Hayes face that our current president is still dealing with today?), to areas on our historic grounds (How did President Hayes’ son, Webb, obtain White House Gates from Washington, D.C. that are now located at six of our entrances?), to different manuscript collections (What do we consider our most priceless pieces?), and library material (We have four floors packed with information for enjoyable reading and also to use as research.)

If you are a member...THANK YOU! If you are not, I HOPE YOU JOIN TODAY! Your support helps us to enrich lives through education and preservation.
Specialty tours, new experiences to be offered at HPLM this summer

The curatorial and education team is excited to introduce a series of activities in development that will complement your visits to the Grove.

The guides in the home will be offering two specialty tours in addition to our regular home tour schedule. One will feature the servants and take visitors behind the scenes and introduce the stories of the workers who inhabited Spiegel Grove.

Also, to coincide with our rotating exhibit, “In Search of Healing: Medical Practices of the 19th Century,” which opens June 8 and runs until Oct. 21, we will provide a tour in the home which will highlight illness and medicine in the 19th century as seen through the lens of the Hayes family. Check on our website (rbhayes.org) in early summer to see when these tours will be available.

In addition to our specialty tours, we will be introducing activity schedules for the days of Verandah Concerts, which take place two Wednesdays a month starting June 13, and Saturdays starting June 16. On these days we will be bringing out different artifacts for visitor interaction and conducting story times and creating an activity space for young kids and their families. Come in on Saturday or come early for the Verandah Concerts, and spend your day with us.

Expanding or updating our reach to all ages and increasing our educational offerings is a continuing initiative for the curatorial and education team.

One group that we plan to provide more opportunities for are parents who stay home with their children and local daycares. By providing daytime events, such as story readings and “stroller tours,” throughout the school year, we hope to engage even further with our community and provide a needed service.

We also are working to increase our presence in Ohio’s schools by developing a program to send reproduced artifacts to the classroom accompanied with lesson plans.

Finally, due to the popularity of our photography exhibits from Kristina Smith and Gil Gonzalez, the curatorial and education team is considering ways to highlight different artistic displays connected to our mission, which will be free to the public. For updates, please visit our website.

2018 Verandah Concert Series

Bluegrass, barbershop, big band and Ukulele music are among the genres musicians will perform during the annual Verandah Concert Series this summer at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating on the Hayes Home lawn and listen to a variety of musicians perform two Wednesdays a month on the spacious verandah of President Rutherford B. Hayes’ beloved and historic home.

Each event begins with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m., and music starts at 7 p.m. If there is inclement weather, concerts could be canceled. For updates, visit rbhayes.org or call 800-998-7737. Updates also will be posted on the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ social media pages.

The 2018 Verandah Concert schedule:

• June 13 – Fossil Creek Band, performing bluegrass music
• June 27 – Grand Royale Ukulelists of the Black Swamp, Ukulele ensemble
• July 11 – Honey Creek Preservation Jass Band, playing Dixieland jazz
• July 25 – Lake Plains Barbershop Chorus, performing men’s barbershop music
• Aug. 8 – Chrissy & Don: Music and Fun, performing popular music with vocals and acoustic guitar
• Aug. 22 – North Coast Big Band, performing World War II era big band music

The concerts are sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union. Additional funding by Mosser Construction, Inc.
Toledo Symphony Concert Band returns to perform the annual Independence Day Concert on July 4 at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The concert is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is FREE. Bring a chair or blanket for seating on the Hayes Home lawn.

In a Fourth of July tradition at HPLM, Civil War reenactors will punctuate the performance of the “1812 Overture” with cannon fire.

Parking will be available on the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums grounds, weather permitting. Overflow parking is available on the street and in 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.

The Hayes Home and museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed.

The concert is sponsored by Crown Battery Mfg. Co./Hal & Diane Hawk. Additional funding by Mosser Construction.

Time is running out to see “The Art of Photography” and buy prints of the works in the exhibit. This show and print sale features the photography of Hayes Presidential Library & Museums staff members Gil Gonzalez and Kristina Smith. The photos are on display through July 1 in the museum auditorium. Admission to the exhibit, located in the museum auditorium, is free. Prints are for sale in the Museum Store.

As head of photographic resources at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Gonzalez has taken countless photos of numerous subjects. This exhibit includes some of his early photographs, pictures of Spiegel Grove and other personal works. A lifelong nature enthusiast, Smith shares photos from her birding and nature excursions at Lake Erie wildlife areas, which are some of the best spots in the world to see migrating birds.

“The Art of Photography” is sponsored by The Fremont Company and Walmart - Fremont.