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The theme for our 2018 Annual Report, Traditions and Innovations, is an exciting one. As a result of hard work and great ideas, our staff was pleased to offer our outstanding traditional programs along with brand-spanking new, innovative programs that allowed visitors to experience Spiegel Grove in new, fun and meaningful ways.

It is important to us to provide long-standing traditions that foster community pride and relationships with our neighbors. At events like our exhibit openings, GroveFest and the Toledo Symphony concert on July 4, it feels a lot like old home week. We love seeing familiar (and new!) faces and enjoy watching our guests connect and reconnect with each other, as well. I recently met a man who has been attending our Independence Day Concert since the very first one was held! It is truly an honor for us to be part of these kinds of traditions.

And, it’s great to experiment and test out new programs. The Manuscripts Department experimented, quite literally, with a brand new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program series that connected past to present in totally creative ways.

We also had a blast presenting tales of 19th century spiritualism and local folklore at our first ever Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove event. Just before Christmas, we opened up the Hayes Home for an untraditional evening event, Hayes Home Holidays. I mean, where else can you parade around a president’s dining room table while shaking jingle bells and other noisemakers? Only at Spiegel Grove!

We received such positive feedback; it’s clear that people want us to add more evening programs in the home and on the grounds. We can’t wait to deliver. See what we have in store for 2019 on our website, rbhayes.org, and our social media pages.

One of our most ambitious undertakings of 2018 was to partner with other community organizations to launch the American Presidents Film & Literary Festival. This event is so unique. There is nothing else like it in the United States.

This year’s film and literary festival, planned again for the first weekend in October, will feature a food theme. Ever wonder what it’s like to eat like a president? We just might be able to give you a “taste” of that! More details will soon be available at americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org and on Facebook at @ampresfilmlit.

Christie Weininger
Executive Director
In 2018, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums unveiled a distinctive array of new and innovative programming that covered everything from Christmas traditions to guided tours of the Spiegel Grove grounds.

In June, HPLM changed its admission structure and began offering a site pass that gives access to tour the Hayes Home and museum and is good for up to two consecutive days.

It also added a schedule of activities for guests to enjoy on Saturdays from June through November and on Wednesdays when Verandah Concerts take place. Most activities were included with admission, but some special tours were given for an additional fee.

New programs spanned a Christmas event that included a night tour of the Hayes Home to the Manuscripts Department’s Frohman Summer Series: Hands on History that used historical photos and documents and hands-on projects to teach kids about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.)

**New programs and events included:**

- **Special exhibit of First Lady Lucy Hayes’ dresses** during her birthday celebration Aug. 25-28.
- **Fall Family Fun Fest.** This event, on Nov. 2, offered a free family fun festival where visitors could decorate pumpkins, make s’mores at the campfire, play games and take horse-drawn trolley rides.
- **Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove.** Local historian Mike Gilbert took participants on a lantern tour of Spiegel Grove and shared local and regional ghost stories with them. They also made s’mores at the campfire and learned about 19th century spiritualism through a tent display and talk. This event also was Nov. 2.
- **Hayes Home Holidays.** This event took place Dec. 20 - 23 and included a holiday-themed, interactive tour of the first floor of the Hayes Home, which was lightly decorated in the way the Hayeses kept the home at the holidays. Participants received refreshments and listened to live caroling. In the museum, they played games and saw the “Hayes Train Special” model train display.

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-Executive Director Christie Weininger

The schedule included hands-on artifact activities, gallery talks and themed tours of the Hayes Home. One of the themed tours is the Backstairs Tour that focuses on the experiences of the Hayes Home servants, some of whom were former slaves, and gives access to areas that are not on the regular tour.

“We were missing a huge chunk of the Spiegel Grove story by not talking more about the dozens of people, immigrants, former slaves and locals employed by the Hayes family over the years,” Executive Director Christie Weininger said. “Visitors love the way this tour brings these people vividly to life. I’m really proud of the intense research on this subject that was done by several of our staff members in order make more complete the tale we tell, which is not only a Spiegel Grove story, but an American one as well.”

The scheduled activities will be offered again in June.

More new events have been added for 2019. A Civil War themed escape room experience will be offered Friday, March 22; Saturday, March 23; Friday, March 29; and Saturday, March 30. For information, visit rbhayes.org.
We launched a new strategic plan in 2017 and have accomplished great things in the past two years!

In 2018, we added more exciting innovations, and they don’t just benefit the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

They are part of a larger plan and partnership to help bring people to Fremont and the surrounding region and keep them here overnight.

Offering a wonderful mix of traditional and new programs helps us attract as large an audience as we can. To capitalize on that audience, we changed our admission structure last summer and created a site pass that is good for up to two consecutive days.

Since then, some guests have told our staff they specifically planned a two-day trip so they could take advantage of the site pass and participate in the traditional and themed Hayes Home tours and then enjoy our free Verandah Concerts in the evening.

Others said they changed plans and decided to spend the night so they could take more time enjoying the exhibits in the museum and take advantage of the schedule of activities offered on Saturdays from June through November and on Verandah Concert Wednesdays.

It’s exciting for us to see this admission structure and programming help to put “heads in beds” and keep people spending their tourism dollars in the area.

During their time here, these visitors stay in local hotels, eat at local restaurants and shop at local businesses.

From the diverse restaurants in Fremont to other local attractions, such as Sandusky County’s Historic Jail and Dungeon and Cedar Point Amusement Park in nearby Erie County, visitors have plenty of reasons to stay after their visit and enjoy some of the many things this region has to offer.

We hope our visitors continue to discover the exciting revitalization that has been happening in downtown Fremont during recent years, enjoy local establishments and visit other attractions. It’s exhilarating to be part of this larger partnership in tourism.

Additionally, these innovations have energized our staff. I’m amazed at the creative and unique programs and events they have put together. They truly relish getting their creativity on!

It is also gratifying for our staff, board and volunteers to see people leaving Spiegel Grove having been enriched by the experience. Join us this year for more new and exciting events and programs.

**Hayes Egg Roll replicates White House event President Hayes started**

From old-fashioned egg games to face-painting, kids can celebrate Easter with vintage and modern activities during the annual Hayes Easter Egg Roll on Saturday, April 20.

This event replicates the famous White House Easter Egg Roll that Rutherford B. Hayes started when he was president. Kids ages 3-10 can play traditional egg games, play cornhole, bring a decorated egg to enter an egg-decorating contest, make crafts and more.

The egg roll is from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Kids are asked to bring three hard-boiled, colored eggs to use in the egg games.

Prizes are awarded in six age categories, and each kid receives a balloon and treats.

The egg roll remains a White House tradition today, and the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums has been offering its version of the event since 1986.

The egg roll is sponsored by Root’s Poultry and Welly’s Horseradish.
Manuscripts Department Unveils New Programs

By Nan Card
Curator of Manuscripts

The Manuscripts Department tapped the institution’s unique manuscript collections to create innovative and interactive programming for our diverse audiences.

The first Frohman Summer Series: “Hands on History,” sponsored by Sierra Lobo, featured STEM projects for kids ages 6-11. Using photographs and documents from the Frohman Collection, students connected history to science, technology, engineering and math. They were excited to make their own airplanes, Cedar Point roller coasters and Lake Erie water filters and terrariums.

Through a partnership with Professors Lee Fearnside and Joe Van Kerkhove of Tiffin University, Associate Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle shared veterans’ interviews for a special exhibit of original artwork inspired by and based upon local veterans’ experiences. “Experiencing Veterans and Artists Collaboration,” sponsored by Beck Suppliers/Friendship Food Stores, opened in the museum rotunda in honor of Veterans Day. Some of the pieces will travel to locations throughout the country.

Nearly 500 attendees once again enjoyed learning from master storyteller Mike Gilbert at History Roundtable. Using research from our manuscript holdings, sessions focused on Civil War medicine, Black Swamp taverns, Fort Stephenson and the ever-popular ghost stories. We thank Dr. Mary Wonderly for sponsoring this popular program.

Gilbert also told stories about prominent pioneers buried at Fremont’s Oakwood Cemetery during the trolley tours sponsored by attorney George Schrader.

Participants enjoyed sharing their treasured artifacts and the stories that make them so meaningful at our first ever Retro Roundtable, sponsored by Becky White. Because of its success, we plan to expand the program in 2019.

The special exhibit “In Search of Healing: Medical Practices in the 19th Century” provided insights into the lives of some of the region’s pioneer doctors. Assisting Mayle was Lexi Davis, who helped prepare the exhibit as part of her summer internship.

Assisted by Head of Photographic Resources Gil Gonzalez, Mayle designed a display outside the research library, showcasing holdings from the Manuscripts Department. Other documents, photographs and letters were utilized in a special exhibit titled “A Family of Service: The Hayeses in World War I.” HPLM partnered with the Ohio History Connection to document and scan many of the WWI collections. Letters, images and documents of the Hayes family can now be viewed online at Ohio Memory.
Thanks to donors to the Hayes Manuscripts Fund, the Manuscripts Department has acquired an important artifact related to President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes and a rare photo.

In 2018, the division purchased an elaborately decorated sterling silver spoon that was given to First Lady Lucy Hayes.

William T. Crump, who served as President Hayes’ aide in the Civil War and valet and then steward at the White House, had the spoon inscribed for Lucy. The inscription reads “Mother of our Regiment, from one of her Boys, Co. I, 23rd Regt. OV.” She spent nearly 200 days in the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry’s camps, tending to the sick and wounded, during the Civil War.

The 23rd was President Hayes’ regiment, and the men had many reunions, some at Spiegel Grove, after the war.

When Rutherford and Lucy celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in the White House, the 23rd OVI gave Lucy a similarly inscribed plaque that today hangs in the Hayes Home.

In addition to the spoon, the Manuscripts Department acquired a stereo view photograph that shows Rutherford and Lucy Hayes and their presidential entourage during fall 1878 in the Dakota Territory.

The image (pictured above) by F. Jay Haynes is well known to the staff, and it is pleased to add this original photo to the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ collections.

Another significant addition to the collections was the journal of Belinda Elliot McLellan, first cousin of President Hayes. This journal was donated by John Fitch of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Struggling with caring for young children and a husband suffering from depression, McLellan came to Ohio at the insistence of her much-loved half-brother, John Pease. They lived in his home for nearly a year.

Deeply religious, she prayed that her daughters might become faithful Christians. They did not disappoint.

They married the sons of Ferris Fitch of Ballville Township. Eventually, daughter Mary and husband George served as Presbyterian missionaries in China, thus beginning a family legacy devoted to missionary work. President Hayes also wrote about the Fitches in his diary.

Manuscripts acquires important artifacts, photo

Save the date: Retro Roundtable and Frohman Summer Series

Popular programs Retro Roundtable and Frohman Summer Series: Hands-on History return this year.

Retro Roundtable will be expanded to two programs, one focusing on artifacts and the other on photos. Sessions are 9:30 to 11 a.m. Admission is free. If presenting at either session, preregistration is required. To register, contact Associate Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org.

Saturday, April 6: Bring an artifact, such as a family heirloom 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. Sponsored by Rebecca White.

Saturday, April 13: This session will focus on photos. Head of Photographic Resources Gilbert Gonzalez will discuss five significant images from HPLM’s prints and photographs collections. 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. Sponsored by Rebecca White.

The Frohman Summer Series: Hands-on History will help kids examine Cedar Point roller coasters, ships and boats of the Great Lakes and ever-changing Lake Erie. This program is free.

Sessions are offered from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, June 20 - Cedar Point Roller Coasters
Thursday, July 18 - Ships and Boats of the Great Lakes
Thursday, Aug. 15 - Ever-changing Lake Erie

Registration is limited to 10 kids in each session. Kids can register for one or all three sessions. To register, contact Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org.
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“I feel like I’m at home here. The team projects are fun. I love the people. It’s been a great experience.”

-Amber Gabel, intern and Hayes Home guide

Second Saturdays becomes Kids Days @ Hayes, new education coordinator hired to join Hayes team

The interactive kids program Second Saturdays R 4 Kids will become Kids Days @ Hayes in March.

Instead of taking place every second Saturday, Kids Days @ Hayes will take place on various Saturdays throughout the year. Like Second Saturdays, it will offer interactive and hands-on activities for kids through age 12.

The schedule is:

• **Saturday, March 16** – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Victorian tea party in the Hayes Museum auditorium. Cost is $3 for kids. There is no charge for adults who bring kids to this program. Kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members at the family level and higher are admitted for free. **Event sponsors are Pamela & Joy at Billy’s Restaurant.**

• **Saturday, May 11** – Boot Camp: Inspired by the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ World War 1 exhibit, kids can participate in an obstacle course and relay.

• **Saturday, July 13** – Farm Day: Kids can participate in farm-inspired activities and learn about the plants and animals that called Spiegel Grove home.

• **Saturday, Sept. 14** – Leaves of Spiegel Grove: Kids can participate in a leaf scavenger hunt and leaf-inspired craft.

• **Saturday, Dec. 14** – Victorian Christmas: Kids can create a Christmas craft and learn about Victorian Christmas traditions, including how the Hayes family would have celebrated the season.

Unless otherwise noted, time and cost for each event are to be announced. For updates, visit rbhayes.org.

Amber Gabel was one of several interns at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in 2018.

Gabel, of Fostoria, graduated in December from Kent State University with a master’s degree in library and information science with an emphasis on museum studies.

She and other college students who interned at HPLM helped research and set up exhibits, cataloged collections, worked on educational programs and more.

HPLM traditionally offers internships for college credit in its curatorial, education and manuscripts divisions. Interns gain meaningful, hands-on experience while helping the museum, home and library accomplish its goals to relate the life, legacy and era of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes and Spiegel Grove to the public.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums has hired a historian and museum professional with experience in programming, community outreach and more as its education coordinator.

Joan Eardly began her new position in December and is working to develop innovative learning programs and experience for people of all ages.

“I love U.S. presidential history, and I’m passionate about history education,” Eardly said. “So far, I’ve enjoyed learning more about President Hayes and his personal life. He’s not well known, but I think he should be. I hope I can be a part of that as education coordinator.”

She will lead the interactive series Kids Days @ Hayes; coordinate Region II Ohio History Day, where students create historical projects that are entered into competition; work with educators to bring school groups to HPLM and tailor their visit to their curricula; and more.

“In the short time Joan has been at the Hayes, she has shown an ability to understand our strategic plan for reaching school-aged children with educational and fun events and meeting the curriculum needs of area schools,” HPLM Curator Dustin McLochlin said. “We are excited to see how she expands our reach and continues to offer quality educational programs.”

Before coming to HPLM, Eardly was the education manager and curatorial assistant for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, Indiana.
Thank you, volunteers!

We love our volunteers! They help with everything from programs and special events to research and cataloging. In 2018, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums volunteers logged 5,347 hours.

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Ron Kovic, author of “Born on the Fourth of July,” seemed a perfect individual to highlight our first discussion in our Patriotism & Protest program.

Growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, like most Vietnam soldiers, he internalized the stories of World War II veterans, became enamored with the bravery depicted by John Wayne and hoped to put his own name in the storied history of the United States.

When the Vietnam War broke out, he quickly enlisted. But while on duty, he was injured and came home paralyzed.

After poor experiences in VA hospitals and coming to grips with politicians who he felt were not correctly assessing the situation in Vietnam, he slowly became an active protester and worked with a group to invade the 1972 Republican National Convention.

This mixture of a traditionally patriotic action followed by overt protestation seemed foreordained for the topic at hand.

And just as our nation fights over the question of what it means to be patriotic and how protest fits into patriotism, we have learned that veterans are just as varied in their opinions as the general public.

One Vietnam veteran emphatically declared that Kovic was his hero. Another veteran chimed in that Kovic didn’t care about America’s aims; he only cared about glorifying himself.

While we expected there to be disagreement, what we were happy to discover was how congenial the disagreement was; it never became heated and was overshadowed by the camaraderie of their shared veteran experience.

As America continues to witness division and rancor in its politics, it is refreshing to see two sides disagree but leave feeling united behind a common cause nonetheless.

Participants will have one more opportunity to join the discussion on the question of patriotism and protest with a panel at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The panel will feature a number of military scholars, one of whom is a retired Army officer.

The Hayes gives a special thank-you to veteran Joe Eberly for recruiting other veterans to the book discussions and coordinating our events with VFW Post 2947. And, thank you to Kevin Lause and the Birchard Public Library for working with us to screen the films and facilitate discussion.

Our next initiative will be a focus on celebrating the centennial celebration of the passage in Congress of what would become the 19th Amendment, which provided women the right of suffrage.

To commemorate this, we will be creating two exhibits. First, we are constructing a temperance exhibit to highlight attempts, led often by women, to reduce the impact of alcohol on American families.

In July, we will unveil an exhibit on the women of Spiegel Grove. From Hayes family members to the servants who lived in the home, we are excited to show how the women who were connected to this place made a mark on society whether through national or local influence.

Additionally, we will offer a variety of fun and fascinating programs related to these topics. For upcoming programs, watch our website and social media pages.

*Pictured above: A Vietnam veteran shows other participants in one of the Patriotism & Protest programs pictures from his service.*
Special exhibits on temperance, women’s history to open in 2019

Two special exhibits opening this year in the Hayes Museum will examine the temperance movement during President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes’ era and the influence of the women of Spiegel Grove.

“Demon Rum & Cold Water: The Two Sides of Temperance” will open to the public on Friday, March 1. A members-only exhibit opening reception will take place Thursday, Feb. 28. Members will receive an invitation via email or U.S. mail.

Before Prohibition, there was temperance. In reaction to increasing consumption of alcohol in the 1800s, many people began to express concerns about the social effects of drinking.

The temperance movement gained popularity in the 1850s and became a significant moral and political force by 1900. This exhibit will present the causes for temperance, the role of its proponents in American society, and how the Haysees were shaped by and helped shape the movement.

Access to the exhibit is included with regular admission. Members are admitted for free. This exhibit is open through Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019.

“Women of Spiegel Grove” will open to the public on Friday, July 12. A members-only exhibit opening reception will take place on Thursday, July 11. Members will receive an invitation via email or U.S. mail.

In spring 1919, Congress passed the language of the 19th Amendment extending the right to vote to women. The states would ratify the amendment as part of the U.S. Constitution over the coming year.

In honor of the centennial of women’s suffrage, this exhibit will showcase the lives of the many women who played important roles at Spiegel Grove and tell the national story of women in America, from the suffrage movement to the pursuit for social and workplace equality to the #MeToo movement.

Access to the exhibit is included with regular admission. HPLM members are admitted for free. This exhibit is open through Sunday, March 29, 2020.

Building on inaugural film, literary festival for 2019

Presidents in pop culture, the friendship of Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson and more were topics featured during the inaugural American Presidents Film & Literary Festival in October.

The festival, the only film and literary festival to focus on the American presidency, included original films, talks by authors and experts, a lantern tour with reenactors through the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ grounds and a keynote by Kirk Ellis, screenwriter for the HBO miniseries “John Adams.”

These offerings gave the festival a unique and rich array of programs at locations around Fremont.

“This is the only festival that is devoted to the issues of social and political importance about where we came from as a country, where we are going and the people who brought us here through the American Presidency,” Ellis said.

He spoke about “Who Will Write Our History – The Importance and Dangers of Memory, Legacy and Posterity in John Adams’ World – and Ours” to a packed room during the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ Lecture on the Presidency at The Strand Concert Theater. The lecture has become part of the film festival.

Planning is under way for the second annual festival. It will take place Oct. 4 – 6 at various locations in Fremont and is again being planned by the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Birchard Public Library, Liberty & Learning Foundation, Fremont City Schools and Downtown Fremont.

For information, visit americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org and like the festival on Facebook at @ampresfilmlit.
“The house is super impressive. We were very impressed with how much there is to see and do here. The park being preserved around it makes it special.”

-Chris and Sandra Weininger, German natives who live in Hawaii

Chris and Sandra Weininger are natives of Germany who live in Hawaii. They are traveling the United States to see presidential sites and stopped at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums last summer.

They spent two days at Spiegel Grove and enjoyed a Verandah Concert, took traditional and themed tours of the Hayes Home and more.

HPLM is a destination for visitors from across the country and the globe. In 2018, international visitors came from as far as Thailand, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Australia and many other countries.

U.S. visitors came from California, North Dakota, Alabama, Louisiana, Maine, Idaho and many other states.

2018 by the numbers:
Visitors, school tours, facility rentals

Total visitation: 34,119
Visitors came from 46 states and Washington, D.C., as well as 24 countries to the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

School groups: 66 schools, 3,448 students and teachers

School tours given through Curriculum Connections program: 31 schools, 1,951 students and teachers

Curriculum Connections sponsors: Croghan Colonial Bank; Fremont Exchange Club; Fremont Federal Credit Union; Sidney Frohman Foundation; Gale S. Hurd; Key Bank; Key Bank – Nellie F. Bash for Charities; KF Construction, Inc.; Materion; Mike and Laurie Sistrunk; Soroptimist International of Fremont; Unique Fabrications; White Family Charitable Fund of the Tiffin Charitable Foundation

Group tours: 64   Facility rentals: 25
2018 Financial Report

**Income**

- Investment Income (Trust Fund): $441,870
- Development: $367,895
- State of Ohio Funds: $460,750
- Capital (Centennial) Campaign: $5,000
- Earned Income: $170,516
- Museum Store: $46,766
- Library and Research Income: $37,750
- Memberships: $83,146
- Manuscript Income: $11,462

Total income: $1,625,155

**Expenses**

- Wages and Benefits: $1,208,484
- Line of Credit Payment: $75,000
- Development: $12,525
- Marketing & Communications: $52,266
- Library Materials & Equipment: $7,662
- Membership: $166
- Manuscript Acquisitions & Supplies: $4,489
- Buildings & Grounds: $57,008
- Museum Store: $28,139
- Capital Projects: $37,935
- Events, Programs & Exhibits: $70,525
- Operations: $153,910
- Utilities: $134,531

Total expenses: $1,842,640

*Difference between income and expenses is due to funds that were received in a previous fiscal year and spent in fiscal year 2018.*
When visitors using wheelchairs come into the Hayes Home, they are shielded from the weather by a new canopy over the lift. The canopy was installed last fall as part of the exterior renovation of the Hayes Home breakfast room. Next, the interior of the breakfast room, which has peeling paint, crumbling plaster and wallpaper damage from a moisture problem, will be repaired and renovated. This room is not part of the regular Hayes Home tour, but it is the first room visitors who use the lift see when they come into the home. Additionally, those who cannot go up to the second floor watch a video of what the second floor looks like in the breakfast room. Some special tours, such as the Backstairs Tour, also include the breakfast room.

A $4,292 grant from the Sandusky County Communities Foundation funded the canopy over the lift. The Reed Fund of the Toledo Community Foundation has awarded $25,367 for the exterior and interior portions of the breakfast room renovation project, and the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums continues to raise money for the work through its Gateway to the Future campaign.

The completed project will enhance the welcome visitors who use the lift receive when they come into the Hayes Home and create an improved space for programs.
HPLM wins 11 travel association marketing awards

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums was recognized for its TV commercials, advertising campaign, website and more with prestigious marketing awards given in September during the annual Ohio Conference on Travel at Cedar Point.

HPLM received 11 awards from the Ohio Travel Association during the annual RUBY awards ceremony. The RUBY awards, sponsored by Ohio Magazine, are OTA’s way of honoring organizations that have found the most innovative ways to market their destination, experiences or services.

HPLM received the RUBY award, which is similar to first place, in the following categories:

- Direct Mailer
- Print ad campaign
- Website
- Radio ad
- Promotional video
- TV ad

HPLM received the citation of excellence, which is similar to second place, in the following categories:

- Annual report
- Digital marketing campaign
- Newsletter (Statesman)

HPLM received the certificate of achievement, which is similar to third place, in the following categories:

- Newsletter (Billet)
- Radio ad
Thanks to Skip Honsperger and Unique Fabrications, we now have donation signs on the grounds of Spiegel Grove.

In addition, Sardis the Squirrel is pictured on the signs giving our visitors and walkers seasonal “Fun Facts.”

Thousands of people enjoy walking the grounds of Spiegel Grove each year and appreciate its beauty and peaceful setting, along with feeding the squirrels.

Sardis and his buddies thought it would be a good idea to let our walkers know what it takes to keep 25 acres of Spiegel Grove in great condition year round. So every season, Sardis will give information about what the grounds crew is working on. (There are four of them, each with a different message. See an example at right.)

Sardis would also like to thank everyone for the peanut snacks and encourages everyone to make a donation in the new green boxes.

A big thank-you to George Moore for bringing over his equipment and drilling the holes for the signs; what a great help it was for our grounds crew! And speaking of buildings and grounds crew, as you enjoy the grounds, remember to say hi to John, Randy, Steven and Ben!

As always, feel free to contact me with any comments or questions you have. Meeting and talking with people is what I love best about my profession. You can reach me at 419-332-2081, ext. 226, or kboukissen@rbhayes.org.

New grounds donation boxes offer gifting opportunities, fun facts with Sardis Squirrel

Kathy Boukissen
Director of Development

During winter, it takes hundreds of hours, costing more than $5,000 to:

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When Art Carlson was a high school freshman, he was just under 5 feet tall and wanted to join his school’s ROTC program.

The drill sergeant decided Art, with his small stature, would start out as the bugler.

“He handed me the most dented bugle I’ve ever seen,” Art said.

Art enjoyed playing the instrument so much that he became very good and was invited to play at VFW events.

After high school, he shelved the bugle for three decades until his father-in-law, a U.S. Navy veteran, died. He played “Taps” at the funeral.

Art Carlson, of Des Plains, Illinois, visited the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in October. He played “Taps” at President Hayes’ tomb. Since then, he has played funerals for family members and at other ceremonies. A few years ago, he and his wife, Bernadette, decided it would be fun to visit presidential sites. At each tomb, Art plays “Taps.”

So far, the couple from the Chicago suburb of Des Plains, Illinois, have visited about 15 sites where Art has played his bugle.

In October, they visited the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Art played “Taps” next to President Hayes’ tomb.

“It’s just something personally that I really enjoy doing,” Art said. “When you play that song, everyone stops.”

While here, the couple toured the Hayes Home and museum. The couple offered many things to see and do.

“It’s beautiful here,” Bernadette said. “Your grounds are kept so nice.”