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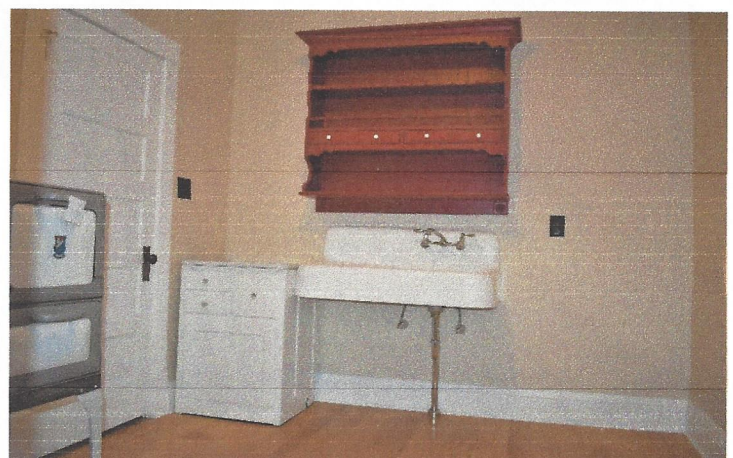
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*Although, this is our first correspondence in 2020, and acknowledging that the Miller House has been shuttered since January 1<sup>st</sup>, still much has happened. The generosity of a society member allowed us to contract for replacement of the six columns holding up the Miller House front porch. The work that began in December, will be completed this spring when there are warmer temperatures, allowing for painting of the columns. Then there is the “kitchen restoration” project, a project delayed for most of the last decade.*

*Until this January, the Miller House kitchen was circa 1950's, a linoleum floor, typical stainless steel sink, kitchen cabinets, and a yellow refrigerator. So we had a 1922 Sears & Roebuck House with a 1950's Kitchen, not what many members have been lobbying for. Current Museum Director Liz Frederick one year ago was ready to tear the existing kitchen out, but the Society wasn't quite ready for the undertaking. Fast forward to the summer of last year when plans were made for “Restoration” of the kitchen back to circa 1922.. We received \$1,500 from the “August A. Rendigs Jr, and Helen Rendigs Foundation” in December of last year assuring that we could begin the restoration. The restoration cost has barely exceeded our \$1,500 donation, because of the many businesses donating their services, and the work of volunteers. The restoration is expected to be completed in time for the first Miller House Open House, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM. We hope that you will bring your family, friends and neighbors for this special Open House. See the entire project on [www.madeiramessenger.com](http://www.madeiramessenger.com) page 17.*



*Donors, “August A, Rendigs Jr. and Helen Rendigs Foundation”, Hammond Flooring, McCabe Do-it- Center Madeira, Ferguson Plumbing Supply, Signature Hardware, Caesar Construction, Brendamour Moving and Storage, Junk King, Pat Kelly Plumbing, Winnelson Plumbing Supply, Rust-Oleum Corporation, Pickens Window Services,*

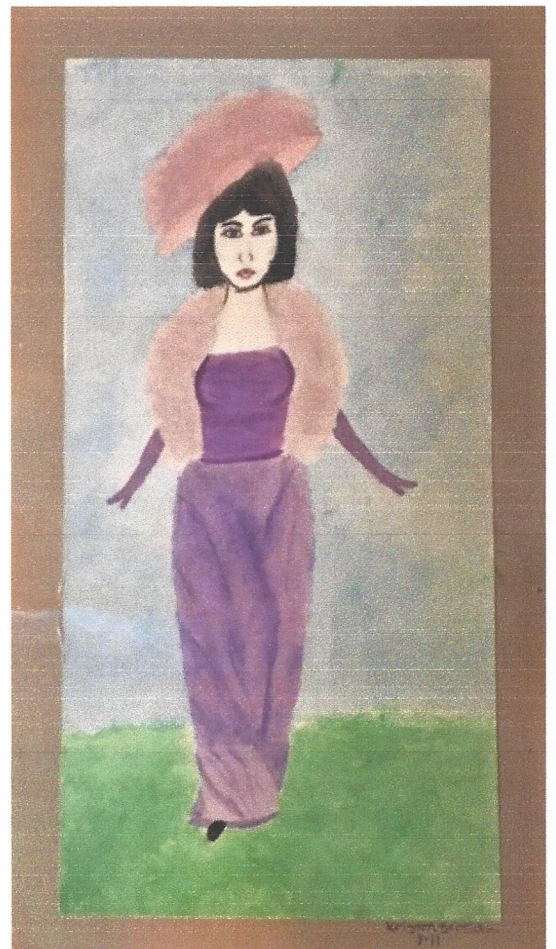


*Laura Roosa (historic refrigerator), Woellner Enterprises, and volunteers Liz Frederick, Carol Heck, Todd Woellner, Steve Ballman, Bob Bartlett, and Doug Oppenheimer*

**Good news** - our December, 2019 Christmas dinner and Business meeting was well attended, and enjoyed by all those in attendance. Thanks to our local Kroger Store for providing door prizes, to the Lefevres and Frietchs for providing wine, and to Nothing Bundt Cake for providing dessert. Our new Officers and Board members are as follows, Steve Ballman President, Tim Brock Vice President, Donna Lienhart Treasurer, Robin LeFevre Recording Secretary, Suzy Floyd Website Communications, and Board Members Doug Oppenheimer, Tom Frietch, Todd Woellner, Carol Heck, Bob Bartlett, Les LeFever and Liz Frederick.

**Enclosed** - with your newsletter is the year 2020 Madeira Historical Society Calendar of Events. Some of us still attach our calendar to the refrigerator with magnets. The calendar is important and will guide you throughout the entire year, reminding you of the activities, programs and open houses at the Miller House. The calendar reminds you of the many opportunities to volunteer at the Miller House and other Society activities.

**Three Events** – Please drop off your items for the May 16<sup>th</sup> yard sale at the Miller House during any open House or contact a Board member and make arrangements to drop off your items. Money raised from the yard sale allows us to complete important capital projects. **Please attend** the upcoming Sunday fundraiser Dinner at Ferraris' Little Italy Restaurant, and last, look for the Society at the Madeira Art Show. We will be displaying the Historic Madeira Quilt, selling Madeira History Books, and something special this year, a display of Artwork from 1985. The Artwork was done by "Sellman School" Students, and was discovered in our Archives by Carol Heck. Two examples are shown below.



**See you at the Madeira Art Fair Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**11 AM** *f*



# Madeira Historical Society

*The Miller House*

March 9, 2020



Dear members and Friends

I asked for a little space in the newsletter and was surprised that I was given an entire page. As an introduction I am Steve Ballman, your new president of the Madeira Historical Society. My wife Ashley and I both grew up in Madeira, attended Madeira schools, married and are raising our twins here in Madeira. I have been involved in the Society for nearly two years, and looking forward to serving as President of the society. I was elected in December of last year. I am proud to say that in addition to my opportunity to serve, two other young members of the society are serving with me. Tim Brock is your new Vice President and Robin LeFevre is serving as your new Recording Secretary. Tim and Robin also are lifelong members of our community. The three of us are honored to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other nine members of the Madeira Historical Society Board.

As your new President I am looking forward to 2020 and have found out that your Board members and other members of the society put more time in at the Miller House when it closes than when the Museum is open. I was recruited as a painter helping with the Kitchen Restoration and with other Miller House updates. I am very appreciative for everything that our members contribute and do in support of the society. I would love to see you, your friends and neighbors at the April 4<sup>th</sup> open house so I can show you the transformed kitchen, and the reorganized Hoffmann library. Thank you for supporting the Society and the Miller House Museum.

Sincerely

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