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Miller House Museum

Where do we begin, it's been so busy, we had a very well attended program at the library on Saturday March 18th. The program was "Cincinnati Timeline – The last 100 years. On the heels of this program we had the annual yard cleanup, on March 25th, which was more interesting than previous years. Bob Brockhage discovered that a new volunteer, Michael Schrichten was a Madeira High School friend. Bob and Michael had much to talk about during our work breaks. The photo shows the entire work crew except for Les LeFever. Left to right in the photo is Joshua Brockhage, Bob Brockhage, Michael Schrichten, Matt Brockhage and Doug Oppenheimer. The yard cleanup went well, allowing for mowing to begin.



In April we began our regular Open Houses, The Miller House will have already been open for visitors five times when your newsletter arrives. We are expecting an uptick in attendance. The society had plans to install the chicken coop run in April but delayed the work until June due to a decision by Doug Oppenheimer to get a new hip.

Another important decision was made, to delay the new water heater and toilet that were budgeted and instead we installed a sump pump in the garage because of several inches of water coming in during heavy rainfalls. In addition to Carol Heck who helped with the concrete work, we also had professional assistance from Doug Campbell and his journeyman plumber friend, John.



Who is Doug Campbell?
Doug Campbell is the son of Coach Jack Campbell: Doug Oppenheimer played football for Jack in 1963; a 10 & 0 record. Doug Campbell, was a child in 1963 and always had a seat on the team bus. Over the past decade, Doug



Campbell and Doug Oppenheimer have rekindled a friendship that led to Campbell providing professional help with the purchase and installation of a badly needed sump pump, installed in our garage.



Next came the annual Art Fair, May 7th. This year the Art Fair was relocated from Miami Ave to Laurel Avenue, due to what was expected to be a torn up Miami Avenue. The Society participated in the event selling Madeira history books, gift baskets, and posters. Our members working the booth were pleased with the results and are already planning on having a booth in next years Art Fair. Following the Art Fair our society again stepped up in another effort to raise money, this time it was the “Madeira Mart” a community wide garage sale. Members work very hard preparing for this event and the work doesn’t end but continues on until the following year.

***Two new Board members,** Lisa Violand and Greg Johnson have been appointed as Madeira Historical Society Board members. With Lisa and Greg added we now have eleven board members leaving one position available.*

***Lisa** lives on Dawson Road, is recently retired and has been helping the society since last year with work on the grounds. She will make important contributions to the society and we are pleased to welcome Lisa as a board member.*

***Greg** lives on Berwood Avenue, is employed at our Kroger store and is well known for his writing skills, including a book that Greg authored, available in the Hoffmann library. We are pleased to welcome Greg as a board member.*

***St. Gertrude fourth grade students,** again this spring visited the Miller House, learning about how life would have been in 1948 back to the 1800’s. Their visit has become an annual event along with the Madeira public school first grade students walking down to our museum from the elementary school each year. Members of the society show how history has evolved including the black and white television with the small viewing screen. Outside the students learn about keeping chickens and growing crops in the family garden.*



***The 4th of July,** is fast approaching and members willing to walk in the parade are welcome. We expect on having candy to distribute. See our website madeirahs.org for parade details.*

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June 2023 – A message from your Madeira Historical Society President

Thanks to all of our Madeira Historical Society members for your continued support of your organization.

As you can see in the June Vintage Newsletter, our Board members, friends and vendors have been very busy in the first few months of 2023.

We had a wonderful Program at the Madeira Branch Library on May 18th by Jeff Seuss, Enquirer Historian about the "Last 100 Years of Cincinnati History" Jeff presented the first 100 years of Cincinnati History last year.

Thanks to everyone who visited our Booth at the Madeira Art Fair on May 7th. In spite of the threatening weather we had a great day and sold MANY Raffle Tickets that help support the Miller House Museum and also offered for sale many historic items that represent Madeira.

We had another successful "Driveway Sale" at the Miller House during the Madeira Mart City-Wide garage sale on May 13th in spite of the hour of rain in the afternoon! Thanks to everyone that donated items for us to sell that support your organization and everyone who visited and purchased many of the items. Again, this event helps support the Miller House Museum.

Thanks to everyone that enjoyed a wonderful dinner at our fundraiser at Ferrari's Little Italy & Bakery on Sunday, May 21st. Ferrari's generously donates a portion of the proceeds from the dinners to Madeira Historical Society. THANKS to Ferrari's!

The Madeira Memorial Day March was well attended and our long time Board Member and Past President, Dr. Les LeFevre, led a second group of Veterans and community members to the fountain on Dawson Road near Miami Avenue for a separate solemn presentation about our fallen Veteran's and a prayer.

Our next event participation will be in the City of Madeira's Annual Independence Day Parade on July 3rd. If you would like to walk in the Parade with our group please call 513-561-9069 or email madeirahistoricalsociety@gmail.com. All participants can park their vehicles at St. Gertrude Parish parking lot starting at 4 PM and the city will provide buses to take you to the Madeira High School Parking lot by 5 PM. Participants need to be at the High School parking lot no later than 5 PM.

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On August 12th please plan to visit our Madeira Historical Society Booth at the Madeira Street Dance from 6 – 11 PM. This year the Street Dance will be located on Laurel Ave.

Finally, please plan to attend our next two programs at the Madeira Branch Library.

On Saturday, September 16th at Noon we will have an Open Meeting from 12-1 PM for Members and Guests to hear about what is happening with your Historical Society and an opportunity to ask questions.

Following the Open Meeting at 1 PM we have another wonderful program by Joyce Lovins-Browning with a First Person Program – Mary Craig Dunlavy, a Revolutionary War Nurse, Teacher and early Settler of the Ohio Valley.

Our final Program for 2023 will be a presentation by Les LeFevre & Doug Oppenheimer about Oscar Meyer and the George Meyer Company

You can always contact me at 513-561-9069 or email at madeirahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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