

# The Vintage

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Miller House Museum



*May 12, 2025; the backyard of the Miller House is lush and green, Elizabeth called this the “Horseshoe Gardens”; two rows of mostly Day Lilies and Peonies. Last year in October, the society added 14 new Peonie plants and reworked the two garden beds. The constant rain helped immensely this year after last year’s drought. Enjoy an afternoon visit walking the Miller House Grounds, open from dawn to dusk.*

## *Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt / Returning Families*



Our Easter Bunny has become a popular part of the Easter Egg Hunt. It appears that we had another successful turnout with an increase in participants including moms, dads, grandparents, and children. Our Easter Egg Hunt is based on traditional Easter events that have been held in backyards, parks, and even in family homes. The children were very excited when the hunt began and continued until the end when the children counted the eggs in their baskets. Visits to our chicken coop and photos with the Bunny were also some highlights. All indications are that this event will be included on our 2026 calendar. Your opinion is important, let us know 513-561-9069 or email-[madeirahistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:madeirahistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

**Last year** the society began sponsoring their first annual fundraising raffle at the Madeira Woman’s Club “Art Fair”. At this year’s Art Fair the threat of rain held off for most of the day; just a drizzle now and then. In spite of the rain, the society was still successful selling raffle tickets. Sales were in excess of a thousand dollars. The annual raffle is the biggest fundraiser of the year, beginning at the Art Fair and ending at the August Street Dance where winning raffle tickets are drawn. We have included raffle tickets with your copy of this newsletter. It is hoped that you can purchase the enclosed tickets (\$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00); sell the tickets to





neighbors, family, friends, or purchase and gift the tickets. See below for what can be won in our 5 fabulous prizes. Additional tickets are available. Call the office.

**2025 Grand Raffle Prizes**

Below are the descriptions of the prize groupings. The First winning ticket drawn can choose any of the five (5) prizes, the second ticket drawn then can choose from the four prizes still available, the third ticket drawn can choose from the remaining prizes, continuing on until all prizes have been won. Drawing to be held 8-9-2025.

**“Movie Theater Night”**

**Approx. Value \$630**

\$50 Esquire, Mariemont & Kenwood Theater  
Gift Cards & Passes  
\$40 in First Watch Gift Cards, Recipe Book,  
12 oz. Ground Coffee, Brunch Footies &  
Clear Tumbler with Straw  
\$100 in LongHorn Steakhouse Gift Cards  
\$100 Kroger Gift Card  
\$70 Camargo Pet Salon - Free Grooming  
\$50 McCabe Do-it- Center Gift Card  
\$25 Ferrari’s Little Italy & Bakery Gift Card  
\$25 McDonalds Gift Card  
Krimmer’s Italianette Pizza Gift Certificates  
\$20 Ali’s Bar & Grill Gift Certificate  
Bruegger’s Bagels various Coupons  
2 Starbucks Drink Tumblers  
Madeira Historical Society 1-Year Free membership

**“Curl Up & Get Cozy”**

**Approx. Value \$450**

Handmade 52” lacy Afghan in Woven Basket  
Windchimes & Engraving from Gilson’s Fine Gifts  
\$50 in Nail Bar of Madeira Gift Cards  
Irene Paiva Qu Cabernet Sauvignon Wine  
Patrice Grasset Sauvignon Blanc Wine  
\$20 in Boosalis Bakery & Café Gift Cards  
“A Gentleman in Moscow” by Amor Towles  
“The Whistler” by John Grisham  
“Treasury of Country Cottages” Journal & Address  
Book  
Cinnamon Tuscany Jar Candle  
4 Graeter’s Ice Cream Free 1-Dip Coupons  
Starbucks Drink Tumbler  
Bagged Whole Cashews  
Ladies’ Pet Socks  
Madeira Historical Society 1-Year Free membership

**“Pet Care & Essentials”**

**Approx. Value \$600**

Central Bark Gift Basket including:  
• \$100 Gift Card  
• Free Day of Enrichment Care  
• 20% Off First Night Stay  
• 20% Off First Dog Bath or Groom  
• Nail Trim Punch Card  
• Immune Support Hip & Joint Collagen Sticks  
• 6 Free Saturday Puppy Perks & much more  
\$100 Kroger Gift card  
\$100 LongHorn Steakhouse Gift Card  
\$50 McCabe Do-it-Center Gift Card  
\$30 El Rancho Grande Gift Cards  
Starbucks Drink Tumbler  
Madeira Historical Society 1-Year Free membership

**“Cooler of Cheer”**

**Approx. Value \$415**

Pop-Up Table/Cooler Filled with Adult Beverages  
\$50 Redden Fine Meats & Seafood Gift Card  
2 Great Clips Free Haircut Coupons  
3 lbs. Anniversary Blend Starbucks Ground Coffee  
2 Starbucks Drink Tumblers  
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**“Gift Card Tree”**

**Approx. Value \$400**

\$100 Kroger Gift Card  
\$100 Plant Cincinnati Gift Certificate  
\$25 Ferrari’s Little Italy & Bakery Gift Card  
\$25 A-Tavola Gift Card  
\$25 Texas Roadhouse Gift Card  
\$25 Red Lobster Gift Card  
\$25 McDonalds Gift Card  
\$25 Hoppin’ Vines Gift Card  
\$25 Tribute Restaurant Group: Ramsey’s,  
Paxton’s Grill, SwingLine Grill Gift Card  
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**Your Madeira Historical Society** is looking for volunteers; quality people who have an interest in history and a desire to help our society continue into future decades. The attached photo was chosen as an example of those kind of volunteers. Once each year, the society has a “grounds cleanup” where the volunteers gather early on a March morning with their rakes and blowers for the purpose of removing leaves and limbs from the Miller House grounds making way for mowing of our 1 ½ acres of lawn. The Brockhage Landscaping Company brings their truck and tarps so that debris can be hauled away. Three generations of Brockhage family members have been supporters of the society. The photo shows the volunteers left to right; Bob Brockhage, Matt Brockhage, Robin LeFevre, Tom Frietch, Carol Heck, John Stutzman, and Doug Oppenheimer.

Volunteer opportunities vary, from occasional cleaning the inside of the Miller House Museum, assisting with the creation, printing, and mailing of this newsletter, organizing and managing various fundraising efforts, serving as a docent at the Miller House Museum, assisting the Museum Director, assisting other volunteers with first grade student visits to the Miller House Museum, and how about assuming a leadership position serving as a board member. There are 12 members of our board, depending on your interest and time available,



you could serve as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretaries, or a board member. If you are willing to serve the society, please call and talk to Doug or Carol at the Miller House, 513-561-9069 or leave a message.



**Funding can be provided for special projects at the Miller House...**

- 1) Replacement of our Greenhouse roof, estimated cost - \$700.00
- 2) Markers identifying our trees and plants, estimated cost - \$550.00
- 3) Replacement of plants that have died, estimated cost - \$450.00
- 4) Repair of retaining walls and concrete repairs, estimated cost – unknown
- 5) Printing of “Madeira Historical Society 2026 Calendar”, estimated Cost - \$850.00
- 6) Provide Cost of Candy Distributed by Society at 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Parade, est. Cost \$450.00
- 7) Consider donating unwanted stocks (equities) to the society this year.

**In the past, members of the society have financially supported specific Madeira Historical Society projects allowing for fast-tracking their choices enabling earlier project completion. Otherwise, funds come out of our operating budget.**

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- Madeira Memorial Day March (Correction) Monday May 26, 2025. Beginning at 10 AM. at the Madeira Middle School.
- Madeira July Fourth Parade and Celebration, Thursday, July 3, 2025.
- See next Vintage newsletter story, “Madeira & Kenwood Families Raising Chickens in Miller House Chicken Coop”.
- See Society 2025 calendar for upcoming events including Miller House Saturday & Sunday Open Houses.

## **Letter From the President**

May 19, 2025

Dear Friends,

My message today is all about planning for the future; sustaining the Madeira Historical Society. I was here in 1972 when the society was founded, and I have served more than a few times as Madeira Historical Society President. Our recent accomplishments are many and with only a few exceptions, our goals and objectives have or are expected to be met. I am especially concerned about finding the next generation of “younger” men and women to lead the society into the next decade. Our current board needs help from our membership because of our need to increase the membership rolls. Our accomplishments are exceeding our abilities, meaning that we need more good people helping with the work. Current board members have developed a well-tested plan for the society, but with too few volunteers, “Too Few” can sometimes be overwhelming. Those reading my letter should know that the few will continue to lead, but we need you to help recruit; ask your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors, and your friends, to join the society and volunteer. Keep in mind that younger, from our perspective, can be described as anyone from 30 to 80 years old; new blood. This is the right time to thank board member Carol Heck for all that she has done for the society and for standing by my side over the past six years. Thank You, Carol.

Another way to help the Madeira Historical Society is by giving / donating from your investments, possibly underachieving equities or other investments that can be used by the Madeira Historical Society allowing for our capital to be increased thus generating higher dividends that can be used to shore up our annual budget needs. The society is frugal in spending, and there are always opportunities for members and friends of the society to support specific projects or events. Ask your investment adviser for help in making a decision as to what would benefit you and the Madeira Historical Society. To discuss any thoughts that you have helping the society, please call me directly at 513-240-4348 or email me at [consultdoug@fioptics.com](mailto:consultdoug@fioptics.com).

Thoughtfully yours,

*Doug Oppenheimer*

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