



MASSILLON

# HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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## President's Update

Gary Martzolf

April Showers bring May Flowers...and the start of exterior repairs at Five Oaks. Our consulting architect, Cathy Senter, has been busy finalizing specifications and work plans so the contractor can begin work as soon as the weather breaks. This initial repair work will only address the critical areas where we have been experiencing water infiltration. As funds are available, we will complete additional repair and tuck-pointing exterior walls and then move inside to address plaster and paint restoration. Other projects in this second phase of restoration include the installation of emergency exit signs & lights that is complete except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor signs that are on back-order. A new North Street entrance walk and improvements to the boiler system were also completed.

Thank you to all the members who braved February weather to attend the foundation's annual meeting on February 10. Eighty members and guests in attendance were entertained by William McKinley presenter Mike Wilson. We suspect he was the reason for the large turn-out and we plan to invite him back for one of the special Sunday tour events this summer.

Earlier this year, we learned of the passing of Janice Studer Myers, a past president of both the Massillon Heritage Foundation and the Massillon Woman's Club. The number of donations we have received for the endowment fund in Janice's memory are a tribute to her involvement with the foundation and the entire Massillon community. We extend our sympathy to Janice's husband Paul and her children Kathy and David and their families.

Last fall, thirty-one Heritage members traveled to Cleveland for a second Charles F. Schweinfurth tour including a visit to Old Stone Church, remodeled by Schweinfurth, and a repeat visit to the magnificent Trinity Cathedral. The highlight of the tour was the *Charles F. Schweinfurth, Uncompromising Architect of Cleveland's Valiant Age* Exhibit co-sponsored by ART:neo and the Cleveland Public Library. Special thanks to Heritage member Michael Jacobs who provided us with coffee and pastries during our visit to the Cleveland Public Library. Despite a late start from Canton (thanks to US Coach Tours, Alliance), it was an enjoyable outing.

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The summer tour season is just around the corner and several special events are planned that require the assistance of docents and other volunteers. Have you considered becoming a "Docent-In-Training"? Please call or email me for additional information.

Questions, Comments or Suggestions?  
Contact me at 330.479.1854 or  
[martzga@yahoo.com](mailto:martzga@yahoo.com).

### **In Memoriam**

The Massillon Heritage Foundation has received over \$1,200 in memorials to Janice Studer Myers. These donations have been added to the foundation's endowment fund and will generate income for the preservation of Five Oaks. This is a fitting tribute to Janice who was the driving force in establishing the foundation's perpetual endowment. Thank you for your generosity.

Doris Altland  
Larry & Dorothy Brown  
Miriam Carter  
Sonny & Joann Dominik  
Bing & Judy Eberhart  
William & Laurie Eberhart  
Joseph & Doris Fisher  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Guimera  
Nancy Halter  
Susan Keller  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Klick  
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Lord  
Noelle Malott  
Carl & Margery Miller  
Leo & Jean Mummertz  
Paul Myers  
Betty Phillips  
Russ & Mary Ann Poling  
Dick & Barbara Russ  
Gary & Beverly Smith  
Joan Steele  
Gene & Verna Storm  
Mr. & Mrs. William Tanzie  
Bill & Paula Taylor  
Bob & Nancy Thatcher  
Tidevue Red Hat Society  
Carol Valentine  
Berdine Veigel  
Sue Wickerham

### **House Report April 2014 David Darnell**

We have made it through a particularly rough winter that has caused several problems at Five Oaks. Water pipes near an exterior air vent froze and burst. These pipes have been replaced and insulated to prevent a future incident. Heavy snow melting created an ice dam. The greatest problem has involved the heating system. In recent years we have installed a new boiler and replaced steam piping in the basement. During this heating season numerous leaks have developed in the basement steam pipes. This is currently being investigated by the heating contractor, engineer, and others. We will also send samples of pipe for analysis of the metal.

With the arrival of more moderate weather we hope to begin some of the exterior restoration work. Much of the necessary work involves repair of leaking mortar joints. This is not visible from a distance, but is evident on closer inspection.

### **Membership Peggy Haunty, Membership Chair**

We now have over 326 memberships and total donations of \$14,460. Membership is listed in this newsletter. We give a special thank you to all the members that are helping to continue the restoration and preservation of our beautiful "Five Oaks." Also noted are the members who donated extra contributions to our ongoing Capital Campaign with their dues. If you have any questions concerning your membership, please call Peggy Haunty, Membership Chairperson, 330-833-7108.

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[www.five-oaks.org](http://www.five-oaks.org)**

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## **Capital Campaign Ed Hare, Chair**

Spring weather is soon upon us and the much needed tuck pointing and other exterior work to water-proof the building will be underway. This exterior work, originally planned for Phase I, will comprise the majority of Phase II repairs needed to protect and improve our magnificent home. We are looking at over \$800,000 to do this portion of restoration and the MHF has funds to cover about 10% of the Phase II project. The mailing for the annual campaign will soon take place, and we are in critical need of your financial consideration. You may contribute at any time by mailing your donation to MHF, PO Box 462, Massillon, Ohio 44648.

## **Spring Gala Chair Mary Ann Poling**

Get your reservations made for our annual Spring Gala, Saturday, April 26, 2014 – You'll be glad you did!

I was thrilled to attend the Trinity Cathedral Brownbag concert series recently that featured Jackie Warren: Queen of Cleveland's Jazz Piano Scene. You won't want to miss her at this year's Spring Gala! The cathedral in downtown Cleveland is another outstanding design of Charles Schweinfurth, and Jackie is looking forward to playing in our historic Five Oaks!

Hopefully, you have all received your invitations, if you have any questions please contact me at home, 330-837-9508 or by e-mail at [rapmap@ssnet.com](mailto:rapmap@ssnet.com). Reservations are \$35 per person and **close on April 20th!!**

We will have raffle baskets, Champagne punch and the house for you to see from 6 – 6:45 pm. The Massillon Woman's Club Gift Shop will also be open on the second floor – check it out – they have some wonderful items!

Dinner will be served beginning at 7 pm with Jackie on the grand piano. After dinner, we'll take a short break and announce the raffle winners. Jackie will then be joined by jazz vocalist Evelyn Wright. What an amazing opportunity to hear these highly talented and accomplished women perform for us at Five Oaks! We will have dessert afterwards and you can meet the artists.

If you can't make it this year you can hear Jackie in Cleveland at the Velvet Tango Room, Nighttown, and Belinda's Nightclub, and also on numerous recordings, including "Near You" and "Live at the Wi-Fi Café" under her own name, "Steppin' Out" (Jazz Heritage Orchestra) and "Salsa con Sabor" (Sammy Deleon y su orquesta). Jackie is also an educator and clinician, and has taught jazz arranging and composition and coached jazz combos at Oberlin. She is currently on the Jazz Studies Faculty at Cuyahoga Community College, Metro Campus, where she coaches jazz ensembles and teaches piano class and private lessons. She is also on the faculty at the Cleveland Music School Settlement.

All proceeds from this event go toward the ongoing restoration projects at Five Oaks, Home of the Massillon Woman's Club. I'm looking forward to hearing from you very soon!

*Interested in finding out more about the Massillon Heritage Foundation and Five Oaks and how you can get involved, please contact Gary Martzolf 330-479-1854 or [marzga@yahoo.com](mailto:marzga@yahoo.com).*