



Glendale Heritage Preservation Newsletter

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

From the President's Desk

By Joanne Goode

Greetings from the President

We would like to thank everyone who attended our annual Membership Meeting. This meeting marked the 40th Anniversary of Glendale Heritage Preservation. We had a record attendance – at least 95 people joined us to hear a wonderful presentation on the history of the Miami and Erie Canal systems. Our speakers were Nancy Gulick and Bill Oeters. Copies of their book, "Miami and Erie Canal" can be purchased in our gift shop. We also want to thank members of Christ Church Glendale for their assistance especially Rector John Keydel for allowing us to use the new Fellowship Hall and Joe Snively, Director of Christian Formation for lending technical support.

Work on redoing our Museum exhibits is almost complete. If you haven't been in the Museum lately, December would be a good time to visit as the depot and museum are decorated for the Holidays. It's a great place to bring family and friends who might be visiting in December. The Museum and the Gift Shop are open Thursday and Saturdays from 11-3:00PM.

We are looking forward to 2015 with two new exhibits scheduled. Members of Christ Church Glendale are providing an exhibit on the Church as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. This exhibit is planned for April and May. Members of the Glendale Garden Club are celebrating their 100th Anniversary and will feature an exhibit about their Club.

The other Garden Clubs in Glendale will also participate. That exhibit will open in July. Glendale Heritage Preservation is an all volunteer organization. As you can see we have lots of interesting things going on and there are many different options for involvement. New volunteers are always welcome. An excellent way to get started is to become a volunteer to staff the Gift Shop and the Museum during the hours we are open to the public.

Christmas at the Black Squirrel Gift Shop

Our Glendale Heritage Preservation "Depot" Ornaments are available in the Black Squirrel Gift Shop, as well as our "Depot" Pot Belly Mugs and Soup Bowls. The GLENDALE BLACK SQUIRREL Embroidered Fleece Blanket Throws (Blue/Green/Grey/Red) make wonderful gifts. We have "autographed" copies of The Miami and Erie Canal book by Nancy Gulick and Wm Oester too.



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GHP Museum Hours
Thursday & Saturday
11am - 3pm

National Railway Historical Society

by Joe Dubinski

On Tuesday, August 26th, the Cincinnati chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) held its monthly meeting at the Glendale depot.

The NRHS is a non-profit organization established in 1935 in the United States to promote interest in, and appreciation for, the historical development of railroads. It is headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and organized into 16 regions and 170 local chapters located in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Up until the mid 1990's, the Cincinnati chapter housed its library in the Glendale depot and held its meetings at the Harry Whiting Brown Community Center. It is currently located at Entertainment Junction in West Chester.

The meeting was conducted by Scott Andes, chapter President. The national president, Greg Molloy, a Cincinnati area resident, was also in attendance. The meeting was attended by twenty-four members of the local chapter.



A presentation of the history of Glendale and the significance of the railroad to our community was given after the chapter meeting.

Members who remember coming to the depot were happy to be back and would like to visit us again.



GHP Donates \$5,000 to Glendale Firefighters Association



Joanne Goode, President of Glendale Heritage Preservation presents a \$5,000 check to Glendale Fire Chief Kevin Hardwick at the Glendale Street Fair. The contribution supports the "House the Fox" campaign to build a home for Glendale's 1928 Ahrens Fox Fire Truck.

Glendale Heritage Preservation recently made a generous donation of \$5,000 to The Glendale Firefighters Association to jump start the Association's "House the Fox" campaign. The Firefighters are raising funds to build a home appropriate for Glendale's 1928 Ahrens Fox fire truck. The "House the Fox" campaign was begun this summer. To date, generous Village residents, organizations, and businesses have contributed over \$15,000.

The 1928 Ahrens Fox was purchased and placed in service by the Village of Glendale in 1928 and served the Village until it was retired in 1981. It has been stored in several locations in the Cincinnati area since then but the Fire Department feels that it is time for the truck to have a permanent home in Glendale. The Fox is temporarily being stored at the Glendale Public Works Department while the plan for a new home is finalized. Funds will be used to "House the Fox" and for ongoing required maintenance and restoration.

Help preserve a piece of Glendale's heritage. Tax deductible donations can be sent to The Village of Glendale Firefighters Association, 30 Village Square, Glendale, OH 45246.



HWB Christmas Home Tour

by Jen Doerger

On Saturday, December 6th, you may have noticed the crowds of people walking and driving around Glendale, visiting the Bluebird Bakery, or investigating the shops throughout our quaint village. It was the day of the 2014 Glendale Holiday Home Tour, and despite the 36 hours of rain prior to the start of the event, the skies cleared almost exactly at noon and the Tour was a great success. Over \$12,000

in proceeds was netted for the Harry Whiting Brown Com-



munity Center and over 500 attendees enjoyed this year's event. As an added benefit, the event introduced people from all over to the history, lifestyle and offerings of our Village.

Our complimentary shuttles proved to be more popular than we anticipated, so several of us were pulled into service as ad-hoc shuttle drivers. I was lucky enough to be one of those "volunteers," and I'm thrilled I had the opportunity. I met guests from Harrison, Florence, Xenia and Anderson, as well as Lexington and Indianapolis. Thanks to social media and the internet, our little Village Holiday Tour sparks interest from a wide variety of areas. It was wonderful to hear people comment on the beauty and quaintness of our village, as well as the friendliness of our volunteers and the Glendalians they happened into along the way.



This year's Tour featured six private homes, built during the years 1869 – 2007, along with the



Glendale Lyceum and HWB Community Library. Each home was full of its own unique character, there was truly something for everyone. The McClaren House on Greenville proved to be a very popular stop for those interested in

historic restoration done in a painstaking way. The lovely renovations and one-of-a kind collectibles in the Oak Avenue house were mentioned by many, and the William Mercer Allen House on Van Nes was admired by those



who appreciated the blend of comfortable family living without a loss of the character inherent to older homes. The Lyford House on Sharon was of course a popular destination, since it was lovingly and carefully restored from the damaging summer storm of 2013 that toppled a tree onto its roof. Surprise was shown by many who visited the I. R. Sears home on Forest; most guests expected it to be a small, dark house on the inside and they were thrilled with the homeowners' renovations that have resulted in such spaciousness and an abundance of natural light. Many guests had a hard time believing the Federal-style Center Hall Colonial on Morse was built in 2007, and they enjoyed learning about the green building

practices utilized in the construction of this home. Finally, everyone commented on the charm of the HWB Library and the beauty of the Glendale Lyceum; we are proud to feature these two gems on every Holiday Home Tour.

For those that volunteered their time or their homes, the HWB thanks you! For those that attended as guests, we hope you enjoyed your experience.

This is truly one of the events that makes Glendale special.

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour benefit the Harry Whiting Brown Community Center and the many public programs they offer throughout the year, such as the Summer Concerts on the Green, the lectures and story times at the Library and the Village Christmas event, held for the first time this year on HWB grounds. For more information, visit www.hwbcommunitycenter.org or call 513-771-3331.



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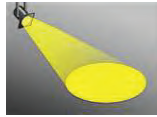
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GHP Donor Spotlight

By Joanne Goode



This past summer, GHP received a wonderful collection of documents, photographs and other materials from Bob Galbraith. Among those items was the Village Ordinance Book for 1891. The Village Ordinance books provide many interesting glimpses into what life was like in early Glendale and this particular volume describes in great detail the installation of the gas lights in the Village. The gas lights are a very prominent feature of our Village especially at this time of the year when they are decorated for the holidays courtesy of the Village staff and the Centennial Garden Club. Some selections from the 1891 volume follow.

An ordinance for the lighting of the streets Of the Village of Glendale with gas was passed on the 27th of December, 1887. Section I of the ordinance states, "That the Mutual Gas Light Company of said village be and hereby are invested with the privilege of using the streets, avenues, roads and public grounds for the purpose of conveying gas to the village and citizens thereof."

The ordinance also directs that 110 gas lamps were to be furnished throughout the village. Section 2. of the ordinance states that the company "shall light and keep lighted all of said lights from sunset to



sunrise each night of every month, except the night of the full moon and the two nights immediately before and the two nights immediately after said full moon night" Perhaps this was a cost saving measure and some nights off for the lamplighter? A newspaper clipping included with this donation quotes a typical entry from the lamplighters record book, "Lamps all alighted and burning; commenced extinguishing at 4 a.m."

Another section of the ordinance states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to throw any fireball saturated with turpentine or any other flammable substance in any street or public ground of said Village without permission of the Mayor." One has to wonder as to what circumstance would cause the Mayor to grant permission!

In addition to thanking Bob Galbraith, we also want to recognize the following for recent donations to our Archive Collection

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